

Texas Family Law: Do's and Don'ts of Social Studies, 2nd of 5 Installments

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Texas family law may require a social study

How you conduct yourself can and will have an effect on the outcome of a social study. Whether the issues of child custody require a social study of your parenting style or not, you will need the counsel of a qualified family law attorney. For 16 years the Wynne Law Firm has served the families of Fort Worth. Back in September 2013 we produced a 5-installment series describing the social study process. Now it's time to actually show the do's and don'ts for your role in the social study. This is the second of five installments on the do's and don'ts of social studies.

Once the social study commences

Once the questionnaires are filed and fees are paid, the study is assigned a social worker and things get rolling. At this stage, there are three logistical imperatives we want you to do:

1. Once a caseworker is assigned, you'll receive a letter advising you to call them to schedule your first appointment. Do this immediately. Do not play hard to get. Your message is simple: I am cooperating fully and have nothing but the best interests of the children at heart
2. After the initial interview, be sure to keep the caseworker apprised of any changes in the case such as a change in your contact information or employment. Do not make them work to find you.
3. We've advised you to be completely open. However, know that your caseworker is under no obligation to keep what you tell them confidential. If there is a confidentiality issue looming on the horizon, bring your attorney into the discussion and get it resolved before there's even a hint that you might be hiding something.