## **REVISED VISITATION SCHEDULE**

Effective December 1, 2007

The following shall constitute an Order in all cases involving a child of divorced parents, as well as paternity cases, in the Second Judicial District. Throughout this document, the masculine gender shall be deemed to include the feminine, and the word "child" shall be deemed to include "children" if the parties have more than one child.

Visitation with children by the non-custodial parent shall be determined by the Court, but will generally be in accord with the following schedule:

1. Alternate weekends - commencing at 6:00 p.m. on Fridays and continuing until 6:00 p.m. on Sundays. The mother shall have the second and fourth weekends of each month, and the father shall have the first and third weekends of each month. The number of the weekend shall be

determined by Fridays. (Therefore, Friday October 31<sup>st</sup> through Sunday November 2<sup>nd</sup> would be an October weekend because the Friday is in October.)

In the case of a month with five weekends (there are generally four of these in a year), then the mother shall get the second and fourth of the fifth weekends and the father shall get the first and third of the fifth weekends.

2. Weekday visitation - Visitation on Wednesday from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. every Wednesday. In the event the non-custodial parent's work schedule is such that he or she has a weekday other than Wednesday off work, the weekday visitation may be scheduled on such day.

## 3. Holiday visitation -

IN ODD NUMBERED YEARS:

Spring Break - 6:00 p.m. Friday to 6:00 p.m. Friday or 6:00 p.m. Sunday to 6:00 p.m.

Sunday

The option shall be the one which includes the non-custodial parent's regular weekend visitation, **EXCEPT** if Spring Break is adjacent to Easter, then the option shall be the one which includes the Easter weekend.

Easter - 6:00 p.m. Friday to 6:00 p.m. Sunday

**July 4<sup>th</sup>** - Noon on July 3<sup>rd</sup> to Noon on July 5<sup>th</sup>

Thanksgiving - 6:00 p.m. Wednesday to 6:00 p.m. Sunday

Late Christmas - 9:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve to 6:00 p.m. on the day prior to the resumption of school

Birthday visitation - 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with children born in odd-numbered years.

## **IN EVEN NUMBERED YEARS:**

Memorial Day - 6:00 p.m. Friday to 6:00 p.m. Monday

Labor Day - 6:00 p.m. Friday to 6:00 p.m. Monday

**Early Christmas** - 6:00 p.m. on the first full day of the recess from school to 9:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve

Birthday visitation - 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with children born in even-numbered years.

4. Summer visitation - Six weeks to be divided into two three-week periods or three two-week periods. In either case, the children will be with the custodial parent for at least one full week between visitation periods. A week shall be defined as Friday at 6:00 p.m. to Friday at 6:00 p.m. Written notice as to the time and manner of visitation will be provided by the non-custodial parent to the custodial parent at least 30 days in advance of the exercise of visitation. In the event that no notice is given, the default summer visitation schedule shall be as follows:

Begin at 6:00 p.m. on the first Friday in June and continue for two weeks. After a one-week break, begin again for two weeks. After a one-week break begin again for the final two-week period.

Vacations including the child which will continue more than <u>three</u> (3) consecutive days will require notification to the other parent of the vacation destination, and if known, a telephone number where

the child may be called in case of emergencies.

This summer visitation schedule may be modified for pre-school children.

5. Telephone/mail communication - At all times, both parties will provide current physical and mailing addresses and current telephone numbers at which the child may be reasonably accessed by mail or telephone at <u>reasonable</u> times.

6. The minimum visitation noted above will be <u>in addition to all other reasonable</u> <u>visitation</u>. In the event the non-custodial parent shall be unable to exercise a scheduled visitation, or will be late, he or she shall, as quickly as is practical, contact the custodial parent and advise as to the cancellation or length of delay. Unless otherwise provided by the court, the pickup and delivery of children for visitation will be the responsibility of the non-custodial parent or any competent adult designated for that purpose.

7. Visitation <u>shall not</u>, absent emergency conditions or situations, be independently suspended or terminated by either parent for any reason, including non-payment of child support. Any suspension or termination for emergency purposes will result in the immediate, written notification to the opposing party as to the reason for such termination.

8. Children shall not be permitted nor required to make decisions regarding visitation and the custodial parent is charged with the duty and responsibility of insuring compliance with the visitation schedule.

9. Violation of the visitation order may result in a change in the custody of the child(ren), a limitation or termination of visitation, a finding of contempt of court, or such other action as the court deems appropriate.