

# A Rapid Primer on Family Law Practice For Pro Bono Attorneys

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- I. Intro
- II. The Statutes
  - (750 ILCS 5/) Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act
  - (750 ILCS 46/) Illinois Parentage Act of 2015
  - (750 ILCS 60/) Illinois Domestic Violence Act of 1986.
  - (740 ILCS 21/) Illinois Stalking No Contact Order Act.
  - (750 ILCS 50/) Adoption Act.
- III. The Role of Case Law
- IV. Pre-Filing/Consultation
- V. Case Procedure
  - a. Filing/Service
  - b. Contents of Petition
  - c. Default Proceedings
  - d. Non-Default Proceedings
- VI. Dissolution of Marriage
- VII. Parenting Issues
  - a. Types of Parenting Time
    - i. Regular Parenting Time
      - 1. Restricted Parenting Time
      - 2. Reasonable Parenting Time - 50/50 vs. other
  - b. Special Parenting Time Considerations
    - 1. Right of First Refusal
    - 2. Relocation
  - c. Decision Making Rights
    - i. Religious Upbringing
    - ii. Medical Decisions
    - iii. Extracurricular Decision Making
    - iv. Educational Decision Making
- VIII. Financial Issues
  - a. Equitable Division of the Marital Estate
  - b. Spousal Support
  - c. Child Support
    - i. Formula
    - ii. Add-ons
    - iii. Enforcement
    - iv. Tax Exemptions/Credits
- IX. Conclusion
- X. Q & A