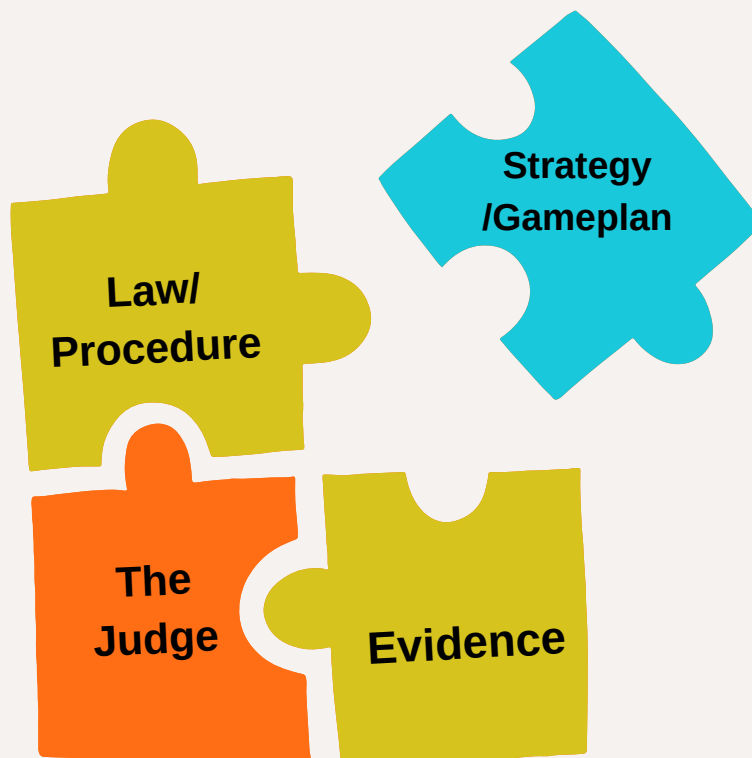




Family Court Strategy (Gameplan) *Workbook*



A Workbook created to help you prepare for trial in
Family Court as Pro Se, Self Represented.



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Hey there,

I am a Family Court Strategist who helps pro se/self represented and Do it Yourself litigants prepare, present and position their case for success in Family Court. Many litigants mistakenly focus on issues that are not relevant, present evidence that is not admissible and/or make arguments that are often not heard. These all cause them to get disappointing outcomes in their divorce or custody cases.

Trial preparation is a big area where litigants have a chance to turn the direction of their case. The key to doing this is preparing for trial in advance, knowing where to find helpful resources and to get the support they need. But even with all of these, the starting point should always be having a solid Gameplan. (Contact me to create your Gameplan.)

This guide can help in doing just that. Although trial prep is something that should be tailored to your specific case, this guide is a great starting point.

Good luck,

Tracey Bee

How to Use this Guide:

This guide is set up to help you plot out the most important parts of your custody case. It is not meant to replace legal representation, but is intended to provide a baseline for how you approach trial. The earlier you start the better.

Key things to keep in mind:

1. Take your time and focus on each specific part of the guide. It is important that you not overwhelm yourself by trying to cram too much in.
2. Repeat each step if and when necessary, to ensure that you are not overlooking some important elements.
3. Be open minded and honest with yourself at each stage. Don't rely too much on anything that is not in your control.
4. It's ok to seek help if you need it.
5. Be detailed as possible when answering each section.
6. WRITE IT OUT. This helps tremendously.
7. At any time, set up a consultation (the first one is FREE) at www.calendly.com/divorcecoachesq/15min



I. CREATE YOUR GAMEPLAN: Step by Step

A. Start with looking at what you want, what the other party wants and the laws that apply to each of these. You **MUST** start here no matter what your path of resolving the case is.

Mine:

The Other Party:

What are the demands?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

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What does the law say for each? Exceptions?



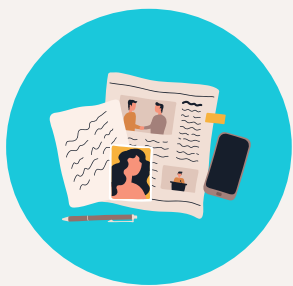
B. Knowing how the laws and their exceptions apply to each side is extremely important. Understanding the law is one thing, but having a view of how it actually applies to your facts & background is another. You can't make a strong argument otherwise.

How do the laws or exceptions apply to the facts?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

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What is needed to prove what is demanded?



C. You need to know what is needed to prove or dispute ALL claims. You should be gathering evidence each chance you get. At the same time, you should be gathering intel on the other party. This includes having an idea of the evidence they have too.

What possible evidence exists to prove each?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

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What is needed to dispute what is demanded?



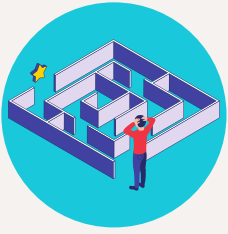
D. Put EVERYTHING together to come up with a well-thought out Gameplan. This is how you will come up with the theme of your case, create your arguments (Opening & Closing Statements); present your evidence effectively and prepare for any opposition from the other party.

What possible evidence exists to dispute each?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
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Analysis of it all:



II. SWOT Exercise

Know that you have analyzed the facts & background of the case, you can plan your course of action. This entails doing your case SWOT analysis. Use the results to recognize your unique skills, strength, and talents. Plan strategies to manage your weaknesses and take advantage of any opportunities. You can come up with the exact moves you need to make.

Strengths

- Current Advantages, what do you have over the other party?
- What unique resources you have available to you?

Weaknesses

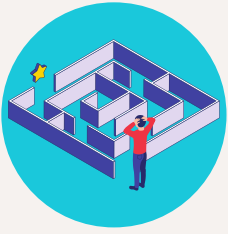
- What could you do better?
- What does the other side have over you?

Opportunities

- What can things going on outside of you that you can take advantage of?
- How can you turn your strengths into opportunities?

Threats

- What obstacles do you have that can cause you the most harm?
- Can any of the harm be repaired or fixed?
- What threats do your weaknesses create?



III. Matching

Create a solid Gameplan. Start by doing your case SWOT analysis. Use the results to recognize your unique skills, strength, and talents. Plan strategies to manage your weaknesses and take advantage of any opportunities!

Opportunities
(external, positive)

Threats
(external, negative)

Strengths

- **Which** of your case strengths can be used to maximize the opportunities you've listed?

- **How** can you use the strengths of your case to minimize the threats you've listed?

Weaknesses

- **What** steps can you take to minimize your case weaknesses using the opportunities you've listed?

- **How** can you minimize your case weaknesses to avoid threats?



Helpful Resources

You can handle your trial on your own but if you can get help along the way then you should. There are tons of resources that can help you with different aspects of your case.

Legal Research:

- www.justia.com
- www.nolo.com
- www.scholar.google.com

Court Forms & Rules/Procedures:

- www.westlaw.com
- your state's court website or Legal Services website
- paid services

Limited Scope Services:

- www.thedivorcesolutionist.com
- www.legalshield.com
- www.avvo.com

Miscellaneous:

- Excel spreadsheets
 - Text to pdf apps
 - Google calendar, sheets, etc.
 - Support groups on Social Media
 - Calm app
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Need Strategic Gameplan or Trial Prep help?

This Workbook is intended to accompany the Workshops. However, we offer Unbundled Services that include Trial Preparation, Evidence Organizing, Witness Prep, and much more. Visit <https://thedivorcesolutionist.com/unbundled-services>.

NOTE: Blank Trial Prep forms for your state are available for an additional cost.

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