

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF _____ COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

In re the Marriage of:)	
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_____,)	
)	
Petitioner,)	Case No.
)	
and)	
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_____,)	
)	
Respondent.)	

JOINT CUSTODY PLAN

The parties hereby submit this plan for the exercise of joint care, custody, and control of the following minor child(ren)

List initials and dates of birth for each child:

Child # 1 (Initials): _____ DOB: _____

Child # 2 (Initials): _____ DOB: _____

Child # 3 (Initials): _____ DOB: _____

Child # 4 (Initials): _____ DOB: _____

Child # 5 (Initials): _____ DOB: _____

Child # 6 (Initials): _____ DOB: _____

1. **Equal Rights and Responsibilities.** Both parents shall share in the physical and legal care, custody, and control of the child(ren). Each parent shall have equal decision-making rights, and neither parent's decision-making rights shall be superior to the other's. The parents shall collaborate on the decisions regarding the child(ren)'s upbringing. The parent having visitation with the child(ren) shall have the right to make decisions concerning the child in normal and routine matters. On major matters, the

parents shall be expected to collaborate. Decisions in which the parents are expected to collaborate shall include, but not be limited to:

- a. School, sports, and peer activities;
- b. Extracurricular activities;
- c. Religious instruction and church schools;
- d. Summer camps;
- e. Discipline of the child(ren)

2. **Physical Living Arrangements**. The (check one) ____ mother ____ father shall be designated the primary residential custodian for the purposes of determining where the child(ren) shall attend school. The parents shall exercise visitation with the child(ren) in accordance with the Visitation Schedule in the *Decree of Dissolution of Marriage*, filed contemporaneously with this *Joint Custody Plan*.
3. **Child Support Obligations**. The parties' child support obligations shall be governed by the *Decree of Dissolution of Marriage*, filed contemporaneously with this *Joint Custody Plan*.
4. **Medical and Dental Care for the Child(ren)**. Both parents shall collaborate on decisions regarding routine medical care for the child(ren). In the event that the child(ren) require major medical care, the parent who becomes aware of the need for major medical care shall notify the other parent, and both parents shall collaborate on decisions regarding major medical care. In the event that the child(ren) need emergency medical care, the parent exercising visitation with the child(ren) when the emergency arises shall have sole authority to consent to the emergency medical care; provided, the parent shall notify the other parent of the medical emergency as soon as

practicable. After the other parent is notified, both parent shall collaborate, to the extent practicable, on decisions regarding medical care for the child(ren).

5. **School Placement**. Both parents shall collaborate on decisions concerning where the child(ren) are placed in school.
6. **Remarriage**. In the event that either parent remarries, the remarrying parent shall notify the new spouse of this Joint Custody Plan, and of each parent's obligations under the plan.
7. **Mediation and Arbitration**. In the event of a dispute between the as to the interpretation of a provision of this plan, the parties shall attempt to resolve the dispute by mediation or arbitration prior to going to court. The court may appoint an arbitrator to resolve said dispute. The arbitrator shall be a disinterested person knowledgeable in domestic relations law and family counseling. The determination of the arbitrator shall be final and binding on the parties to the proceedings until further order of the court. If a parent refuses to consent to arbitration, the court may terminate the joint custody decree.

ORDER APPROVING JOINT CUSTODY PLAN

This Court hereby approves the above Joint Custody Plan, and adopts said Plan as an order of the Court.

DATED this ____ day of _____, 20__

JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT