Overview of Illinois Disputes Involving Allocation of Parental Responsibilities

Set-Up at Rincker Law

- Retainer Agreement
- Family Law Questionaire
- Overview of Process

Outside of Court

Both parents need to take a **Children's First** course. (Fees can vary)

Is the Sherriff going to serve the Petition?

Yes → **Summons** will be Required

No → **Entry of Appearance** or acceptance of service

Settlement Negotiations
Negotiate Agreed Parenting Plan and Child Support Agreement

Settlement Methods
By Parties
By Attorneys (4-Way)
By Mediator

Other Forms of ADR
Arbitration (economic issues only)
Early Neutral Evaluation

Court

Filing Petition (filing fee varies)

Temporary Relief
(Optional)
*Child support
*Allocation of parental responsibilities (custody & decision-making) and parenting time

Mediation

Limited Guardian ad Litem (Champaign)/ Guardian ad Litem (other counties

Discovery
*Financial Affidavit
*Document Production
*Interrogatories
*Notice to Admit
*Subpoenas
*Depositions

Pre-Trial Conference
Case Management Order

Settled Case?

Yes → **Prove-Up**
Must have an Agreed Parenting Plan and Child Support Agreement

No → **Trial Prep -**
- Witness Lists
- Preparing Direct and Cross Examinations
- Exhibits

Trial

Judgment for the Allocation of Parental Responsibilities