

### **Living Long Distances from One Another**

A friend of mine had to drive hours each way to trade the kids with the co-parent. And this made it far more difficult to attend school functions and, depending on the location, other activities in which the child was involved.

Then there are the parents who take job transfers to other states, making anything other than long absences between one parent and the child all but inevitable. Would you want the other parent to live so far away that it would place a burden on you to accommodate their parental rights?

If you are the custodial parent and contemplating a move that takes you a great distance from the other parent, I want you to consider something. How would you feel if the shoe were on the other foot? What if they up and moved a hundred or even a thousand miles away with your child in the pursuit of a career or love interest? Wouldn't you feel that this completely disregarded your and your child's relationship?

Again, I strongly encourage you to set a maximum residential distance allowance in your parenting agreement to guard against such moves.