## **Utah Parent Time Statutes**

The allocation of parental responsibilities mandates <u>child custody</u> and <u>visitations</u>. The legal provisions provided by the state change from time to time. Whether you have been in a traditional divorce or a case of a relationship where parenting is shared outside of the institution of marriage, parent-time statues affect you.

## NEW Revised Parent Time Statutes effective May 9, 2017



The updated parent time statues in the state of Utah specify new guidelines on the parent time under the sections 30-3-35 and 30-3-35.1 of the Utah code. The new parent time specifications under the UCA code have an impact on all decrees pertaining to child custody and visitations.

The 30-3-35.1 UCA code governs the <u>optional schedule for parent-time</u> for **children between the ages of 5 to 18 years**. It affords the custodial parent the privilege of spending about 145 nights with the child per year.

The UCA code 30-3-35.1 is more commonly applied in court than the 30-3-35, which governs minimum schedule for parent-time for *children between the ages of 5 to 18 years of age*. This provision may apply to your case but allows fewer overnights with a child.

Please read the new statutes by clicking on the links below.

It is extremely important that you become aware of this code because it now most likely applies to your case.

## Why the UCA Code New Parent Time Statutes Matter

There are some major differences between the two codes about parent-time minimums and child support requirements. The changes in the UCA code also affect the holiday schedule for parent-time sharing. School holidays, public holidays, and birthdays are now governed by the new specifications in the parent-time code of the state of Utah for new and existing court orders.

While the court process to secure parent-time sharing schedule and judgments may seem hectic, adopting the new updates of the UCA code may prove harder. It is, therefore, *crucial to* <u>consult with a professional</u> <u>family law firm</u> on the areas of the UCA updates that affect your case, and how best to address it.