



Family Law

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Holidays are a difficult time for separated families. As this is an emotional issue, put into writing by text or email, what you think is a fair schedule for this year, and possibly going forward. Include one of your wife's family members in the communication, as they might be able to assist her in approaching this rationally. Give her a deadline, such as Friday, December 9, to respond.

While each family's needs are different because of travel, work schedules, culture, and traditions, the over-arching principle must be fairness – the children deserve equal time with both parents, and this includes holiday time.

If you get nowhere, do not hesitate to come see a family lawyer as quickly as possible to assist you with an Emergency Motion to establish Christmas access. Often the threat of Court proceedings is sufficient, but do not fear, the Courts are known for their fairness in this regard, and the argument that "we always did it this way" no longer applies when a couple has separated.

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My wife and I separated 2 years ago, and for the last two Christmases she has had the children from December 23rd to the 27th. I told her that I deserved a Christmas with the children too, but she will not listen. She says that we always went to her family at Christmas. My family is very upset, as the children are missing my families' Christmas festivities. What can I do?



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