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[Building a Parenting Agreement That Works](#) Mimi Lyster Zimmelman 2018-09-01 A divorce or separation can be a very trying time, especially when children are involved. The step-by-step approach in Building a Parenting Agreement That Works provides information on how to minimize conflict and solve important custody issues, such as living arrangements, education, holidays, transportation, and much more. A professional mediator, author Mimi Lyster Zimmelman, sets out 40 issues separating parents typically face and presents all the options to resolving them. The book walks you through all the factors you must consider, including: medical care education and religious training living arrangements and visitation money issues dealing with changes in an existing agreement, and working with

professionals. This updated edition includes checklists and worksheets to help you complete the included fill-in-the-blank custody agreement and provides the current custody laws of your state.

**Mothers on Trial** Phyllis Chesler 1986 A renowned psychologist examines the historical, cultural, and psychological bases for a mother's custody of her child and the emotional consequences on mother and child when custody is awarded to the father  
*From Father's Property to Children's Rights* Mary Ann Mason 1994 The recent exponential increase in the number of custody disputes due to divorce, adoption, surrogate motherhood, and artificial insemination makes child custody one of the most hotly debated issues in America today. From Fathers' Property to Children's Rights seeks to clarify fundamental questions about

the rights of children and parents in our society through a unique and provocative analysis of child custody in the United States from colonial times to the present. The book gracefully combines historical and legal scholarship in an unusually rich perspective on the history of children and their parents. Mason consistently draws on this history to illuminate contemporary issues - the current emphasis on biological parenthood, the proliferation of reproductive technologies, and the growing use and misuse of the social sciences. The author presents crucial periods of change in social attitudes and the law regarding child custody: the adaptation of English common law in the colonial period, the move toward maternal preference and child welfare in the early twentieth century, the advent in the 1970s of no-fault divorce and joint custody, and the growing influence of the social sciences, especially psychology, in contemporary custody disputes. Mason connects these transformations to the changing status of women with respect to culture, law, and politics. In the nineteenth century the political crusade for women's property rights and the cult of motherhood favored the woman in custody battles. In our time Mason shows that the move away from maternal preference toward equal custodial rights was promoted by feminists' struggle for equal political rights and a new theory of equal parenting supported by social scientists. Based on extensive research in case law, legislation, and social history, Mason's timely analysis of current child custody issues is a must for professionals as well as for those interested in family and social history, legal and women's studies, and child welfare in America.

Potential Inequities Affecting Women United States. Congress. Senate. Committee on Finance 1983

**Sociology of Families** Cheryl Albers 1999-03-11 "Cheryl Albers' reader for use in family sociology courses is a cutting edge collection of articles about cutting edge topics. She addresses nine topics central and critical to family sociology and provided thoughtful articles from diverse perspectives for each, from

adolescent childbearing to the construction of family policy. This volume of readings is where the students are. It could enrich any instructor's approach to the burning questions in the field of family sociology." Dana Vannoy, University of Cincinnati  
**Grandparents** Ursula Adler Falk 2002 What image comes to mind when we hear the term grandparents? Too often it is the Norman Rockwell view of innocuous, kindly white-haired folk or, conversely, the negative stereotype of doddering dim-witted burdens confined to nursing homes. Unfortunately, such notions shortchange not only older people but younger generations as well, who may never realize how much grandparents have to offer. This informative, well-researched book aims to add some perspective and depth to the stick-figure images of grandparents promulgated by contemporary culture. Psychotherapist Ursula Falk and sociologist Gerhard Falk provide an illuminating overview of the many facets of being a grandparent in today's society. Among the topics discussed are the history of the grandparent role and its evolution, social forces that have affected the American family including grandparents, the distinctly different roles of grandmother and grandfather, the parental responsibilities that grandparents today are often forced to assume for their grandchildren in the absence of the children's parents, the ways in which other cultures treat grandparents, the usually negative and stereotypical depiction of grandparents in the media and in literature, and finally the supporting role that grandparents play with authentic examples. Also included is an appendix outlining the legal rights of grandparents. The authors stress that grandparents must be seen as individuals with their own lives to lead and that society needs to reassess the value of the elderly. Ursula Adler Falk, Ph.D. (Kenmore, NY), is a psychotherapist in private practice and a nursing home consultant. She is the author of a number of books, including *On Our Own: Independent Living for Older Persons*. Gerhard Falk, Ph.D., is professor of sociology at the State University of New

York College in Buffalo, NY, and the author of many books, including *Stigma: How We Treat Outsiders*.

*Child Neglect* Diane DePanfilis 2006

[Understanding Social Problems](#) Linda A. Mooney 2021-05-06

Learn to think through today's complex social issues from a variety of perspectives with UNDERSTANDING SOCIAL PROBLEMS, 11E by award-winning authors Mooney, Van Willigen and Clever. This reader-friendly approach highlights the latest data, policies, theories and relevant examples as you examine the most important social issues facing the world in 2021. You review the long-term impacts of COVID-19, repercussions of the 2020 election and emerging social movements. Quotes from prominent celebrities and captivating features emphasize how today's social problems affect your own life and those around you. This edition progresses from studying micro problems related to health care, drugs and alcohol, families and crime to examining larger issues of poverty and inequality, population growth, aging, environmental problems, science and technology and world conflict. The latest content helps you develop the tools to understand institutional change and become socially engaged. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

**Co-parenting with a Toxic Ex** Amy J. L. Baker 2014-05-01

Protect your child from alienation and loyalty conflicts. During and after a difficult divorce, it's easy for your relationship with your kids to become strained—especially if you are dealing with a toxic ex who bad-mouths you in front of your children, accuses you of being a bad parent, and even attempts to “replace” you with a new partner in your children's lives. Your children may become confused, conflicted, angry, anxious, or depressed—and you may feel powerless. But there is help. In this guide, you'll discover a positive parenting approach to dealing with a hostile ex-spouse. You'll learn the best ways to protect your children

from painful loyalty conflicts, how to avoid parental alienation syndrome, and techniques for talking to your children in a way that fosters honesty and trust. Co-parenting with a toxic ex can be challenging, but with the right tools you can protect your kids and make your relationship with them stronger than ever.

**Encyclopedia of School Psychology** Steven W. Lee 2005-04-27

The Encyclopedia of School Psychology is the first comprehensive guide to this field, featuring the latest research on school learning, motivation, and educational assessment. Approximately 250 entries by 175 contributing authors from psychology, education and counseling, child development, and special education address student success, behavior disorders, intelligence testing, learning disabilities, strategies to improve academic skills, and more.

*Battered Women in the Courtroom* James Ptacek 1999 For the first time, a study of the ways in which judges respond to abused women.

**Fathers Under Fire** Judith A. Seltzer 1998-11-01 "This important and highly informative collection of studies on nonresident fathers and child support should be of great value to scholars and policymakers alike." —American Journal of Sociology Over half of America's children will live apart from their fathers at some point as they grow up, many in the single-mother households that increasingly make up the nation's poor. Federal efforts to improve the collection of child support from fathers appear to have little effect on payments, and many critics have argued that forcing fathers to pay does more harm than good. Much of the uncertainty surrounding child support policies has stemmed from a lack of hard data on nonresident fathers. *Fathers Under Fire* presents the best available information on the financial and social circumstances of the men who are at the center of the debate. In this volume, social scientists and legal scholars explore the issues underlying the child support debate, chief among them on the potential repercussions of stronger enforcement. Who are

nonresident fathers? This volume calls upon both empirical and theoretical data to describe them across a broad economic and social spectrum. Absentee fathers who do not pay child support are much more likely to be school dropouts and low earners than fathers who pay, and nonresident fathers altogether earn less than resident fathers. Fathers who start new families are not significantly less likely to support previous children. But can we predict what would happen if the government were to impose more rigorous child support laws? The data in this volume offer a clearer understanding of the potential benefits and risks of such policies. In contrast to some fears, stronger enforcement is unlikely to push fathers toward. But it does seem to have more of an effect on whether some fathers remarry and become responsible for new families. In these cases, how are subsequent children affected by a father's pre-existing obligations? Should such fathers be allowed to reduce their child support orders in order to provide for their current families? Should child support guidelines permit modifications in the event of a father's changed financial circumstances? Should government enforce a father's right to see his children as well as his obligation to pay support? What can be done to help under- or unemployed fathers meet their payments? This volume provides the information and insight to answer these questions. The need to help children and reduce the public costs of welfare programs is clear, but the process of achieving these goals is more complex. *Fathers Under Fire* offers an indispensable resource to those searching for effective and equitable solutions to the problems of child support.

*A Family Resource Guide on International Parental Kidnapping U*.s. Department of Justice 2016-04-10 Every year, hundreds of children in the United States are victims of international parental kidnapping- a child's wrongful removal from the United States, or wrongful retention in another country, by a parent or other family member. Parents and other family members left behind may be overwhelmed by feelings of loss, anguish, despair, and anger-as

well as confusion and uncertainty about what can be done in response. In December 1999, the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention invited a small group of left-behind and searching parents to participate in a planning and development meeting. Each one had experienced first hand the heartbreak of having a child abducted to another country or wrongfully retained abroad. Some of them had recovered their children, while others had not. They willingly shared their knowledge of international parental kidnapping-gained at tremendous personal cost- to help other parents of abducted children understand what can be done to:

- \* Prevent an international parental kidnapping.
- \* Stop a kidnapping in progress.
- \* Locate a kidnapped or wrongfully retained child in another country.
- \* Bring an abductor to justice.
- \* Recover a kidnapped or wrongfully retained child from another country.
- \* Reestablish access to a child in another country.

This guide imparts the group's practical wisdom and the hope that other parents will not have to experience the confusion and discouragement these parents did when it was not clear what to do or whom to turn to when their children were kidnapped. The group offered its suggestions for preventing international kidnapping and gave detailed advice to maximize the chance that children who are kidnapped or wrongfully retained will be returned to this country. The guide provides descriptions and realistic assessments of the civil and criminal remedies available in international parental kidnapping cases. It explains applicable laws and identifies both the public and private resources that may be called on when an international abduction occurs or is threatened. It gives practical advice on overcoming frequently encountered obstacles so that parents can get the help they need. The guide prepares parents for the legal and emotional difficulties they may experience and shares coping and general legal strategies to help them achieve their individual goals, whether they involve recovering a child or reestablishing meaningful access to a child in another country. Despite the

difficulties that may lie ahead and the disappointment some parents may experience, it is important not to become discouraged. Stay hopeful. Many things can be done to prevent or to resolve an international parental kidnapping. This guide will help you organize your response.

*Child Support and the Work Bonus, Hearing ..., 93-1, on S.1842, S.2081 and Other Matters Relating to Child Support and the Work Bonus, September 25, 1973* United States. Congress. Senate. Committee on Finance 1973

*Sisterhood Is Global* Robin Morgan 2016-03-08 A powerful and essential anthology that sheds light on the status of women throughout the world Hailed by Alice Walker as “one of the most important human documents of the century,” this collection of groundbreaking essays examines the global status of women’s experiences, from oppression to persecution. Originally published in 1984, the compilation features pieces written by a diverse set of powerful women—journalists, politicians, grassroots activists, and scholars—from seventy countries. Author Robin Morgan, a champion of women’s rights herself, expertly weaves these inspiring essays into one comprehensive feminist text. These compelling “herstories” contain thoroughly researched statistics on the status of women throughout the world. Each chapter focuses on a different country and includes data on education, government, marriage, motherhood, prostitution, rape, sexual harassment, and sexual preference. *Sisterhood Is Global* transcends political systems and geographical boundaries to unite women and their experiences in a way that remains unequalled, even decades after its first publication.

*Impact of Welfare Reform on Children and Their Families* United States 1995

*Handbook on Child Support Enforcement* 2008

[Clinician's Guide to Child Custody Evaluations](#) Marc J. Ackerman 2006-02-02 "The Clinician's Guide to Child Custody Evaluations, Third Edition is written by one of the leaders in the field. it is as

essential to the subject of child custody as the stethoscope is to medicine. This edition, an update of a classic, is a must-read for everyone from the novice to the expert's expert." - Leslie M. Drozd, PhD, Editor, *Journal of Child Custody* A practical and comprehensive guide for conducting child custody evaluations. *Clinician's Guide to Child Custody Evaluations* addresses the entire custody evaluation process from beginning to end. This New Third Edition reflects the abundant recent research in this area, including new evaluating and testing findings and new ethical guidelines from the APA. This edition also features fully up-to-date coverage of important legal decisions affecting child custody. With many chapters completely revised and rewritten, the third Edition covers: \* Roles the mental health Practitioner can play and operate within the legal arena \* What encompasses a custody evaluation \* Ethical considerations and responsibilities involved in custody disputes \* How to interview, make behavioral observations, and collect collateral information \* Standards, applicability, and administration of tests \* Specialized child custody instruments such as the Ackerman-Schoendorf Scales for Parent Evaluation of Custody (ASPECT) \* How divorce affect families \* Evaluating parents' behavior \* How to prepare for the courtroom process \* Maltreatment, including neglect, abuse, and domestic violence \* Placement schedules \* How to write reports, draw conclusions, and render opinions Each chapter ends with critical issues for the practitioner to consider. The accessible reference format provides a quick review of relevant discussions in the text. In addition, this book includes convenient guides to relevant legal terms, documents forms, APA guidelines, and codes of conduct. Based not only on current research but also on the author's considerable experience with thousands of evaluations, *Clinician's Guide to Child Custody Evaluations* is the definitive guide to this field for students and practitioners.

**Child Support Enforcement Program Reform Proposals**  
United States. Congress. Senate. Committee on Finance 1984

**The Modern Middle East** Albert Hourani 1993-01-01 This valuable collection of essays brings leading Middle Eastern scholars together in one volume and provides an unparalleled view of the modern Middle East. Covering two centuries of change, from 1789 to the present, the selection is carefully designed for students and is the only available text of its kind. It will also appeal to anyone with a general interest in the Middle East. The book is divided into four sections: Reforming Elites and Changing Relations with Europe, 1789-1918; Transformations in Society and Economy, 1789-1918; The Construction of Nationalist Ideologies and Politics up to the 1950s; and The Middle East since the Second World War. This valuable collection of essays brings leading Middle Eastern scholars together in one volume and provides an unparalleled view of the modern Middle East. Covering two centuries of change, from 1789 to the present, the selection is carefully designed for students and is the only available text of its kind. It will also appeal to anyone with a general interest in the Middle East. The book is divided into four sections: Reforming Elites and Changing Relations with Europe, 1789-1918; Transformations in Society and Economy, 1789-1918; The Construction of Nationalist Ideologies and Politics up to the 1950s; and The Middle East since the Second World War.

**Women in Nineteenth-Century Egypt** Judith E. Tucker 1985 The book provides a unique account of the very active economic, social and political roles of nineteenth-century women.

The 10 Stupidest Mistakes Men Make When Facing Divorce

Joseph Cordell 2010-12-07 The Knowledge Every Man Needs for a Successful Divorce Each year 500,000 men will face divorce, and most of them make at least one crucial—and often irreversible—mistake. These errors might seem minor, such as moving out while things get sorted out, or thinking of “temporary” orders as being truly temporary. But when they get to court, these men discover they have put themselves in a terrible position. They may have to give up their house, pay

impossibly high alimony, or even lose custody. You could be one of these men. But you don’t have to be. Joseph Cordell, the founder of the nation’s largest law firm focusing on men’s divorce and the creator of DadsDivorce.com, has seen the consequences of the mistakes men make. Drawing upon the huge number of cases that Cordell & Cordell has handled, this book identifies the 10 most common mistakes that end up hurting men in divorce. Cordell demystifies the divorce process, explains what judges consider in making their final decisions, and lays out a road map for positive actions men can take to achieve the best possible outcome. No man should face divorce without this book.

Benefits of establishing paternity Laurene T. McKillop 1981

Child Mental and the Law Barry Nurcombe 2010-06-15 The legal aspects of child mental health have changed in recent years, yet many who deal professionally with disturbed children are ill informed about the rights and responsibilities of minors. Child Mental Health and the Law addresses the need for a comprehensive, up-to-date text that describes the evolution of child mental health law and the relevance of the law to the child mental health clinician.

Single Parent Families Marvin B Sussman 2014-05-12 Here is a comprehensive source of vital information on single parent families in contemporary society. This book analyzes literature and empirical research concerning single parent families and explores issues and challenges they face. Contributing authors from many fields and perspectives examine a broad range of subjects relating to families in which one person is primarily responsible for parenting. The only state-of-the-art compendium on the topic of single parent families available today, the book synthesizes empirical, theoretical, and contemporary literature about the diversity, myths, and realities of single parent families in western countries. Each chapter contains a demographic overview, definitions, a literature review, and implications for practice, research, education, and social policy. Theoretical and

conceptual perspectives related to parenting and wider families are included. An analysis, synthesis, and commentary on single parent families concludes the volume. Themes highlighted throughout the book include socioeconomic and demographic characteristics of single parent families, cultural and ethnic features, and legal and ethical components. Some chapter topics include: single parenthood following divorce single parenthood following death of a spouse never married teen mothers and fathers female-headed homeless families adoptions by single parents noncustodial mothers and fathers grandparents as primary parents single parents of children with disabilities Single Parent Families contains additional resources useful for family professionals: an annotated bibliography, a video/filmography, and a national community resource list. The book is intended for a multidisciplinary audience, including sociologists, psychologists, health care professionals, social workers, therapists, and other researchers, clinicians, policymakers, and educators. An ideal primary or reference text for undergraduate and graduate level programs, the book can also serve as a tool for staff development and continuing education in service agencies.

British Evangelical Identities Past and Present, Volume 1 Mark Smith 2009-04-01 The nature of evangelical identity in Britain is both a perennial issue and an urgent one. This is especially the case because evangelical Christianity has, throughout its history, been characterized by a remarkable degree of dynamism and diversity. These essays, by a distinguished list of contributors, explore the issue of evangelical identity and the nature of evangelical diversity by investigating the interactions of evangelicalism with national and denominational identities, race and gender, and its expression in spirituality and culture from the evangelical revivals of the eighteenth century to evangelical churches and movements of the present. A second volume will investigate similar issues in relation to evangelical interactions with the Bible and theology. Contributors: Rob Ambler, Andrew

Atherstone, Kristin Aune, David W. Bebbington, David Goodhew, John Harvey, Andrew R. Holmes, David Ceri Jones, Ian Jones, Rachel Jordan, David Killingray, Ian Randall, Mark Smith, Brian Talbot, Peter Webster, Martin Wellings, and Eryn White.

**A Practical Guide to the Indian Child Welfare Act** Native American Rights Fund 2007

**Women and the Law** Ashlyn K. Kuersten 2003-01-01 Provides a history of the legal rights of women from the Revolutionary War, discussing court decisions, legal triumphs, key people, and present day causes.

Child Support and the Work Bonus United States. Congress. Senate. Committee on Finance 1973

**File for Divorce in Maryland, Virginia or the District of Columbia** James J. Gross 2006 Simplify the Divorce Process A divorce can be the most painful and expensive experience of your life. Whether you use a lawyer or not, protect yourself by getting all the information you need about divorce laws and your legal rights. Let File for Divorce in Maryland, Virginia or the District of Columbia help you get control over this stressful time in your life. Learn how to: - File an Uncontested or Contested Divorce - Protect Your Assets, Yourself and Your Children - Save Money when Working with a Lawyer - Negotiate Child Support and Visitation Agreements Essential documents you need to: - End the Marriage and Start Fresh - Resolve Property Disputes - Calculate Child Support - Develop a Visitation Schedule - And much more . . .

*Forced Absence Screenplay* Pius A Uzamere 2014-12-10 Imagine waking up one Saturday morning to the sound of loud banging at your door. You call out to your wife, "Sweetie, answer the door " But your spouse and the kids are gone. The knocks keep coming. You open the door and see two burly Sheriff's Deputies at your door who inform you that your spouse has filed a Protection From Abuse order against you and that you've got twenty minutes to get your things out of the house and vacate the premises. You are

dumbfounded because you've never had a fight with her and violence was never part of the equation for you. You argue that there must be a mistake, but your pleas fall on deaf ears. You realize numbly that, to them, you sound just like the brutes who actually do abuse the ones they love. You get dressed, grab a few things, and frantically make some calls as you watch the Deputies install padlocks on your doors. Eventually you leave and drive to your parents' house, hoping that you'll be back home in a couple of days after the matter has been resolved. Unbeknownst to you, you will never step foot in your home again. The truth is, your spouse has a new love in her life and used a PFA order to get rid of you and move the lover in. Your wife's new lover is now your children's new daddy. Welcome to the life of Tim Olson. Tim was a victim of this scenario, except that Tim wasn't the husband . . . he was the child. when Tim's mother accused his father of abuse that never happened, she drove Tim's father into financial and emotional ruin. When Tim grew up and learned the truth, he didn't just get mad he got even, with tragic results. Through interviews with actual litigants, mental health professionals, lawyers, and victims, we learn about the undercurrent of post-nuptial turmoil now boiling over in family courts across the country in the form of child custody and visitation battles, false allegations of abuse, corrupt judges, and unaffordable child support awards. The system is broken and the results it has on the families who go through it is devastating. The laws of various jurisdictions in the United States encourage and reward greed while discouraging civility and co-parenting. *Forced Absence* is a story of love and hatred, greed and vengeance, and the effects of a corrupt and inefficient family court system which is being exploited by husbands, wives, and live-in partners seeking to destroy one another. This documentary is an assembly of capsulized true events in the lives of several victims. To the extent possible, the participants are the actual individuals involved. To protect the innocent and their privacy, some re-

enactments and technical changes were incorporated. This book, which is written in screenplay format, is a derivative of the feature motion picture.

Clearinghouse Review 1980

*Traumatic Divorce and Separation* Lisa Fischel-Wolovick

2018-03-23 *Traumatic Divorce and Separation* integrates the conflicting mental health perspectives concerning trauma theory and the study of divorce, in what the author has termed "traumatic divorce" -- that is, divorce complicated by the high-risk factors of domestic violence, mental illness, and/or substance abuse. The text's interdisciplinary discussion examines issues of financial disparities for women following divorce, traumatic symptoms in children and adults, and the legal controversies about the admissibility of psychological theories related to abuse. The author also addresses: domestic violence as a gendered crime against women; the need for a trauma-informed judicial response; and the need for a systemic judicial response that incorporates an understanding of domestic violence and child maltreatment to provide services and protections. The book is an invaluable resource for professionals and academics in social work, forensic psychology, law, and related mental health fields, as well as academics interested in gender based discrimination in the courts.

The Social History of the American Family Marilyn J. Coleman

2014-09-02 The American family has come a long way from the days of the idealized family portrayed in iconic television shows of the 1950s and 1960s. The four volumes of *The Social History of the American Family* explore the vital role of the family as the fundamental social unit across the span of American history. Experiences of family life shape so much of an individual's development and identity, yet the patterns of family structure, family life, and family transition vary across time, space, and socioeconomic contexts. Both the definition of who or what counts as family and representations of the "ideal" family have

changed over time to reflect changing mores, changing living standards and lifestyles, and increased levels of social heterogeneity. Available in both digital and print formats, this carefully balanced academic work chronicles the social, cultural, economic, and political aspects of American families from the colonial period to the present. Key themes include families and culture (including mass media), families and religion, families and the economy, families and social issues, families and social stratification and conflict, family structures (including marriage and divorce, gender roles, parenting and children, and mixed and non-modal family forms), and family law and policy. Features: Approximately 600 articles, richly illustrated with historical photographs and color photos in the digital edition, provide historical context for students. A collection of primary source documents demonstrate themes across time. The signed articles, with cross references and Further Readings, are accompanied by a Reader's Guide, Chronology of American Families, Resource Guide, Glossary, and thorough index. The Social History of the American Family is an ideal reference for students and researchers who want to explore political and social debates about the importance of the family and its evolving constructions.

**Out of Touch** Geoffrey L. Greif 1997-04-03 The breakdown of the family has moved in recent years to the forefront of national consciousness. All manner of social ills, from poor academic performance to teenage drug use and gang crime, have been attributed to high divorce rates and the collapse of the traditional two-parent family. Targets of particularly harsh criticism are parents who lose all contact with their children after a divorce. So-called "deadbeat dads" are denounced in political speeches and ridiculed on billboard advertisements; mothers who lose touch with their children are stigmatized as emotionally unstable or lacking maternal instincts. Everyone seems to understand the importance of children being raised by two-parent families and the damage that can occur when one parent loses contact

completely. What is significantly less clear is why this loss of contact occurs and what can be done to prevent it. In *Out of Touch*, Geoffrey Greif explores these issues with clarity, compassion, insight, and an evenhandedness rarely encountered in an arena far more susceptible to acrimonious debate than sympathetic understanding. Setting out to find the reality beneath the catchall categorization of out-of-touch parents as deadbeats, substance abusers, child mistreaters, or criminals, Greif focuses on those parents who tried and, for a vast array of reasons, failed to maintain contact with their children. It is their voices, in a discussion dominated up till now by the custodial parent, that we most need to hear, Greif argues, if we are to uncover ways to avoid such failures in the future. Rather than offering dry statistics and abstract generalizations, Greif lets us hear these voices directly in 26 in-depth interviews with estranged parents and with children caught in the crossfire of painful divorces. Extending over a period of two to ten years, these interviews, and Greif's perceptive analyses of them, reveal the whole spectrum of logistical, emotional, and legal difficulties that keep parents and children apart. From the ordinary problems of visitation rights and child support to the more complex and troubling issues--bitter court battles, accusations of sexual abuse, domestic violence, children rejecting a parent, child kidnapping, and many others--*Out of Touch* vividly and often heartbreakingly presents all the ways that fathers and mothers, even with the best intentions, can lose contact with their children. But the book does more than tell the stories of failed relationships. Its concluding chapter offers a series of specific and extremely helpful suggestions for families--parents, children, grandparents--who find themselves in danger of complete estrangement. Greif outlines how families can employ support systems, communication skills, mediation, and many other strategies to overcome the most difficult obstacles that occur after a divorce. It is here that the lessons gleaned from the broken relationships of

the past become invaluable advice for the future. Informed by fresh perspectives, moving personal accounts, and a clear-sighted approach to a tangled issue, *Out of Touch* is a timely and deeply important book about both the forces that drive parents and children apart and the understanding that can keep them together.

**Principles of the Law of Family Dissolution** American Law Institute 1990

Divorce Alison Clarke-Stewart 2007-11-02 This comprehensive book provides a balanced overview of the current research on divorce. The authors examine the scientific evidence to uncover what can be said with certainty about divorce and what remains to be learned about this socially and politically charged issue. Accessible to parents and teachers as well as clinicians and researchers, the volume examines the impact of marital breakup on children, adults, and society. Alison Clarke-Stewart and Cornelia Brentano synthesize the most up-to-date information on divorce from a variety of disciplinary perspectives with thoughtful analysis of psychological issues. They convey the real-life consequences of divorce with excerpts from autobiographies by young people, and they also include guidelines for social policies that would help to diminish the detrimental effects of divorce.

**Family Law Handbook** S. Joel Kolko 1985 This desktop resource book contains the texts of major federal and state family law legislation with commentary. Some of the statutes and regulations in the volume, include: the Domestic Relations Tax Reform Act, Parental Kidnapping Prevention Act, IRS Guidelines on Alimony and Property Division, and other related materials.

**Mom's House, Dad's House** Isolina Ricci 2013-04-16

Internationally renowned therapist, family expert and mediator Isolina Ricci, Ph.D. presents this definitive and newly updated guide to divorce and making shared custody work for parents and children. The ground-breaking classic, *Mom's House, Dad's House*, has become the standard for two generations of divorcing parents, and includes examples, self-tests, checklists, tools, and guidelines to help separated moms and dads with the legal, emotional, and financial issues they will encounter as they work to create happy and stable homes. This comprehensive guide looks anew at the needs of all family members with creative options and common-sense advice, including: \* The map to a "decent divorce" and two happy homes \* Helping children of divorce with age-specific advice \* Negotiating Parental Agreements and custody arrangements \* Breaking away from "negative intimacy" with a difficult ex-husband or ex-wife \* Sidestepping destructive myths about divorce (and marriage) \* Handling long-distance parenting and parenting alone With *Mom's House, Dad's House*, parents will learn how to help their children heal and find a sense of continuity, security, and stability throughout the divorce process and in any custody situation.

Adult Children of Parental Alienation Syndrome: Breaking the Ties That Bind Amy J. L. Baker 2010-03-01 An examination of adults who have been manipulated by divorcing parents. Parental Alienation Syndrome (PAS) occurs when divorcing parents use children as pawns, trying to turn the child against the other parent. This book examines the impact of PAS on adults and offers strategies and hope for dealing with the long-term effects.