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**Blair County Custody – Prehearing Conferences**

Blair County Rule 1915.21 Custody Litigation Process

- A. Within ten (10) days from the date of service of a Custody Order, a party may file a Request for Evidentiary Hearing form in the Blair County Prothonotary Office.
1. There is no filing fee required. The request form must be served on the other counsel/party with the specific issues identified for consideration in the Evidentiary Hearing. The request form shall be forwarded by the Prothonotary Office to the Court Administrator (Custody Division) for a date to be assigned for a prehearing conference before the Hearing Officer.
  2. Ten (10) days prior to the prehearing, the parties and/or counsel shall file an original prehearing narrative with the Prothonotary with a copy submitted to the Court Administrator (Custody Division), including but not limited to the following:
    - (i) Names and addresses of all witnesses, including experts
    - (ii) Summary of each witness's anticipated testimony
    - (iii) Copies of all exhibits
    - (iv) Anticipated length of trial
    - (v) Proposed custody arrangement for both parties
    - (vi) Requested stipulation of facts
  3. If no prehearing narrative is filed, the offending party may be fined or sanctioned otherwise by the Court.

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As to 2)(v) Each party shall prepare a parenting arrangement that encompasses time with both parents. The arrangements should be prepared from the perspective that each party would consider either side of the proposal reasonable were they in the position of the other party.

- B. The prehearing conference will be conducted by the Blair County Prehearing Officer in preparation for a trial by the parties before a Blair County Judge. The prehearing focuses on identification of contested issues, witnesses to testify, exchange of medical reports, names of any expert witnesses to be called, exhibits and requests for an interview of a child. A time and date for the Evidentiary Hearing will be set and any requirement of the filing of any briefs will also be discussed. A summary will be forwarded by the Prehearing Office to a Judge in preparation for trial.

BLAIR COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

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Plaintiff	:	
	:	_____ GN _____
	:	Custody Action
_____	:	
Defendant	:	

PREHEARING NARRATIVE BY THE \_\_\_\_\_  
(Petitioner/Respondent – Plaintiff/Defendant)

Date(s) of Current Custody Order(s): \_\_\_\_\_

for the following child(ren) identified on the Confidential Information Form first column.  
(204 Pa.Code § 213.81)

Child \_\_\_\_ Child \_\_\_\_ Child \_\_\_\_ Child \_\_\_\_ (List additional children as necessary.)

\*\*\*Do not list names and date of birth of children on this form, identify by numerals or initials corresponding to attached Confidential Information Form.

Brief History of this Case:

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Summary of Current Custody Arrangement:

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Prehearing Narrative Format

Contested Issues for Evidentiary Hearing:

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Proposed Custody Arrangement: Attach Proposed Parenting Arrangement Form

Names, Addresses and Summary of Testimony of ALL witnesses, including experts:

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Copies of Exhibits to be presented to the Court:

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The \_\_\_\_\_ (is/is not requesting the Court interview the children.  
(Plaintiff/Defendant)

Respectfully Submitted:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF BLAIR COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

_____	:	
Plaintiff	:	
	:	_____ GN _____
	:	Custody Action
_____	:	
Defendant	:	

**PROPOSED PARENTING ARRANGEMENT**

(1)

The names and birthday(s) of the minor child(ren) are as follows:

**Child \_\_\_\_ Child \_\_\_\_ Child \_\_\_\_ Child \_\_\_\_** (List additional children as necessary.)

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(2)

The \_\_\_\_\_ shall have the **legal and physical** custody of the child(ren).  
(parties/mother/father)

(3)

The child(ren) shall reside with \_\_\_\_\_.

(4)

The time arrangements between the Mother/Father/\_\_\_\_\_ with the child(ren) are as follows:

A. Weekdays - \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

B. Weekends - \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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C. Summer/Vacation periods - \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

D. Holidays - \_\_\_\_\_

Thanksgiving - \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Christmas - \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

New Years - \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Easter - \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day - \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

E. Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(5)

Transportation for the transfer of custody shall be arranged by: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(6)

Other provisions include: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(7)

The child(ren) shall be with the Mother on Mother's Day and with the Father on Father's Day.

**(8)**

The child(ren)'s birthday will be spent with \_\_\_\_\_.

**(9)**

Each party shall keep the other informed of their current address and telephone number.

**(10)**

Each party shall keep the other informed of the child(ren)'s health, progress in school, school activities, and general welfare and shall consult with the other parent concerning major decisions affecting the child(ren).

**(11)**

Each parent is entitled to received directly from schools, health care providers, or other relevant sources, information concerning their child(ren).

**(12)**

Neither party shall engage in any conduct which presents to the child(ren) a negative or hostile view of the other, nor shall they allow any third party to do or say anything that would hamper the natural love and respect of the child(ren) for either parent.

**(13)**

Each parent shall encourage the child(ren) to comply with the custody arrangement and foster in the child(ren) a positive view of the other.

**(14)**

The parties may decide different time arrangements and make decisions for the child(ren) whenever they mutually agreed to do so. Nothing in this agreement is understood to limit or restrict the ability of the parties to mutually agree on alternative parenting arrangements. If for any reason, the parties cannot agree, the terms of this custody agreement will be followed.

**(15)**

ALL HOLIDAY SCHEDULES SHALL SUPERSEDE ANY OTHER TIME ARRANGEMENTS UNLESS THE PARTIES MUTUALLY AGREED TO DO OTHERWISE.

**(16)**

VIOLATION OF THIS ORDER BY ANY PERSON MAY RESULT IN CIVIL AND CRIMINAL PENALTIES, INCLUDING PROSECUTION PURSUANT TO SECTION 2904 OF THE PENNSYLVANIA CRIMES CODE, INTERFERENCE WITH THE CUSTODY OF CHILDREN.

**(17)**

Jurisdiction of the child(ren) shall remain with the Court of Common Pleas of Blair County, Pennsylvania, unless or until jurisdiction would change under the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction Act.