



Family Law

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You are right, spoiling the children's vacation is not the answer. On the other hand, neither of you has the right to flout the terms of the separation agreement without consent from the other.

So in this case, be gracious, sign the travel consent provided, let the kids go with dad on vacation, but make sure that you and dad have an agreement in writing that the time you have lost will be made up with your choice of extra days in 2018.

If he refuses to be reasonable about the makeup time, you can mediate the issue or use family lawyers to help you finesse this to avoid future

conflict. If he has taken Christmas Day away from you two years in a row you can do an emergency motion at court as a last resort.

If the vacation is out of country the travelling parent should download the CRA travel consent form, fill it out and present it to the non-traveling parent to have it notarized and signed. The travelling parent should arrange to pay the cost of the notarization ahead of time.

Cooperation in this area is key, and remind your husband that the door swings both ways.

Wishing you a safe holiday season, from your friends at Shank Law.



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LAWYER

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We have a separation agreement which says who has the children for the holidays. My husband just told me that he is travelling to a vacation destination with the children. He is eating into my time with the kids and says that it is OK because it is a booked vacation. I don't want to disappoint the kids because now I'll be the bad guy. What can I do?



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