

## **Mistakes You Should Avoid as a Divorcing Parent**

Divorce is rarely an easy experience for anyone, but it is especially more challenging for those with children, especially since the errors you make can potentially impact their lives as well as your own for many years to come. The process is inherently emotional, which makes it easy for spouses to act impulsively and, in some cases, against their better judgment. That is why it is crucial to hire an experienced attorney who can provide the guidance and advice you need to avoid making preventable mistakes.

### **Knowing What to Avoid**

Your children are important to you and nothing is more unfathomable than the idea of losing precious time with them. To give yourself the best possible chance of obtaining a favorable arrangement, it is crucial to avoid making mistakes during your divorce. You should also consider your children's wellbeing and the impact a highly antagonistic split may have on them.

One of the biggest mistakes you must avoid as a divorcing parent is appearing to be uncooperative and hostile toward your spouse in court. Family courts generally believe it is essential for both parents to maintain a bond with their children. If you show that you are unwilling to support your co-parent's relationship with them, this will do you a great disservice. You may not be on the best terms with your soon-to-be ex-spouse, but you must both consider the best interests of your children.

### **Below is a list of other mistakes you should avoid:**

- Using your children as messengers.
- Not seeing your children for scheduled visitation.
- Arguing in front of your children.
- Speaking negatively about your spouse to or in front of your children.
- Failing to pay child support.

Cooperating with your co-parent is not only beneficial for your case, but ultimately in your children's best interests as well. You and your former spouse will continue to raise them long after you are divorced, so the more effective you are as a team, the better this situation will be for everyone.

### **Discuss the Details of Your Divorce Case with a Member of Our Family Law Team Today!**

If you are getting a divorce and share children with your spouse, it is imperative that you hire an attorney as soon as possible to guide you throughout the process and prevent any avoidable and costly mistakes. At Sullivan Law & Associates, our legal team has the knowledge and skill to provide the exceptional representation you need. With our experienced attorneys on your side, you can rest assured you will receive the best possible results.

**Reach out to our family law team today at (949) 565-2793 to speak to one of our attorneys and learn more about what we can do for you.**