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IN THE \_\_\_\_\_ JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT  
\_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY, STATE OF UTAH

**CHILD CUSTODY  
SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE  
REPORT\***

\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner

vs.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Respondent

Case No. \_\_\_\_\_

Judge \_\_\_\_\_

Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_

APPOINTED CUSTODY EVALUATOR: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE: \_\_\_\_\_

MINOR CHILD(REN) & DATE(S) OF BIRTH:

MOTHER:

FATHER:

OTHER PARTIES EVALUATED AND RELATIONSHIP TO CHILDREN:  
(e.g., stepparent, parent's partner)

GUARDIAN ad LITEM:

MOTHER'S COUNSEL:

FATHER'S COUNSEL:

CONCLUSIONS:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\* These forms and procedures have been approved by the Judicial Council, and the Supreme Court. **Any custody evaluation submitted to the court must conform in substance to these forms.**

- A. Summary of Children's Needs:
  
- B. Summary of Each Parent's and Stepparent's Ability and Propensity to Provide for Children's Needs: *(Include parenting skills, impairments, availability, willingness to facilitate child's relationship with other parent, and the unique manner in which each parent's skills fit the children's needs.)*
  
- C. Rule 4-903 Considerations:
  - 1. Child's preference
  - 2. Benefit of keeping siblings together
  - 3. Relative strength of the child's bond with one or both of the prospective custodians
  - 4. General interest in continuing previously determined custody arrangements where the child is happy and well adjusted
  - 5. Factors relating to the prospective custodians' character or status or their capacity or willingness to functioning as parents, including:
    - i. Moral character and emotional stability
    - ii. Duration and depth of desire for custody
    - iii. Ability to provide personal rather than surrogate care
    - iv. Significant impairment of ability to function as a parent through drug abuse, excessive drinking or other causes
    - v. Reasons for having relinquished custody in the past
    - vi. Religious compatibility with the child
    - vii. Kinship, including, in extraordinary circumstances, stepparent status
    - viii. Financial condition
    - ix. Evidence of abuse of the subject child, another child, or spouse
  - 6. Other factors deemed important by the evaluator, the parties, or the court.

- D. Recommendations: At commissioner or judge's discretion, evaluator may issue verbal recommendations concerning the legal or physical custody and parent-time scheduling arrangements.