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Statutes and Court Rules

- Special Note: Westlaw's Practice Commentaries serve as legal essays and should serve as the starting point for research.
- New York State Statutes Index should be checked under the entry **Children and Minors > Custody; Children and Minors > Visitation and Visitors**
- NY Const art VI, § 13
- Domestic Relations Law, art 5-A Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act
- Court Rules Part 205 Uniform Court Rules for the Family Court

Uniform Laws

- Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction Act [1968]
- Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act [1997]

Federal Laws

- 18 USCA § 1204 International Parental Kidnappings
- 22 USCA, ch 97 International Child Abduction Remedies
- 22 USCA ch 98 International Child Abduction Prevention and Return
- 25 USCA, ch 21 Indian Child Welfare
- 28 USCA § 534 Acquisition, preservation, and exchange of identification records and information; appointment of officials
- 34 USCA §§ 11291-11298 Missing Children,

Treaties and Conventions

- The Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction, TIAS 11670 [1980]

Secondary Sources

E-books

New York

- LexisNexis AnswerGuide New York Family Court Proceedings, Ch 11 Custody and Visitation Proceedings
- 1 New York Civil Practice: Family Court Proceedings, Ch 13 Custody and Visitation

General

- Child Custody and Visitation Law Practice
- Family Law and Practice, Ch 32 Child Custody and Visitation Family Mediation: Theory and Practice
- Transgender Persons and the Law, § 6.2 Child Custody and Rearing
- Understanding Family Law

LexisAdvance

New York

- LexisNexis AnswerGuide New York Family Court Proceedings, Ch 11 Custody and Visitation Proceedings
- 1 New York Civil Practice: Family Court Proceedings, Ch 13 Custody and Visitation
- NY Jur Domestic Relations – Parents’ Right to Custody and Control of Children §§ 330-540

General

- Child Custody and Visitation Law Practice
- Family Law and Practice, Ch 32 Child Custody and Visitation Family Mediation: Theory and Practice
- Modern Child Custody Practice

Westlaw

New York

- Callaghan’s Family Court Law & Practice, Ch 16 Custody and Visitation
- Carmody-Wait 2d, Ch 118A Child Custody and Visitation in Matrimonial Actions
- NY Jur Domestic Relations – Parents’ Right to Custody and Control of Children §§ 330-540
- NY Prac Ser: Family Court Practice, Ch 9

General

- Child Custody: Practice and Procedure
- Cross-Examining Experts in the Behavioral Sciences, Ch 8 Child Custody Practice
- Handling Child Custody, Abuse and Adoption Cases
- International Family Law Practice
- Legal Rights of Children, Ch 5 Parental Kidnapping of Children

- Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Family Law, Ch 9 Marriage and Custody Issues for Transgender People
- Principles of the Law of Family Dissolution: Analysis and Recommendations
- Sexual Orientation and the Law

Digests/Case finders

- West Key Number Topic 76D Child Custody
- New York Official Reports Digest Topic Parent, Child and Family
- New York Official Reports Digest Topic Parent, Child and Family > Custody

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