

**ILLINOIS FAMILY LAW:
15 FACTORS FOR THE ALLOCATION OF PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES
750 ILCS 5/602.5(c)**

- 1) the *wishes of the child*, taking into account the child's maturity and ability to express reasoned and independent preferences as to decision-making;
- 2) the *child's adjustment* to his or her home, school, and community;
- 3) the *mental and physical health* of all individuals involved;
- 4) the *ability of the parents to cooperate* to make decisions, or the *level of conflict* between the parties that may affect their ability to share decision-making;
- 5) the level of each parent's *participation in past significant decision-making* with respect to the child;
- 6) any *prior agreement or course of conduct* between the parents relating to decision-making with respect to the child;
- 7) the *wishes of the parents*;
- 8) the *child's needs*;
- 9) the *distance between the parents' residences*, the cost and difficulty of transporting the child, each parent's and the child's *daily schedules*, and the ability of the parents to cooperate in the arrangement;
- 10) whether a *restriction on decision-making* is appropriate under Section 603.10;
- 11) the willingness and ability of each parent to *facilitate and encourage a close and continuing relationship* between the other parent and the child;
- 12) the *physical violence* or threat of physical violence by the child's parent directed against the child;
- 13) the *occurrence of abuse* against the child or other member of the child's household;
- 14) whether one of the parents is a *sex offender*, and if so, the exact nature of the offense and what, if any, treatment in which the parent has successfully participated; and
- 15) *any other factor* that the court expressly finds to be relevant.