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Are you getting this.....?

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Law and judicial administration are not natural science. The concept of a “paradigm shift” may have become something of a cliché, showing the beliefs, values, techniques and so on shared by members of a given community. However it is a valuable shorthand way to discuss what had occurred in child custody courts since about the 1980’s. What makes any given paradigm more attractive than another is that its answers to important questions of the particular field

Future of Child Custody Court

are superior to its rivals. This provides a moral basis and provide an assumption that the adversary system - a sole custody paradigm in that they appeal to better instincts of people and parents. Interdisciplinary coalitions that support the interest of children it also needs to become a routine part of the way the coalition practitioners in the child custody and court practices in daily work. The interdisciplinary coalitions should strive to create continuity of care between the advice the professionals give to parents outside courtrooms of court cases and the advocacy and parental behavior inside the courtrooms. The message that lawyers should send to parents should be similar to the mental health professionals send to parents: reduce your conflict, make every attempt to settle child custody disputes as soon as a case is filed in court and even before, if possible. Criteria should be established through research and development reforms coalitions can support legislation and the training of legal and mental health professionals to accomplish these goals. Below are examples of reform ideas for the future of child custody:

1. The structure of the child custody court should be unified and simplified.
2. Committed experienced judges should staff the child custody court.
3. The child custody court should make diversified education programs available for all parents and children.

“Always remember to slow down in life; live, breathe, and learn; take a look around you whenever you have time and never forget everything and every person that has the least place within your heart.”

Future of child custody

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4. The child custody should develop special programs to meet the needs of pro se parents.
5. The child custody court should ensure the high-quality supervised visitation services are available to all families that need them.
6. Child custody court should ensure accountability and quality control for court mandated services.
7. Child custody court should redefine the role of the lawyer for the child.
8. Child custody court should view its mission as one of developing parenting plans not custody orders.
9. Child custody courts should receive adequate funding.
10. Child custody court should encourage research and development to refine its operations for the benefit of the children.



Discourage litigation and persuade your neighbors to compromise whenever you can. Point out to them how the nominal winner is often a real loser in fees, expenses and waste of time as a peacemaker; the lawyer has a superior opportunity of being a good man. There will still be business enough.



Live life fully while you're here. Experience everything. Take care of yourself and your friends. Have fun, be crazy, and be weird. Go out and screw up! You're going to anyway, so you might as well enjoy the process. Take the opportunity to learn from your mistakes: find the cause of your problem and eliminate it. Don't try to be perfect; just be an excellent example of being human.



A recent suggestion that effective rehabilitation programs need to be added to reduce the ridiculous rate for the apparent ineffectiveness, jail time is only a start to solve the problem. Why haven't anyone thought about doing a study on how many of the repeat offender's had difficulty getting a job because of their criminal record? It is my belief that if a crime analysis were done the main common thread would be not be able to acquire a job.

Now here is common sense. "If an ex-offender cannot get a job, what do you think he or she will do?" He or she may revert to what has worked in the past (i.e. burglary, drugs, robbery, and fraud.)

Hence forth the revolving door mentality. Here is a thought, why not enact a law that restricts the use or of the question of "have you ever be convicted of a crime?" on an employment application unless is specifically pertains to the job the person is applying for.

Suggestions



Laborers, dishwashers, sanitation, should hardly justify the criminal history restrictions that some businesses impose on an applicant for a position. This imposition happens all the time to a person looking for employment that is considered and ex-offender.

Why is it a continual punishment to them when they have paid there debt to society and when will they be able to become a productive citizen? Isn't that what the rehab program is for these people?

It would be strange to make the happy man solitary. For none would choose to be solitary in order to have good things: for man is social and born apt to live with others.

Aristotle

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Time to Make a Stand

Everyday there are countless national media reports about violence against women and children. Now these types of headline stories are just the tip of issues that need to be discussed. There is no expectation to this violence and by that I mean “bullying” of fathers and their rights or the lack of them. There are infinite untold stories that impact the families which include isolation, emotional, verbal and financial control.

*By law is the land built: by
lawlessness destroyed.*

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