

## Custody and Parenting Time

### Custody Factors NJSA 9:2-4

- 1) The parents' ability to agree, communicate, and cooperate in matters relating to the child
- 2) The parents' willingness to accept custody and any history of unwillingness to allow parenting time not based on substantial abuse
- 3) The interaction and relationship of the child with parents and siblings
- 4) The history of domestic violence, if any
- 5) The safety of the child and the safety of either parent from physical abuse by the other parent
- 6) The preference of the child when of sufficient age and capacity to reason so as to form an intelligent decision
- 7) The needs of the child
- 8) The stability of the home environment
- 9) The quality and continuity of the children's education
- 10) The fitness of the parents
- 11) The geographical proximity of the parent's homes
- 12) The extent and quality of the time spent with the child prior to or subsequent to the separation
- 13) The parent's employment responsibilities
- 14) The age and number of the children

## Child Support

### NJSA 2A:34-23(a) provides

a) In determining the amount to be paid by the parent for support of the child and the period during which the duty of support is owed, the Court in those cases not governed by court rule shall consider, but not be limited to, the following factors:

- 1) Needs of the child;
- 2) Standard of living and economic circumstances of each parent;
- 3) All sources of income