

# Father Wins Temporary Custody

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A Clarke County Circuit Court enters a pendente lite order granting primary physical custody of the parties' three children to father, with visitation by mother, and orders father to pay \$6,000 monthly on mother's credit cards, as spousal support, \$9,000 monthly in additional spousal support and \$15,000 in relocation expenses.

Mother secured a preliminary protective order against father which prevented him from having contact with the children for five consecutive days. She then nonsuited on the eve of trial. Mother took the son to secure a criminal charge against his father, and when pressed to explain why he was accusing father, the child stated, "I just did what mommy told me to do." This factor weighs heavily in favor of father over mother on the temporary custody issue. Father also has a close relationship with the older two children than does mother.

The best interests of the children require that their primary physical custody be vested pendente lite in father.

The interests of the children are not adequately represented by counsel for the parties and the court will appoint a guardian ad litem.

The court defers determination of the enforceability of the parties' prenuptial agreement until the final hearing.

Both parties are enjoined from attempting to interfere with each other's private lives and places of employment, including but not limited to, harassment or unwanted contact, in person, through others or through digital, electronic or telephonic means. Both parties are enjoined from wasting, disposing of or encumbering any of their marital property during the pendency of this suit.

Case No. CL 150003145-00, March 11, 2015; Clarke County Cir.Ct.; Dennis M. Hottell for husband. Peter W. Buchbauer for wife; VLW 015-8-029, 5 pp.