CHILDREN'S BILL OF RIGHTS

Each child the subject of this suit affecting the parent-child relationship shall have the rights set forth below and shall have the right generally to "be a child" free from any acrimony that may now or hereafter exist between the adult parties to this action.

Each adult party shall make this document known to every other adult who has any significant role in the child's life as a caretaker. It is contemplated that this will include regular baby-sitters, grandparents or other relatives with whom the child regularly visits, and any other person having significant, ongoing contact with the child.

The term "child" as used below refers to each and every child subject to this suit.

1   Neither party shall deny the child reasonable use of the telephone to place and receive calls with the other party or relatives. Such use shall be private to the child without unreasonable interference such as rigid adherence to time parameters, or tying up the phone with internet connections or other calls during prescribed times, instructed disconnects for chores, dinner, etc.

2   Neither party shall speak or write derogatory remarks about the other party to the child, or engage in abusive, course or foul language which can be overheard by the child whether or not the language involves the other party.

3   Neither party shall permit the children to overhear arguments, negotiations or other substantive discussions about legal or business dealings between the parties.

4   Neither party shall physically or psychologically attempt to pressure, attempt to influence, pressure, or influence the child concerning the personal opinion or position of the child concerning legal proceedings between the parties.

5   Each party will permit the child to display photographs or memorabilia of the other party or both parties in the child's room.

6   Neither party shall communicate moral judgments about the other party to the child concerning the other parties' choice of values, life-style, choice of friends, successes or failures in life (career, financial, relational) or residential choice.

7   The parties will acknowledge to the child that the child has two homes although the child may spend more time at one home than the other.

8   The parties shall cooperate to the greatest extent practicable in sharing time with the child.

9   Neither party shall suggest to the child that it is the child's option whether or not to engage in visitation during the other party's time for possession and access.

10   Each party will permit the child to retain, and allow easy access to, correspondence, greeting cards and other written materials received from the other party.

11   Each party will respect the physical integrity of items possessed by the child which depict the other party or remind the child of the other party.

12   Each party will assist and encourage the child's attendance and participation in church, temple or other organized religious activities if such is the desire of the child.

13   Neither party will trivialize, or deny the existence of the other parent to the child.

14   Neither party will interrogate the child about the other party nor will either party discourage comments by the child about the other party.

15   Neither parent will intercept, "lose", derail, "forget" or otherwise interfere with communications to the child from the other party.

16   Neither party will refuse to acknowledge that the child can have or should have good experiences with the other party.

17   Neither party will directly or indirectly attack or criticize to the child the extended family of the other party, the other party's career, the living and travel arrangements of the other party, or lawful activities of the other party or associates of the other party.

18   Neither party will use the child as a "middle-man" by using the child to communicate with the other party on inappropriate topics.

19   Neither party will undermine the other party in the eyes of the child by engaging in the "circumstantial syndrome" which is done by manipulating, changing, or rearranging fact.

20   Neither party will create for, or exaggerate to, the child differences between the parties.

21   Neither party will say and do things with an eye to gaining the child as an "ally" against the other party.

22   Neither party will encourage or instruct the child to be disobedient to the other party, stepparents, or relatives.

23   Neither party will reward the child to act negatively toward the other party.

24   Neither party will try to make the child believe he or she loves the child more than the other party by, for example, saying that he or she lives the child more than the other party or over-informing the child on adult topics or overindulging the child.

25   Neither party will discuss child support issues with the child.

26   Neither party will engage in judgmental, opinionated or negative commentary, physical

inspections or interrogations once the child arrives from his/her other home.

27   Neither party will "rewrite" or "rescript" facts which the child originally knows to be different.

28   Neither party will punish the child physically or threaten such punishment in order to influence the child to adopt the parent's negative program, if any, against the other party.

29   Neither party will permit the child to be transported by a person who is intoxicated due to consumption of alcohol or illegal drugs.

30   Neither party will smoke tobacco materials inside structures or vehicles occupied at the time by the child.

31   Each party will permit the child to carry gifts, toys, clothing and other items belonging to the child with him or her to the residence of the other parent or relatives or permit the child to take gifts, toys, clothing, and other items belonging to the child back to the residence of the other party, as the ease may be, to facilitate the child having with him or her objects important to the child. The gifts, toys, clothing, and other items belonging to the child referred to here mean items which are reasonably transportable and does not include pets (which the parties agree are impractical to move about).