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Proponent Testimony of SB 157: *Creating presumptions related to temporary parenting plans and defining related terms under the Kansas family law code.*

Do you support shared parenting? The presumption that both parents who are fit, willing and able should have equal time with the children after divorce.

Yes

Why do you think shared parenting is needed?

Simple, the kids deserve to see both parents equally. It's that simple

Do you currently have 50/50 shared parenting?

Yes

Will SB 157 if passed directly help you or a family member? SB 157 will give fit, willing and able parents 50/50 time in TEMPORARY orders.

What has been your experience with Kansas Family Law Courts?

So far ok, but we'll see

What family law court was your case in (County)?

Harvey

How would your life be different if a shared parenting 50/50 law was in place when your case went to court?

Same

What bias or unfairness have you seen or experienced in KANSAS family law or courts?

Always pro Woman, but I was smart and filed first

What else do you want people to know about shared parenting?

It's so important for the children

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Yes

Why do you think shared parenting is needed?

The kids need equal time with both parents.

Do you currently have 50/50 shared parenting?

Not divorced

What has been your experience with Kansas Family Law Courts?

I haven't had to experience them.

What family law court was your case in (County)?

Not divorced

How much money have you spent on lawyers and other professionals to be a parent in your children's life?

\$0

How would your life be different if a shared parenting 50/50 law was in place when your case went to court?

Not divorced

What bias or unfairness have you seen or experienced in KANSAS family law or courts?

I have not seen it personally.

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Proponent Testimony of SB 157: *Creating presumptions related to temporary parenting plans and defining related terms under the Kansas family law code.*

Do you support shared parenting? The presumption that both parents who are fit, willing and able should have equal time with the children after divorce.

Yes

Why do you think shared parenting is needed?

Family courts are horribly biased against fathers. Loving and caring fathers are denied reasonable time with their kids.

Do you currently have 50/50 shared parenting?

35%

What has been your experience with Kansas Family Law Courts?

Horrible. I was guilty when I walked in the door. Every decision was made against me.

What family law court was your case in (County)?

Sedgwick

How much money have you spent on lawyers and other professionals to be a parent in your children's life?

\$10,000

How would your life be different if a shared parenting 50/50 law was in place when your case went to court?

I would have saved thousands of dollars and been able to see my children during their early childhood. I was denied that time because of family court.

What bias or unfairness have you seen or experienced in KANSAS family law or courts?

Judge Eric Commer is horrible. Extremely biased. He rules against fathers as much as possible.

What else do you want people to know about shared parenting?

This is a necessary law. It is not currently a fair or reasonable system.

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Do you support shared parenting? The presumption that both parents who are fit, willing and able should have equal time with the children after divorce.

Yes

Why do you think shared parenting is needed?

It's good for the children. With my oldest son, I had a default custody agreement, where dad had every other weekend and weekday coke break. The two didn't have a relationship until we stopped following the plan and just did whatever worked for time. My youngest son, I offered 50/50 no child support guidance and wording that we as parents would equally support the needs of our child. We didn't fight over holidays, money - anything and both of my boys have argued that child support is stupid if it makes people fight.

Do you currently have 50/50 shared parenting?

Yes

What has been your experience with Kansas Family Law Courts?

Default to mother or whoever files first. Also dealt with home studies and how the caseworkers sides with mothers by default. There was no reason for father to be denied equal time.

What family law court was your case in (County)?

Wyandotte

How much money have you spent on lawyers and other professionals to be a parent in your children's life?

\$9,000

How would your life be different if a shared parenting 50/50 law was in place when your case went to court?

As mother of my two sons - no change because I made it happen- I wrote the plan so my children's father had equal time (or gave it to them anyhow) As a stepmother, I spent (with my exhusband) over \$9000 on court costs to be granted custody of all the children to late going to a 50/50 agreement. Even with substantial reports of abuse, one judge refused to change custody. After \$5000 more in court costs, and a new attorney and new trial, she lost custody.

What bias or unfairness have you seen or experienced in KANSAS family law or courts?

That children belong with mothers. That's crap. They need both.

What else do you want people to know about shared parenting?

My son once told me that he has seen what other kids of divorce have experienced when 50/50 wasn't established and said he appreciates that his parents weren't stupid and did what was best for him. He never felt like he was choosing another parent over the other.

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Do you support shared parenting? The presumption that both parents who are fit, willing and able should have equal time with the children after divorce.

Yes

Why do you think shared parenting is needed?

Unless a party can prove with evidence JUST LIKE A PFA that there is a clear and present danger to the children NOT the mother or father; they should be entitled to see the children just as they were before.

Do you currently have 50/50 shared parenting?

No

Will SB 157 if passed directly help you or a family member? SB 157 will give fit, willing and able parents 50/50 time in TEMPORARY orders.

No

What has been your experience with Kansas Family Law Courts?

3 years of ongoing litigation with \$100,000+ in lawyer fees and still no more than a few days a month seeing my children.

What family law court was your case in (County)?

Johnson

How much money have you spent on lawyers and other professionals to be a parent in your children's life?

\$100,000

How would your life be different if a shared parenting 50/50 law was in place when your case went to court?

The kids would get to see their biological parents like

What bias or unfairness have you seen or experienced in KANSAS family law or courts?

Fortunately, I have not seen bias so far within the courtroom in Johnson County with regards to my custody case. But I have found that there is an issue consistently with dragging out and drawing out the process with hearings pushed out 3-4 months at a time. We would not be in the place we are currently if SB157 would have been in effect at the time of filing 3 years ago and the kids would not be confused who their father is.

What else do you want people to know about shared parenting?

That you are correct its NOT a best choice for EVERY single family but if there is no clear evidence of abuse with the children then they deserve BOTH parents in the children's lives.

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Do you support shared parenting? The presumption that both parents who are fit, willing and able should have equal time with the children after divorce.

Yes

Why do you think shared parenting is needed?

When two people divorce, for any number of reasons, their ability to be a parent is overlooked favoring a specific gender. Fathers have become conditioned over the years to be "losers" when it comes to time with their children. Parenting is not a "maternal exclusive" engagement. Fathers should be provided the space to fulfill their roll despite a divorce. Divorce is the ends of a romantic relationship, not a parental one. Fathers should not have to right for their children. If fit, by legally standards, then a father should be able to spend equal time with his child or children.

Do you currently have 50/50 shared parenting?

I have 85% of the time

Will SB 157 if passed directly help you or a family member? SB 157 will give fit, willing and able parents 50/50 time in TEMPORARY orders.

Maybe

What has been your experience with Kansas Family Law Courts?

My experience has been that my wishes overlooked in the eyes of the court. I did not want child support from my second divorce, as I was able to waive it from my first divorce, but the judge stated the law was not in favor of my wishes.

What family law court was your case in (County)?

Sedgwick for both divorces

How much money have you spent on lawyers and other professionals to be a parent in your children's life?

\$0

How would your life be different if a shared parenting 50/50 law was in place when your case went to court?

I don't know that my situation would change. Thoigh both ex-husbands have always been welcome to spend time with their children they have opted not to. They both seed conditioned that they have no power and therefore have withdrawn over the years despite open invites to ask for time. Our agreements are 50/50 but neither has maximized this option.

What bias or unfairness have you seen or experienced in KANSAS family law or courts?

I have seen female friends fail to be properly guided and lose their children in divorce to men watching their children be used as leverage against them.

What else do you want people to know about shared parenting?

It's in the best interest of the child or children to have access to both parents.

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Do you support shared parenting? The presumption that both parents who are fit, willing and able should have equal time with the children after divorce.

Yes

Why do you think shared parenting is needed?

Just because we separate does not mean we are not parents 100% of the time. Children need both parents not just one 80% and the other 20%. Dads suffer so much and women if they're fit or not take advantage of their suffering. How is it fair moms can keep children away from dad and then ask for way to much in child support.

Do you currently have 50/50 shared parenting?

Yes

Will SB 157 if passed directly help you or a family member? SB 157 will give fit, willing and able parents 50/50 time in TEMPORARY orders.

Yes

What has been your experience with Kansas Family Law Courts?

There's no justice.

What family law court was your case in (County)?

Sedgwick

What bias or unfairness have you seen or experienced in KANSAS family law or courts?

Moms abuse their power

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Do you support shared parenting? The presumption that both parents who are fit, willing and able should have equal time with the children after divorce.

Yes

Why do you think shared parenting is needed?

When people decide to dissolve the relationship and there is no agreement on when and where you can see your child it's ridiculous the hoop's. A parent must jump through to have time with their child. it's heartbreaking the month's it takes to get a parenting plan in place. My granddaughter is 5 soon to be 6 and for 3 yrs of her life we have been very limited to time with the grand sugar couples break up but families should still have time with the child. and your amendment saying a case of domestic violence is excluded it needs to be more specific dv covers too many grey area's and giving that power to a spiteful co parent is wrong .until you have lived through dv charges you can not imagine the stupidity.

Do you currently have 50/50 shared parenting?

I'm a grandparent

Will SB 157 if passed directly help you or a family member? SB 157 will give fit, willing and able parents 50/50 time in TEMPORARY orders.

Yes

What has been your experience with Kansas Family Law Courts?

Absolute horror show ! The judge is focused in the wrong area. a parent that does anything to endanger their child is unfit when you are selling drugs out of your home and have been busted with weed large quantity and the judge does not bat an eye.

What family law court was your case in (County)?

Johnson

How much money have you spent on lawyers and other professionals to be a parent in your children's life?

\$5,000

How would your life be different if a shared parenting 50/50 law was in place when your case went to court?

The mother would not have been able to use it as leverage knowing father's rights are not automatic given children are being held hostage by a parent that says they love them to seek hurtful revenge. if an ex is upset they can destroy a person in less than a day .

What bias or unfairness have you seen or experienced in KANSAS family law or courts?

The inability to stand up present evidence proving your innocent's the abuse and neglect allegations look at the evidence .make the family enter a program to seek treatment if a parent has appeared in front of a judge with multiple dirty UA make them go to rehab it really is no different than the court ordering therapy for anger management or parenting classes. Family court is designed to fail the outrageous price's a parent pay's to prove innocence and a judge won't hear the evidence but will let some one accuse the other parent.

What else do you want people to know about shared parenting?

It is important to keep the family unit make the court's understand that their actions is enabling a chronic dysfunction dad's and mom's are equal in raising their children even when the parents did not end on a positive.

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Do you support shared parenting? The presumption that both parents who are fit, willing and able should have equal time with the children after divorce.

Yes

Why do you think shared parenting is needed?

I have been through non-shared parenting and see the damage in my children's lives every day.

Do you currently have 50/50 shared parenting?

No

Will SB 157 if passed directly help you or a family member? SB 157 will give fit, willing and able parents 50/50 time in TEMPORARY orders.

No

What has been your experience with Kansas Family Law Courts?

None - out of state divorce

What family law court was your case in (County)?

Santa Barbara, CA

How much money have you spent on lawyers and other professionals to be a parent in your children's life?

\$150,000

How would your life be different if a shared parenting 50/50 law was in place when your case went to court?

Yes

What bias or unfairness have you seen or experienced in KANSAS family law or courts?

N/A

Do you agree with the Domestic Violence provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

Do you agree with the Temporary Orders provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

What else do you want people to know about shared parenting?

That it works much better for the children involved.

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Do you support shared parenting? The presumption that both parents who are fit, willing and able should have equal time with the children after divorce.

Yes

Why do you think shared parenting is needed?

It's important that the minor children be engaged with both mom and Dad

Do you currently have 50/50 shared parenting?

All the time

Will SB 157 if passed directly help you or a family member? SB 157 will give fit, willing and able parents 50/50 time in TEMPORARY orders.

No

What has been your experience with Kansas Family Law Courts?

Extremely inconsistent. Extremely unaccountable.

What family law court was your case in (County)?

Sedgwick

How much money have you spent on lawyers and other professionals to be a parent in your children's life?

\$125,000

How would your life be different if a shared parenting 50/50 law was in place when your case went to court?

I would have not had all the respectability and cost!

What bias or unfairness have you seen or experienced in KANSAS family law or courts?

Facts and documentation has no influence in any ruling of the court, big joke in Kansas is (best most passionate liars win what they want) no matter the facts. The Math does not work on the CS worksheet as well.

What else do you want people to know about shared parenting?

Hold lawyers accountable for the truth of themselves and there clients

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Do you support shared parenting? The presumption that both parents who are fit, willing and able should have equal time with the children after divorce.

Yes

Why do you think shared parenting is needed?

Each healthy and willing parent should have equal time in development of their children! No one parent should have more time and control of their child!

Do you currently have 50/50 shared parenting?

I have 4 days allotted to me every month

Will SB 157 if passed directly help you or a family member? SB 157 will give fit, willing and able parents 50/50 time in TEMPORARY orders.

No

What has been your experience with Kansas Family Law Courts?

It's inherently flawed, and skewed allowing the voice of the Mother of the children to be above the Father's. In my case and many I've heard the mothers voice concern and unfounded lies were automatically considered truths in court with zero foundation.

What family law court was your case in (County)?

Leavenworth

How much money have you spent on lawyers and other professionals to be a parent in your children's life?

\$35,000

How would your life be different if a shared parenting 50/50 law was in place when your case went to court?

I would have a better relationship with my son. She quickly moved on within 3 months of us separating. My son in 2nd grade considers he stepdad to be his dad and his little brother through that marriage to be his only sibling even though he has a little sister. That's his Family, and my home is a weekend vacation!

What bias or unfairness have you seen or experienced in KANSAS family law or courts?

I was railroaded through the court system. My ex wife was allowed to set a early presidency on unfounded lies. No evidence was ever presented the entire 360 days during our divorce.

What else do you want people to know about shared parenting?

Don't give up although I personally haven't won yet I know the light is at the end of the tunnel and will be such a joyous occasion when we reach it.

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Do you support shared parenting? The presumption that both parents who are fit, willing and able should have equal time with the children after divorce.

Yes

Why do you think shared parenting is needed?

Both parents need time with their children . My daughter has been alienated from her children for 5 years. Has a full time job, and loves her 3 children very much.

Do you currently have 50/50 shared parenting?

No

Will SB 157 if passed directly help you or a family member? SB 157 will give fit, willing and able parents 50/50 time in TEMPORARY orders.

Yes

What has been your experience with Kansas Family Law Courts?

They are favorable to the parent with the most money.

What family law court was your case in (County)?

Crawford

How much money have you spent on lawyers and other professionals to be a parent in your children's life?

\$5,000

How would your life be different if a shared parenting 50/50 law was in place when your case went to court?

I as a grandparent would be able to see my daughter and her children reunited again.

What bias or unfairness have you seen or experienced in KANSAS family law or courts?

How all testimonies were false allegations. They had no proof at all.

What else do you want people to know about shared parenting?

All children need their parents.

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Do you support shared parenting? The presumption that both parents who are fit, willing and able should have equal time with the children after divorce.

Yes

Why do you think shared parenting is needed?

Because it is important for a child to have both parents in there life. It gives them more confidence and to know both parents love you is very important to the development of a child.

Do you currently have 50/50 shared parenting?

First weekend of month

Will SB 157 if passed directly help you or a family member? SB 157 will give fit, willing and able parents 50/50 time in TEMPORARY orders.

Yes

What has been your experience with Kansas Family Law Courts?

Not fair at all.

What family law court was your case in (County)?

Manhattan

How much money have you spent on lawyers and other professionals to be a parent in your children's life?

\$3,000

How would your life be different if a shared parenting 50/50 law was in place when your case went to court?

We would get to see my grandson more and have a relationship with him.

What bias or unfairness have you seen or experienced in KANSAS family law or courts?

Because we didnt have a lawyer the judgement was for the mother even though the law says father has a right to see his child. And even though the mother violates the court order nothing gets changed.

What else do you want people to know about shared parenting?

It is very important for a child to have both there parents in there life for a better chance to have a good future. And to have confidence in themselves.

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Do you support shared parenting? The presumption that both parents who are fit, willing and able should have equal time with the children after divorce.

Yes

Why do you think shared parenting is needed?

Its important for the men who get screwed in family court..I haven't seen my daughter in 3 years..I miss her so much.

Do you currently have 50/50 shared parenting?

My daughters mother moved and I don't see my daughter at all.

Will SB 157 if passed directly help you or a family member? SB 157 will give fit, willing and able parents 50/50 time in TEMPORARY orders.

Yes

What has been your experience with Kansas Family Law Courts?

paid 800\$ for a lawyer to get me no where closer to my daughter.

What family law court was your case in (County)?

Shawnee

How much money have you spent on lawyers and other professionals to be a parent in your children's life?

\$2,000

How would your life be different if a shared parenting 50/50 law was in place when your case went to court?

I would be able to see my daughter. Who i need in my life. And she needs me.

What bias or unfairness have you seen or experienced in KANSAS family law or courts?

Kansas favors mothers. Even when they are unfit.

What else do you want people to know about shared parenting?

Kids need dads. Just as much as moms.

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Do you support shared parenting? The presumption that both parents who are fit, willing and able should have equal time with the children after divorce.

Yes

Why do you think shared parenting is needed?

Shared parenting is absolutely the best situation for the kids. In a divorce, children are often treated like pawns when it comes to parenting time. That leaves them with incredible amounts of self-doubt and distrust in one or both parents. Equal time instills confidence in the children and gives them a sense that the world is an OK place.

Do you currently have 50/50 shared parenting?

Yes

Will SB 157 if passed directly help you or a family member? SB 157 will give fit, willing and able parents 50/50 time in TEMPORARY orders.

Yes

What has been your experience with Kansas Family Law Courts?

Very misogynistic in nature. Any legal action in domestic situations is obviously and drastically skewed to the woman's favor.

What family law court was your case in (County)?

Sedgwick

How much money have you spent on lawyers and other professionals to be a parent in your children's life?

\$25,000

How would your life be different if a shared parenting 50/50 law was in place when your case went to court?

It would have made ensuring the safety of my children much easier.

What bias or unfairness have you seen or experienced in KANSAS family law or courts?

My first divorce, I had to fight for my kids. Their mother was a criminal and spent lots of time in jail. She vomited crimes against another of her children from another relationship, and I had to go to court to get residential custody of my children. It was a long battle and not easily accomplished.

To date, she now owes me over \$70,000 in back child support. Child support enforcement refuses to take action against her. I know men who have gone to jail for \$500 in back child support. But a woman can get away with paying nothing for years and not even get a garnishment.

What else do you want people to know about shared parenting?

Shared parenting is crucial for the well-being of our children. In the modern social climate where schools suspend children for dropping ketchup packets and "gender fluidity" is forced on children under the age of majority, having a strong support system of both parents who can work together in a fiduciary capacity for the child has never been more important.

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Do you support shared parenting? The presumption that both parents who are fit, willing and able should have equal time with the children after divorce.

Yes

Why do you think shared parenting is needed?

I think it is needed because so many parents especially fathers go with out seeing their child(ren).

Do you currently have 50/50 shared parenting?

Yes

Will SB 157 if passed directly help you or a family member? SB 157 will give fit, willing and able parents 50/50 time in TEMPORARY orders.

Yes

What has been your experience with Kansas Family Law Courts?

The judge refused to hear my boyfriend & I side & based her decision only on the mother of the children!

What family law court was your case in (County)?

Wyandotte county

How much money have you spent on lawyers and other professionals to be a parent in your children's life?

\$10,000

How would your life be different if a shared parenting 50/50 law was in place when your case went to court?

It's not how my life would be different but how different my other half life would be different so he could finally get to see his kids.

What bias or unfairness have you seen or experienced in KANSAS family law or courts?

The courts system do not give fathers the chance to speak their side & only care about the mothers side!

What else do you want people to know about shared parenting?

Shared parenting is for both parents not just one! Fathers deserve more rights when it comes to their child(ren)

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Proponent Testimony of SB 157: *Creating presumptions related to temporary parenting plans and defining related terms under the Kansas family law code.*

Do you support shared parenting? The presumption that both parents who are fit, willing and able should have equal time with the children after divorce.

Yes

Why do you think shared parenting is needed?

I learned thru my experience that I had no rights to my children and no one in the court system cared if I had any relationship with them or not

Do you currently have 50/50 shared parenting?

I finished paying 9 years ago

Will SB 157 if passed directly help you or a family member? SB 157 will give fit, willing and able parents 50/50 time in TEMPORARY orders.

Yes

What has been your experience with Kansas Family Law Courts?

They are collectors of child support that is their only interest

What family law court was your case in (County)?

Allen

How much money have you spent on lawyers and other professionals to be a parent in your children's life?

\$2,000

How would your life be different if a shared parenting 50/50 law was in place when your case went to court?

I would have had a relationship with my kids so they would not have been forced by their new family to conform.

What bias or unfairness have you seen or experienced in KANSAS family law or courts?

No accountability for anything except child support. The decree means nothing and there is no way to uphold it except going back to court where child support is raised when you go back. Alliantion is promoted by the courts.

What else do you want people to know about shared parenting?

Morals and values are lost and the noncustodial parents family will never know their own grandkids the way it is now.

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Do you support shared parenting? The presumption that both parents who are fit, willing and able should have equal time with the children after divorce.

Yes

Why do you think shared parenting is needed?

Show our children & all children have a better opportunity in their young adolescent lives & future to be a better citizen

Do you currently have 50/50 shared parenting?

Mitchell county is usually in the mother's favor

Will SB 157 if passed directly help you or a family member? SB 157 will give fit, willing and able parents 50/50 time in TEMPORARY orders.

Yes

What has been your experience with Kansas Family Law Courts?

The judge's already had their mind & decisions made when I woke up. I am a 50-year-old honorable Marine who didn't even get a chance.

What family law court was your case in (County)?

Mitchell county Beloit, Kansas

How much money have you spent on lawyers and other professionals to be a parent in your children's life?

\$20,000

How would your life be different if a shared parenting 50/50 law was in place when your case went to court?

I would be in the same town & able to attend all the activities, take them to school, have the week night and be much more in their lives. SO MANY MEMORIES LOST & SO MUCH TIME TAKEN AWAY FROM THIS TRUELY HONEST, FAITHFUL, DEVOTED, LOVING FATHER. Plain & simple the system just isn't right and it is broke for us fathers and needs to be fixed

What bias or unfairness have you seen or experienced in KANSAS family law or courts?

Honestly it is a routine for the judges to just basically grant custody to the mothers. I quit one of the better jobs there in my area to downsize and take less money and have more time with my our little ones and still pay the same child-support amount without the judge even considering me any more time with the. By May being truly devoted to our little ones and taking a cut in pay I medically lost everything and had to move to a job that makes me travel for long periods of time away from the little ones now

What else do you want people to know about shared parenting?

THAT FATHER'S DESERVE TO BE IN THEIR CHILDREN'S LIVES. IT'S IIKE THE FATHER DOSEN'T EVEN EXIST'

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Do you support shared parenting? The presumption that both parents who are fit, willing and able should have equal time with the children after divorce.

Yes

Why do you think shared parenting is needed?

I see this from many directions. One direction is with my husband and my son who both divorced in the state of Kansas. Both were charged an astronomical amount of money in child support and joint custody. Joint custody amounts to only 2 weekends a month 96 hours total a month with their children. This 4 days a month also includes anytime that these children will get to spend with their side of the family (grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins etc.) sure they get every other holiday and some summer time but the children and the parents don't even know each other anymore. The alienation from the other parent starts in and the noncustodial parent gets told no on visitation times causing more separation and there is no one to hold anybody accountable for non visitation time taken away. This is precious time that can never be given back!!! Shared 50/50 time allows both parents to spend equal amounts of time with the children. Bonds and relationships stay intact and the children benefit from getting love, support and discipline from both sides of their biological families!! There is NO parenting going on from any of the parents at this point because everyone is more worried about the blame game from each other, and the crooked court systems. We have to get back to both parents parenting morals, values, discipline and love to our children and I believe 50/50 time spent with parents would help stop alienation and the helplessness that our children are feeling not being aloud to love both parents equally!!!

Do you currently have 50/50 shared parenting?

I am writing this from a grandparents point of view in Kansas. My son divorced in Coffey County Kansas I only get to see my grand daughter 4 hours a month. My grandson who is in Allen County Kansas I only get to see 4 times a year!!!

Will SB 157 if passed directly help you or a family member? SB 157 will give fit, willing and able parents 50/50 time in TEMPORARY orders.

Yes

What has been your experience with Kansas Family Law Courts?

My experience with Kansas Family courts has been awful!! I sat in the court room in Coffey County and Allen County and watched them set child support to so high he couldn't even afford to live. Give him nonresidential joint custody.

What family law court was your case in (County)?

Coffey and Allen Counties

How much money have you spent on lawyers and other professionals to be a parent in your children's life?

\$5,000

How would your life be different if a shared parenting 50/50 law was in place when your case went to court?

I would get to spend time with my grandchildren!!! The children would know both sides of their biological families.

What bias or unfairness have you seen or experienced in KANSAS family law or courts?

They are all for the women!!!! Very unfair on custody and visitation!! They are all about the child support and not about the best interest of the children!!!!

Do you agree with the Domestic Violence provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

Yes

Do you agree with the Temporary Orders provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

Yes

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Do you support shared parenting? The presumption that both parents who are fit, willing and able should have equal time with the children after divorce.

Yes

Why do you think shared parenting is needed?

Children need both parents equally in their life. They learn fundamental behaviors from both sexes that will ultimately shape who they are and will be into adulthood. Having both parents equally in their life creates a necessary balance.

Do you currently have 50/50 shared parenting?

I have 57% primary (son)

Will SB 157 if passed directly help you or a family member? SB 157 will give fit, willing and able parents 50/50 time in TEMPORARY orders.

Yes

What has been your experience with Kansas Family Law Courts?

I just moved to Kansas a year ago. I have a joint custody case in Colorado of which is completely one sided (favors mother) and our daughter is struggling. Struggling with behaviors, friendships, and is falling behind in school.

What family law court was your case in (County)?

El Paso, CO

How much money have you spent on lawyers and other professionals to be a parent in your children's life?

\$60,000

How would your life be different if a shared parenting 50/50 law was in place when your case went to court?

The other parent would not feel empowered by the courts and our daughter would surely be doing better all around and in turn, I'd be happy.

What bias or unfairness have you seen or experienced in KANSAS family law or courts?

I'll soon find out

Do you agree with the Domestic Violence provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

Disagree. The way it's written currently would make it open season to fraudulent/false allegations. I would write it as follows: If there is domestic abuse that has been proven legitimate by a government authority of which was found to be towards the children.

Do you agree with the Temporary Orders provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

Yes

What else do you want people to know about shared parenting?

It's all about what is best for the child. Not what is best for the adults.

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Do you support shared parenting? The presumption that both parents who are fit, willing and able should have equal time with the children after divorce.

Yes

Why do you think shared parenting is needed?

The end of a marriage should never automatically grant total custody to one parent over another unless there is clear and convincing evidence that doing so would endanger a child. Without this bill in Kansas there are too many children to count being kept from loving parents while being used as tools of abuse against another

Do you currently have 50/50 shared parenting?

No

Will SB 157 if passed directly help you or a family member? SB 157 will give fit, willing and able parents 50/50 time in TEMPORARY orders.

No

What has been your experience with Kansas Family Law Courts?

It's hard enough weeding through the lawyers that are just there to keep you hanging on with just one more payment praying that you'll get a glimpse of your kids whom you haven't seen 1 months or even years in some cases.

What family law court was your case in (County)?

Sedgwick

How much money have you spent on lawyers and other professionals to be a parent in your children's life?

\$10,000

How would your life be different if a shared parenting 50/50 law was in place when your case went to court?

I could have been in my kids lives and saved the bond that was so severely damaged by my absence. It's traumatic to children to suddenly be stripped of a parent without cause. Some even blame themselves and fall into a deep depression

What bias or unfairness have you seen or experienced in KANSAS family law or courts?

Opposing counsel dictated who my mediator was. Turned out to have ties to my ex wife's family. The ex and mediator excused themselves to the restroom together for better than 20 minutes and came out laughing and joking as if they had known each other for years. Five minutes later my meeting was over after driving for 8 hours to make the meeting. With this bill this pointless game could have been avoided because all I was fighting for was my boys right to a father

Do you agree with the Domestic Violence provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

I believe as long as there was evidence that supports accusations of domestic violence it should absolutely be used as a determining factor as long as it is applied across the board regardless of the type of abuse or the abuser was male or female

Do you agree with the Temporary Orders provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

I think it is clear and to the point. I wouldn't change it

What else do you want people to know about shared parenting?

Shared parenting will save the lives of fathers and mothers today and potentially save thousands of children i our future

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Do you support shared parenting? The presumption that both parents who are fit, willing and able should have equal time with the children after divorce.

Yes

Why do you think shared parenting is needed?

Divorce is a very tough time on everyone, and often times the children end up spending more time with their mother (and mom's boyfriends) than with their father.

Studies have shown over and over that equal access to both parents is the absolute best possible environment for the children.

The presumption should be that custody be 50/50 with both mother and father. It has been so since my divorce, although I consider myself extremely lucky.. The court appeared to be willing to grant whatever my ex-wife wanted. My children have greatly benefited from 50/50 and I believe it should be implement statewide for the children's sake.

Do you currently have 50/50 shared parenting?

Yes

Will SB 157 if passed directly help you or a family member? SB 157 will give fit, willing and able parents 50/50 time in TEMPORARY orders.

Yes

What has been your experience with Kansas Family Law Courts?

I have found that they seem to greatly favor the woman/mother

What family law court was your case in (County)?

Johnson

How much money have you spent on lawyers and other professionals to be a parent in your children's life?

\$5,000

How would your life be different if a shared parenting 50/50 law was in place when your case went to court?

I would have had much less stress and anxiety knowing that 50/50 was assured. I was at the mercy of several people to "allow" me parenting rights to my children

What bias or unfairness have you seen or experienced in KANSAS family law or courts?

Fathers are generally treated as second-class parents, and are sometimes even viewed as little more than a paycheck.

Do you agree with the Domestic Violence provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

If abuse is documented and proven, yes. Mere allegations should not be used against a person unless proven. It is a known fact that false allegations of abuse are used to "weaponize" child custody hearings.

Do you agree with the Temporary Orders provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

Yes

What else do you want people to know about shared parenting?

50/50 is the best for the children, and that's the most important consideration.

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Do you support shared parenting? The presumption that both parents who are fit, willing and able should have equal time with the children after divorce.

Yes

Why do you think shared parenting is needed?

Because children have a right to be with both parents equally unless adequate evidence exists otherwise.

Do you currently have 50/50 shared parenting?

Yes

Will SB 157 if passed directly help you or a family member? SB 157 will give fit, willing and able parents 50/50 time in TEMPORARY orders.

No

What has been your experience with Kansas Family Law Courts?

Rights are heavily in favor of the mother regardless of circumstances.

What family law court was your case in (County)?

Shawnee

How much money have you spent on lawyers and other professionals to be a parent in your children's life?

\$100,000

How would your life be different if a shared parenting 50/50 law was in place when your case went to court?

I feel strongly that my kids would have a better relationship with both parents. They would be more emotionally stable due to the custody battle to obtain 50-50 that they had to go through.

What bias or unfairness have you seen or experienced in KANSAS family law or courts?

A bias that mothers are a more fitting and more capable parents than fathers.

Do you agree with the Domestic Violence provision AS WRITEN? If no, how would you change it?

Yes as long as it is truthful evidence and not false accusations by a bitter spouse.

Do you agree with the Temporary Orders provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

Yes

What else do you want people to know about shared parenting?

That the father should be granted the same rights as the mother and that it is in the best interest of the children to do so unless there is hard evidence to prove otherwise.

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Do you support shared parenting? The presumption that both parents who are fit, willing and able should have equal time with the children after divorce.

Yes

Why do you think shared parenting is needed?

Children need BOTH parents! The assumption used now is so out dated that father's stand no chance of getting anything other than barely any visitation.

Do you currently have 50/50 shared parenting?

No

Will SB 157 if passed directly help you or a family member? SB 157 will give fit, willing and able parents 50/50 time in TEMPORARY orders.

Maybe

What has been your experience with Kansas Family Law Courts?

Mother's state 100%!! In my case, mother lied almost for the beginning and judge still took everything she said as honesty

What family law court was your case in (County)?

Butler

How much money have you spent on lawyers and other professionals to be a parent in your children's life?

\$10,000

How would your life be different if a shared parenting 50/50 law was in place when your case went to court?

I would be able to see my children

What bias or unfairness have you seen or experienced in KANSAS family law or courts?

Completely mother favored

Do you agree with the Domestic Violence provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

Either party can make a false claim and can't always be disproved. It's always going to be one word against another

Do you agree with the Temporary Orders provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

Yes

What else do you want people to know about shared parenting?

Best interest of the child is usually both parents, but by no means should it be decided based on gender or outdated assumptions of roles

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Do you support shared parenting? The presumption that both parents who are fit, willing and able should have equal time with the children after divorce.

Yes

Why do you think shared parenting is needed?

Because kids need both parents equally, given that the parent is fit, willing and able.

Do you currently have 50/50 shared parenting?

Every other weekend

Will SB 157 if passed directly help you or a family member? SB 157 will give fit, willing and able parents 50/50 time in TEMPORARY orders.

Yes

What has been your experience with Kansas Family Law Courts?

They are horrible for men with children.

What family law court was your case in (County)?

District 18

How much money have you spent on lawyers and other professionals to be a parent in your children's life?

\$10,000

How would your life be different if a shared parenting 50/50 law was in place when your case went to court?

I would see my 2 kids more, and be able to build healthy relationships with them.

What bias or unfairness have you seen or experienced in KANSAS family law or courts?

My ex wife was given full custody on the first day of the case, without me having the opportunity to get representation

Do you agree with the Domestic Violence provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

If all court order obligations are met, domestic violence should not be factored into parenting time.

Do you agree with the Temporary Orders provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

Yes

What else do you want people to know about shared parenting?

It is important

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Do you support shared parenting? The presumption that both parents who are fit, willing and able should have equal time with the children after divorce.

Yes

Why do you think shared parenting is needed?

Because children need both parents. Id they're both capable, then there's no need to not equal time. I would LOVE for my child to have his father. Though i would miss him terribly when he's gone, it's about him. i do not like his father one bit, but again, it's about our son only and what is best for him.

Do you currently have 50/50 shared parenting?

Father willingly doesn't actively participate in our child's life. He chooses none.

Will SB 157 if passed directly help you or a family member? SB 157 will give fit, willing and able parents 50/50 time in TEMPORARY orders.

No

What has been your experience with Kansas Family Law Courts?

It's rare for a father to get custody. Ive seen horrible mothers keep their children just because they're female. That's not right. If the male is a better parent, then they should go there.

How much money have you spent on lawyers and other professionals to be a parent in your children's life?

\$5,000

How would your life be different if a shared parenting 50/50 law was in place when your case went to court?

NA

What bias or unfairness have you seen or experienced in KANSAS family law or courts?

Mothers usually win because they're female. Unfair visitation time. Ridiculous child support.

Do you agree with the Domestic Violence provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

Yes

Do you agree with the Temporary Orders provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

Yes

What else do you want people to know about shared parenting?

It's what's BEST FOR THE CHILDREN

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Do you support shared parenting? The presumption that both parents who are fit, willing and able should have equal time with the children after divorce.

Yes

Why do you think shared parenting is needed?

At this point in the relationship, these orders for custody are about the child. The ship has sailed with the parents, so we must consider not just the immediate growth and wellbeing of the child, but the future emotional scarring of a child that will grow up feeling in-between two worlds and not really belonging. An amicable home at a mother's or father's residence will teach the child that love and forgiveness knows no boundaries, but it will also allow them to have positive role models in BOTH parents (which is very important) especially in their formative years age 1-5.

Do you currently have 50/50 shared parenting?

Yes

Will SB 157 if passed directly help you or a family member? SB 157 will give fit, willing and able parents 50/50 time in TEMPORARY orders.

Yes

What has been your experience with Kansas Family Law Courts?

So far, in Kansas law courts I have been given a temporary order to have 50/50 custody but I don't know why on earth I was not consulted before that temporary order. The one single thing that kept my half of the custody was my ex-wife offering it.

What family law court was your case in (County)?

Sedgwick

How much money have you spent on lawyers and other professionals to be a parent in your children's life?

\$40,000

How would your life be different if a shared parenting 50/50 law was in place when your case went to court?

Shared parenting 50/50 SHOULD BE THE DEFAULT SITUATION! It is one thing to have my spouse decide to leave me, but we know that the most important thing is that a child grows up in a healthy home and have the best chances at being successful. Countless studies point to many ramifications in emotional intelligence, maturity, and behavioral problems in children (and eventually adults) when the courts force their parents to fight over them. It goes without saying, that in the case of an unfit parent, a 50/50 should not be a default decision.

What bias or unfairness have you seen or experienced in KANSAS family law or courts?

I'm forced to abide temporarily, for an undetermined amount of time, to pay a pre-determined amount of child support and I have to fight back and spend money to even get my word in. My wife had an awakening (emotional fallout from her abusive childhood) and realized she was married to me because she needed love and caring in her life since she never had that from a male figure. Because she was the Petitioner, I have no choice but to receive my temporary orders and abide by them for WAY TOO LONG before I can get any word in edgewise.

Do you agree with the Domestic Violence provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

These laws must require due process and must not take for gospel the petitioner's word unchallenged. The case must be investigated and no change in custody should be made unless it is shown that a parent is unfit.

Do you agree with the Temporary Orders provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

Temporary orders should not be written by lawyers who know nothing about the family and have merely been retained by their clients. Judges must not arbitrarily sign-off on these orders without doing some sort of investigation

What else do you want people to know about shared parenting?

Shared parenting should be the default decision. Our children are better off from it. We all know that many relationships don't last these days, but the children who are caught in the middle of these divorces are the ones who really suffer. If the court is going to favor anyone, don't gravitate towards the "wife"-- do what is right by the children and leave it at that.

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Do you support shared parenting? The presumption that both parents who are fit, willing and able should have equal time with the children after divorce.

Yes

Why do you think shared parenting is needed?

To focus on what is best for children during separation and divorce by STARTING with 50/50 custody.

Do you currently have 50/50 shared parenting?

20%

Will SB 157 if passed directly help you or a family member? SB 157 will give fit, willing and able parents 50/50 time in TEMPORARY orders.

Yes

What has been your experience with Kansas Family Law Courts?

They are biased toward mothers as the primary physical custodian, even when both are equally fit parents.

What family law court was your case in (County)?

Marshall

How much money have you spent on lawyers and other professionals to be a parent in your children's life?

\$70,000

How would your life be different if a shared parenting 50/50 law was in place when your case went to court?

My daughter would not have switched schools and it would be much easier to spend time with her - but I'm still spending as much time with her as my ex will allow me to.

What bias or unfairness have you seen or experienced in KANSAS family law or courts?

My ex-wife's attorney stated that my 25 years of honorable military service made me controlling in the marital relationship; Judge Weingart looked me in the eye after I said that was not the case and said that my time in the military made me an "it's my way or the highway" type of guy.

Do you agree with the Domestic Violence provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

It should require actual police report type proof.

Do you agree with the Temporary Orders provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

I wish it was not just temporary.

What else do you want people to know about shared parenting?

It significantly improves communication between parents which benefits the child(ren).

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Do you support shared parenting? The presumption that both parents who are fit, willing and able should have equal time with the children after divorce.

Yes

Why do you think shared parenting is needed?

Children need best of both worlds.

Do you currently have 50/50 shared parenting?

Yes

Will SB 157 if passed directly help you or a family member? SB 157 will give fit, willing and able parents 50/50 time in TEMPORARY orders.

Yes

What has been your experience with Kansas Family Law Courts?

Ex submitted papers and automatically given all the days, with exception of every other weekend. Yet, her schedule allowed me to have them equally and I had to fight the system and my attorneys to win.

What family law court was your case in (County)?

Sedgewhick

How much money have you spent on lawyers and other professionals to be a parent in your children's life?

\$8,000

How would your life be different if a shared parenting 50/50 law was in place when your case went to court?

I would have spent less time pledging for more days with my kids. Less late stay up late to scrutinize legal documents. Less debt occurred ultimately benefiting the kids and my quality of life.

What bias or unfairness have you seen or experienced in KANSAS family law or courts?

Felt like a second class citizen. Less than equal as a person.

Do you agree with the Domestic Violence provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

Children must be keep safe, but I have heard that the mother was granted custody when she is the one heavily engaged in drugs, prostitution, and much more. How to change the verbiage, I don't know. Less hear-say more proof. Defined abused definition.

Do you agree with the Temporary Orders provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

I disagree with it, based on hearing one side and their view.

What else do you want people to know about shared parenting?

I fear that the values that good fathers bring have been stripped away from several generations. It's time to finally make it right.

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Do you support shared parenting? The presumption that both parents who are fit, willing and able should have equal time with the children after divorce.

Yes

Why do you think shared parenting is needed?

Children in shared parenting situations experience less stress and do better academically than children in joint custody situations with one parent having less time with one or the other parent. Shared parenting legislation protects children from situations involving abuse, neglect, and other criminal activities. Shared parenting provides children of divorce an opportunity to have both parents in their life. Shared parenting legislation protects children access to two fit loving parents.

Do you currently have 50/50 shared parenting?

35%

Will SB 157 if passed directly help you or a family member? SB 157 will give fit, willing and able parents 50/50 time in TEMPORARY orders.

No

What has been your experience with Kansas Family Law Courts?

I went through a divorce and was very surprised how much ambiguity there is to the law. I was very much afraid that if I went to court instead of settling I would lose the time I have with my children.

What family law court was your case in (County)?

Sedgwick County

How much money have you spent on lawyers and other professionals to be a parent in your children's life?

\$20,000

How would your life be different if a shared parenting 50/50 law was in place when your case went to court?

My kids wouldn't be so confused as to why one parent is more important than the other. I wouldn't have settled outside the courtroom. My life would be so much better if I still had more time with my children.

What bias or unfairness have you seen or experienced in KANSAS family law or courts?

The bias toward the custodial parent is amazing. Once you have been labeled as the non-custodial parent the courts treat you as though you are merely a paycheck.

Do you agree with the Domestic Violence provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

No I don't agree with it as written. The burden of proof is far too low. Judges should have more discretion in these cases to prevent false allegations.

Do you agree with the Temporary Orders provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

Yes

What else do you want people to know about shared parenting?

I love my children and was the Dad that took them to school, picked them up and took them to before and after school activities. I would like to be a much more active father again. Please give Kansas kids a chance to have both parents. Equal shared parenting would give more of us fit loving parents the chance to do that more often. Shared parenting prevents one parent from being marginalized. Let's give kids a mom and a dad that loves them equally.

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Do you support shared parenting? The presumption that both parents who are fit, willing and able should have equal time with the children after divorce.

Yes

Why do you think shared parenting is needed?

Children need BOTH of their parents to be raised right.

Do you currently have 50/50 shared parenting?

Mother has "residential" custody

Will SB 157 if passed directly help you or a family member? SB 157 will give fit, willing and able parents 50/50 time in TEMPORARY orders.

Yes

What has been your experience with Kansas Family Law Courts?

Bad. Went to court and the judge wouldn't listen to father at all.

What family law court was your case in (County)?

Lyon

How much money have you spent on lawyers and other professionals to be a parent in your children's life?

\$3,000

How would your life be different if a shared parenting 50/50 law was in place when your case went to court?

More time with my 2 sons.

What bias or unfairness have you seen or experienced in KANSAS family law or courts?

Always sides with the mother, no matter the case.

Do you agree with the Domestic Violence provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

Yes

Do you agree with the Temporary Orders provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

Yes

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Do you support shared parenting? The presumption that both parents who are fit, willing and able should have equal time with the children after divorce.

Yes

Why do you think shared parenting is needed?

My family has suffered many sad times and broken promises due to my grand son's mother keeping my grandson from us.

Do you currently have 50/50 shared parenting?

Yes

Will SB 157 if passed directly help you or a family member? SB 157 will give fit, willing and able parents 50/50 time in TEMPORARY orders.

Yes

What has been your experience with Kansas Family Law Courts?

My son was served papers and a court date set and took place while he was out of town on vacation. This all occurred within 10 days. This resulted in him losing all his holidays with his son, who by the way, was on the vacation with him.

What family law court was your case in (County)?

Saline

How much money have you spent on lawyers and other professionals to be a parent in your children's life?

How would your life be different if a shared parenting 50/50 law was in place when your case went to court?

I would know my Grandson. He has only been able to spend time with us in the summer a couple of times due to his Mothers "scheduling" all his time. When he is with us, she called multiple times everyday to see what he was doing.

Do you agree with the Domestic Violence provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

Yes

Do you agree with the Temporary Orders provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

Yes

What else do you want people to know about shared parenting?

If both parents are fit, I feel a child needs a father and a mother.

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Do you support shared parenting? The presumption that both parents who are fit, willing and able should have equal time with the children after divorce.

Yes

Why do you think shared parenting is needed?

Any child needs both a father and a mother who love them.

Do you currently have 50/50 shared parenting?

100%

Will SB 157 if passed directly help you or a family member? SB 157 will give fit, willing and able parents 50/50 time in TEMPORARY orders.

Yes

How much money have you spent on lawyers and other professionals to be a parent in your children's life?

\$3,500

How would your life be different if a shared parenting 50/50 law was in place when your case went to court?

Seb's great father and I would sure have know him better. So sad.

What bias or unfairness have you seen or experienced in KANSAS family law or courts?

My great grandson is now 13 and his father, my grandson, has had to fight for every minute he has gotten with him until recently. Seb has lived with his mother and grandmother most of his life; even though his father is within easy driving distance. My grandson finally got a good lawyer and time is more even now but the court said he had to pay 10,000 dollars to his mother. The story is much to long and complicated to go into it all and the past is past.

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Do you support shared parenting? The presumption that both parents who are fit, willing and able should have equal time with the children after divorce.

Yes

Why do you think shared parenting is needed?

Do you currently have 50/50 shared parenting?

4 to 5 days per month

Will SB 157 if passed directly help you or a family member? SB 157 will give fit, willing and able parents 50/50 time in TEMPORARY orders.

Maybe

What has been your experience with Kansas Family Law Courts?

They seem somewhat biased and slow to act. Have waited months between hearings and conferences, just to have no action taken, while paying thousands in attorney fees.

What family law court was your case in (County)?

Cowley

How much money have you spent on lawyers and other professionals to be a parent in your children's life?

\$50,000

How would your life be different if a shared parenting 50/50 law was in place when your case went to court?

Simply put, none of the above would have happened in the same way. I would be better off, emotionally, physically, and financially. My children would be better off emotionally, and physically.

What bias or unfairness have you seen or experienced in KANSAS family law or courts?

My wife filed for divorce in Jan. 2019. My children were awarded to her. My house, (pre-marital) was awarded to her. I was ordered to pay an inordinate amount of child support (immediately) and still am. I was ordered to pay alimony, and still am, even though she is cohabitating with her boyfriend... along with my children.

I was ordered to pay all services, taxes, vehicle expenses, etc. I was ordered to pay all insurances for kids. My tax return was ordered into trust of my wife's attorney.

I have done nothing illegal or immoral. I have worked hard my entire life for the betterment of myself and my community. I've served my community as a firefighter/ paramedic, and served my country in the military. In fact, the separation stems from HER affairs and substance abuse, I went to work every day and came home at night. I took care of my family, all the household bills and expenses, which I now cannot afford. (But am ordered to pay). I can no longer afford basic necessities such as food, fuel, or utilities. Everything is behind which is a new experience for me. I'm bankrupt, for all intents, because my wife wanted to turn our marriage and children's life's up- side- down. Meanwhile, she's living on 570 dollars of my 720 dollar paycheck, and I'm near homeless. The court does not seem to care about the father of my children even though they claim to want what's best for them. How does it serve my children, having a father that is homeless, bankrupt, and relegated to being just a guy who they visit every other weekend? There is much more to my situation but these are the basics. I also have been so financially drained that I can no longer afford legal representation. And all of this has been done to me on TEMPORARY ORDERS. The constitution seems to have been suspended in family court. I do not have a trial date until April. It's not looking good.

Do you agree with the Domestic Violence provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

Basically. As long as It is based on evidence. Not hearsay.

Do you agree with the Temporary Orders provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

I agree.

What else do you want people to know about shared parenting?

I have read countless stories nearly identical to mine. Parents ruined beyond recovery, living in poverty, many driven to suicide by unfair temporary custody orders that allow little to no time with their children. This bill needs to be put into law.

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Do you support shared parenting? The presumption that both parents who are fit, willing and able should have equal time with the children after divorce.

Yes

Why do you think shared parenting is needed?

I believe its needed because there are alot of great fathers out there who have very minimal visitation time with their children. I believe children also need that equal amount of time spent with their fathers as much as they need their mothers.

Do you currently have 50/50 shared parenting?

Every other weekend. A couple hours every Tuesday.

Will SB 157 if passed directly help you or a family member? SB 157 will give fit, willing and able parents 50/50 time in TEMPORARY orders.

Yes

What has been your experience with Kansas Family Law Courts?

Been to court three times and have not been the best. Feel like I been cheated alot of time out of my son's life for 9 years now.

What family law court was your case in (County)?

Ford County

How much money have you spent on lawyers and other professionals to be a parent in your children's life?

\$30,000

How would your life be different if a shared parenting 50/50 law was in place when your case went to court?

It would make our father/son bonding so much greater. My other children would actually be able to spend quality time with their brother rather than just a few hours. Would make family get togethers so much easier and enjoyable without having to worry about time.

What bias or unfairness have you seen or experienced in KANSAS family law or courts?

Even though my son's mother and I are both fit parents they still gave the majority of time to his mother.

Do you agree with the Domestic Violence provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

Yes

Do you agree with the Temporary Orders provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

Yes

What else do you want people to know about shared parenting?

That shared parenting is the best way to go when you have both fit parents that want to be in their child's life.

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Do you support shared parenting? The presumption that both parents who are fit, willing and able should have equal time with the children after divorce.

Yes

Why do you think shared parenting is needed?

Children need time with both parents. The state of Kansas is a mother's right state. It's not right for the fathers. As a father, I have been through the atrocity that is family court. I hold a job. Provide for my own children. While the judges say that a woman who lives off child support and has my children on state tax roles for insurance is a better parent. In my children's short 6 year lives, she has never worked a single day. Yet I work 40+ hours a week. She has denied me parenting time because I work second shift. She has denied me parenting time because she wanted to take my children out of state to meet her now boyfriend, that she met online. All the court says is "oh well". It's time that fathers get the equal right they deserve. I understand not all are like me. But a lot more are. They have just become defeated by the court systems.

Do you currently have 50/50 shared parenting?

Every other weekend. Fri 6pm-sun 6pm

Will SB 157 if passed directly help you or a family member? SB 157 will give fit, willing and able parents 50/50 time in TEMPORARY orders.

Yes

What has been your experience with Kansas Family Law Courts?

It's sick. Disgusting. Vile. Atrocious. Based only for the mother. No consideration for the father.

What family law court was your case in (County)?

Sedgwick

How much money have you spent on lawyers and other professionals to be a parent in your children's life?

\$22,000

How would your life be different if a shared parenting 50/50 law was in place when your case went to court?

In the event it was 50/50, it would FORCE their mother to coparent. At this time, she refuses me information. She refuses to let me know when my daughter has an appointment for the pediatric cardiologist. She refuses to talk about issues because she is 'offended'.

What bias or unfairness have you seen or experienced in KANSAS family law or courts?

A sitting judge telling me "you're crazy if you think I'm going to send two newborn children home with you. You ought to have a psychological evaluation for even filing for such nonsense". Why? Because I'm the father?

Do you agree with the Domestic Violence provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

If there is evidence, yes. An unwarranted, unfounded PFA does not constitute 'domestic abuse'.

Do you agree with the Temporary Orders provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

Parents already have 'joint legal custody'. Custody is already 50/50. That's legal. Parenting time should be joint 50/50 shared.

What else do you want people to know about shared parenting?

It's fair. Unless one parent has been deemed unfit to provide.

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Do you support shared parenting? The presumption that both parents who are fit, willing and able should have equal time with the children after divorce.

Yes

Why do you think shared parenting is needed?

Children need both parents, it's been proven two parents roles developed healthy children

Do you currently have 50/50 shared parenting?

My child is grown

Will SB 157 if passed directly help you or a family member? SB 157 will give fit, willing and able parents 50/50 time in TEMPORARY orders.

Yes

What has been your experience with Kansas Family Law Courts?

I've heard a many of sad stories and wittiness unfair treatment on both sides

What bias or unfairness have you seen or experienced in KANSAS family law or courts?

Motions to increase child support when one party was upset with the other, or using the children to hurt the other parent

Do you agree with the Domestic Violence provision AS WRITEN? If no, how would you change it?

I'm totally against domestic violence but believe that love from a child doesn't end towards a parent because of it. Council during this hardship is best even if it does end in separation

Do you agree with the Temporary Orders provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

Yes

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Do you support shared parenting? The presumption that both parents who are fit, willing and able should have equal time with the children after divorce.

Yes

Why do you think shared parenting is needed?

In all courts of law, people are innocent until proven guilty. Yet family court first rips families apart and forces able, willing parents to spend thousands of dollars at just a rare hope of getting equal time. Children are blessings and the care shown towards them should reflect that valuable asset. Not reduced to possessions and later used as pawns when one parent needs leverage in his / her own agendas.

Do you currently have 50/50 shared parenting?

Standard "every other weekend"

Will SB 157 if passed directly help you or a family member? SB 157 will give fit, willing and able parents 50/50 time in TEMPORARY orders.

No

What has been your experience with Kansas Family Law Courts?

In one word - disgusted. Family court's position is to financially capitalize on broken families. Social Security Title IVD encourages the alienation of one fit parent to cash in, completely eliminating the best interest of the children.

What family law court was your case in (County)?

Phillips

How much money have you spent on lawyers and other professionals to be a parent in your children's life?

\$60,000

How would your life be different if a shared parenting 50/50 law was in place when your case went to court?

I am a very involved father. I often drive 6 hours round trip to attend all school functions. Some of those functions include a 5 minute parent teacher conference and that's it. I don't focus on how MY life would be different, but how it would impact my kids. They would have more readily available access to a father. They can share life's victories and setbacks with me. They can be exposed more to my family and some of our traditions. In all, they would have a fuller and richer life.

What bias or unfairness have you seen or experienced in KANSAS family law or courts?

The former attorney of the other party was then elected magistrate judge. Yet the hearing was conducted in HER COURTROOM with her sitting in the audience as the same judge oversaw both hearings (first and second). This felt like a conflict of interest. Judge also referenced his personal stories as a stepfather, which negated many of the complaints towards the stepfather in our case where we had physical evidence of abuse and testimony from law enforcement. His sympathetic approach towards stepfathers factored into his decision as he felt this evidence was an attack on all stepfathers stating, "You are pulling at straws now," regarding the pictures and law enforcement testimony demonstrating abuse.

Do you agree with the Domestic Violence provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

I think there should be language regarding penalties for false allegations. It is common and easy to make a report. One report, although maybe ironed out in the end and custody still shared, comes at a cost - financially,

Do you agree with the Temporary Orders provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

Agree

What else do you want people to know about shared parenting?

I wish custody hearings consisted of a 3 person jury. To put the entire fate of children in the hands of one person, another human with biases and opinions, is dangerous. Must make the process more difficult if there is ever hope to slow the epidemic of broken homes.

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Do you support shared parenting? The presumption that both parents who are fit, willing and able should have equal time with the children after divorce.

Yes

Why do you think shared parenting is needed?

It's important for child to get equal time to both parents

Do you currently have 50/50 shared parenting?

I have every other weekend and Wednesday

Will SB 157 if passed directly help you or a family member? SB 157 will give fit, willing and able parents 50/50 time in TEMPORARY orders.

Yes

What has been your experience with Kansas Family Law Courts?

Not fair

What family law court was your case in (County)?

Miami

How much money have you spent on lawyers and other professionals to be a parent in your children's life?

\$8,000

How would your life be different if a shared parenting 50/50 law was in place when your case went to court?

Feel more complete with being able to see my kids more

What bias or unfairness have you seen or experienced in KANSAS family law or courts?

Being denied more parenting time

Do you agree with the Domestic Violence provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

Yes

Do you agree with the Temporary Orders provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

Yes

What else do you want people to know about shared parenting?

That it should be implemented if both parents are fit

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Do you support shared parenting? The presumption that both parents who are fit, willing and able should have equal time with the children after divorce.

Yes

Why do you think shared parenting is needed?

To give both parents equal time if they are fit and willing so that one parent cannot have control of everything

Do you currently have 50/50 shared parenting?

No

Will SB 157 if passed directly help you or a family member? SB 157 will give fit, willing and able parents 50/50 time in TEMPORARY orders.

Yes

What has been your experience with Kansas Family Law Courts?

Mom has kids exactly 24 hrs more than dad and yet she get every single thing dad pays 333 a month in child support and gets no Gov asst cause mom claims everything even on taxes dad gets child tax but mom gets the rest of credits

What family law court was your case in (County)?

Shawnee

How much money have you spent on lawyers and other professionals to be a parent in your children's life?

How would your life be different if a shared parenting 50/50 law was in place when your case went to court?

Get equal rights and more time with the kids

What bias or unfairness have you seen or experienced in KANSAS family law or courts?

One parent in our case its mom gets everything and dad gets nothing but the more he tries to get more time the more he loses

Do you agree with the Domestic Violence provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

Yes because if the adult is doing or has done abuse it stands that most likely they have or will do abuse towards the kids

Do you agree with the Temporary Orders provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

Yes

What else do you want people to know about shared parenting?

Needs to be approved

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Do you support shared parenting? The presumption that both parents who are fit, willing and able should have equal time with the children after divorce.

Yes

Why do you think shared parenting is needed?

Kids have the right to love, and be loved by, both parents. Empirical evidence shows that kids have better outcomes following divorce with equal shared parenting.

Do you currently have 50/50 shared parenting?

Yes

Will SB 157 if passed directly help you or a family member? SB 157 will give fit, willing and able parents 50/50 time in TEMPORARY orders.

Maybe

What has been your experience with Kansas Family Law Courts?

It is very discouraging. It took me over 2 years to get divorced. I never gave up or backed down. I was able to get 50/50 in the end but my children were severely impacted by the current system's unfair practices.

What family law court was your case in (County)?

Shawnee County

How much money have you spent on lawyers and other professionals to be a parent in your children's life?

\$25,000

How would your life be different if a shared parenting 50/50 law was in place when your case went to court?

My divorce would have been over in a few months versus a few years. My kids wouldn't have been so negatively impacted by the divorce as they were.

What bias or unfairness have you seen or experienced in KANSAS family law or courts?

I had to hire and subsequently fire 3 lawyers before being able to find one that would not just take my money and then tell me that 15% time with my kids was the best that I would get and to just take it. I dealt with a biased conciliator that refused to address certain issues. The court also locked the conciliator's report so it was not public.

Do you agree with the Domestic Violence provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

Agree.

Do you agree with the Temporary Orders provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

Agree

What else do you want people to know about shared parenting?

It really is best for kids. After gaining 50/50, I saw many issues my kids were having improve. Our bond was strengthened and our lives improved.

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Do you support shared parenting? The presumption that both parents who are fit, willing and able should have equal time with the children after divorce.

Yes

Why do you think shared parenting is needed?

Letting the child or children love both parents and be raised by both parents

Do you currently have 50/50 shared parenting?

Grandma of son fighting for shared custody

Will SB 157 if passed directly help you or a family member? SB 157 will give fit, willing and able parents 50/50 time in TEMPORARY orders.

Yes

What has been your experience with Kansas Family Law Courts?

Horrible

What family law court was your case in (County)?

Sedgwick

How much money have you spent on lawyers and other professionals to be a parent in your children's life?

\$30,000

How would your life be different if a shared parenting 50/50 law was in place when your case went to court?

For my son to be able to have the same amount of time with his son that the mother has

What bias or unfairness have you seen or experienced in KANSAS family law or courts?

In my son's case it has been assumed that because the mother gave birth that makes her better to raise the child. My son has always been there for his child, always paid support and tried to work out something with the child's mother

Do you agree with the Domestic Violence provision AS WRITEN? If no, how would you change it?

You can't always believe everything that the mother says

What else do you want people to know about shared parenting?

Children just wanna be loved by both parents. They should not be put in the middle

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Do you support shared parenting? The presumption that both parents who are fit, willing and able should have equal time with the children after divorce.

Yes

Why do you think shared parenting is needed?

Not one parent should have any more rights over the children than the other. I believe it is very important for both parents to be highly involved in the children lives. I grew up without my father around and it was very hard for me and my brothers. No kid should have to go through that especially when they have 2 loving caring parents.

Do you currently have 50/50 shared parenting?

Yes

Will SB 157 if passed directly help you or a family member? SB 157 will give fit, willing and able parents 50/50 time in TEMPORARY orders.

No

What has been your experience with Kansas Family Law Courts?

Very bad, we go to the courts and don't get to say or do anything, we just listen to lawyers argue and Judges make recommendations and decisions that impact the mother, father, and children for decades off a few points someone makes on the spot.

What family law court was your case in (County)?

Butler

How much money have you spent on lawyers and other professionals to be a parent in your children's life?

\$20,000

How would your life be different if a shared parenting 50/50 law was in place when your case went to court?

It would have saved me thousands of dollars that im still paying towards... Money that could have went towards housing and food and clothing and things for the kids. It could have saved years of stress and agony.

What bias or unfairness have you seen or experienced in KANSAS family law or courts?

I had to spend close to 2 years and \$20,000 to be a part of my children's lives. Mostly due to the fact that the mother took the kids after she ran away with the kids to start another relationship.

Do you agree with the Domestic Violence provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

No. That could and more than likely would cause one of the parents to run to the court and make claims to completely over ride this bill. I think that there needs to be verbiage that states police records and proof is obtained before equal parenting tim

Do you agree with the Temporary Orders provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

yes

What else do you want people to know about shared parenting?

It must be the standard, that is truly what is in best interest for the kids and the family, especially in the beginning of parents splitting households.

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Do you support shared parenting? The presumption that both parents who are fit, willing and able should have equal time with the children after divorce.

Yes

Why do you think shared parenting is needed?

Children should have equal time with both parents!

Do you currently have 50/50 shared parenting?

No

Will SB 157 if passed directly help you or a family member? SB 157 will give fit, willing and able parents 50/50 time in TEMPORARY orders.

Yes

What family law court was your case in (County)?

Cowley

How would your life be different if a shared parenting 50/50 law was in place when your case went to court?

N/A

What bias or unfairness have you seen or experienced in KANSAS family law or courts?

Our court seems to not want 50/50 which is unfair to the children

What else do you want people to know about shared parenting?

In my sons case he works 2nd shift and is basically being punished for having those work hours even though my grandchildren's mother has meetings 3 to 4 evenings a week

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Do you support shared parenting? The presumption that both parents who are fit, willing and able should have equal time with the children after divorce.

Yes

Why do you think shared parenting is needed?

Anything else allows one parent to alienate the other. This is emotionally damaging to children

Do you currently have 50/50 shared parenting?

6 days a month

Will SB 157 if passed directly help you or a family member? SB 157 will give fit, willing and able parents 50/50 time in TEMPORARY orders.

Yes

What has been your experience with Kansas Family Law Courts?

Corruption. They do not do what is in the best interest of children

What family law court was your case in (County)?

Sedgwick 18th

How much money have you spent on lawyers and other professionals to be a parent in your children's life?

\$50,000

How would your life be different if a shared parenting 50/50 law was in place when your case went to court?

My children will finally know that I want them and love them

What bias or unfairness have you seen or experienced in KANSAS family law or courts?

Discrimination. I was an abused woman. Even after a psychological evaluation said nothing was wrong with me other than trying to adjust to the divorce, I was told I was a bad parent because I wasnt in a relationship and had trouble with relationships, as do alot of abused women. The evidence of this is in a transcript I would provide

Do you agree with the Domestic Violence provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

I agree

Do you agree with the Temporary Orders provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

I agree

What else do you want people to know about shared parenting?

Children dont understand court orders. They need both parent to develop properly

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Do you support shared parenting? The presumption that both parents who are fit, willing and able should have equal time with the children after divorce.

Yes

Why do you think shared parenting is needed?

Children deserve to have BOTH fit parents EQUALLY! A child does not love one parent over the other. A child deserves better than one parent and then a visitor.

Do you currently have 50/50 shared parenting?

My children's father would have 50/50 if he wanted it. My husband is currently fighting for 50/50 and has been fighting for 50/50 since August 2018.

Will SB 157 if passed directly help you or a family member? SB 157 will give fit, willing and able parents 50/50 time in TEMPORARY orders.

Maybe

What has been your experience with Kansas Family Law Courts?

My husband has been fighting prose since August 2018 and in my opinion I feel like the courts have been very biased towards mothers. But facts are a child is not a possession and a child deserves better than the biased opinions. A child needs BOTH fit mom and dad.

What family law court was your case in (County)?

Sedgwick

How much money have you spent on lawyers and other professionals to be a parent in your children's life?

\$600

How would your life be different if a shared parenting 50/50 law was in place when your case went to court?

My husband would have had equal parenting time since 2018. He wouldn't be fighting in the courts. They'd be able to coparent well knowing that they are equals. Mom believe s that since she is primary residence and has more time with the child is "must mean she is above" the father. 50/50 for fit parents would help parents coparent equally because they would be forced to view each other as equals.

What bias or unfairness have you seen or experienced in KANSAS family law or courts?

Most judges blindly believe mothers but take everything a father says with a grain of salt. They expect evidence from fathers but take the mothers word as truth even when it's not. Limited Case Management is costly. The recommendation made by Judge Beasley was made in October of 2018 for equal parenting time. We are still fighting for a trial date, which is incredibly unfair. To be recommended 50/50 as the best interest of the child but continue to only have 14% parenting is extremely defeating. This child is being failed.

Do you agree with the Domestic Violence provision AS WRITEN? If no, how would you change it?

No word of mouth. All based off of evidence. If there is a lack of evidence force BOTH mom and dad to take coparenting therapy 4-6 sessions to get a recommendation for the courts.

Do you agree with the Temporary Orders provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

I agree. It should take real true evidence to prevent 50/50.

What else do you want people to know about shared parenting?

ITS A GOOD THING FOR CHILDREN TO HAVE BOTH FIT PARENTS EQUALLY!

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Do you support shared parenting? The presumption that both parents who are fit, willing and able should have equal time with the children after divorce.

Yes

Why do you think shared parenting is needed?

Divorce cases end up being about how much money can be collected from a non-custodial parent rather than what is best for children.

Do you currently have 50/50 shared parenting?

Grandparent watching this run on for almost 3 years!

Will SB 157 if passed directly help you or a family member? SB 157 will give fit, willing and able parents 50/50 time in TEMPORARY orders.

Maybe

What has been your experience with Kansas Family Law Courts?

Our son is battling for 50/50, everything has been agreed on three different times but the mother backs out and refuses to file the paperwork.

What family law court was your case in (County)?

Sherman

How much money have you spent on lawyers and other professionals to be a parent in your children's life?

\$30,000

How would your life be different if a shared parenting 50/50 law was in place when your case went to court?

My family would not have spent approximately \$30,000 fighting for equal rights. That money would have gone to college funds!

What bias or unfairness have you seen or experienced in KANSAS family law or courts?

The mother seems to have the advantage.

Do you agree with the Domestic Violence provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

Legal documentation is necessary - he said / she said should not be allowed.

Do you agree with the Temporary Orders provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

Agree

What else do you want people to know about shared parenting?

Children need both parents. Divorce is hard enough without ripping a parent out of their lives .

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Do you support shared parenting? The presumption that both parents who are fit, willing and able should have equal time with the children after divorce.

Yes

Why do you think shared parenting is needed?

Yes

Do you currently have 50/50 shared parenting?

No

Will SB 157 if passed directly help you or a family member? SB 157 will give fit, willing and able parents 50/50 time in TEMPORARY orders.

No

What has been your experience with Kansas Family Law Courts?

Foster care

What family law court was your case in (County)?

Johnson county

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Do you support shared parenting? The presumption that both parents who are fit, willing and able should have equal time with the children after divorce.

Yes

Why do you think shared parenting is needed?

Children shouldn't be withheld from either parent unless givin the reason as in the parent not being a fit parent for the job everyone deserves to have a chance

Do you currently have 50/50 shared parenting?

No

Will SB 157 if passed directly help you or a family member? SB 157 will give fit, willing and able parents 50/50 time in TEMPORARY orders.

Maybe

What has been your experience with Kansas Family Law Courts?

None to speak of

What family law court was your case in (County)?

None

How much money have you spent on lawyers and other professionals to be a parent in your children's life?

\$15,000

How would your life be different if a shared parenting 50/50 law was in place when your case went to court?

As of right now none at all but I know alot of people that would be affected

What bias or unfairness have you seen or experienced in KANSAS family law or courts?

A friend who's daughter is kept away from him by his ex gf that's bitter of the break up and continues to bash his name even after the fact and theres nothing he can do to regain his respect as a person and must continue with supervised visits although he was just fine when they were together to be left alone with the kids

Do you agree with the Domestic Violence provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

Domestic violence should need to be proven and not just accused if no behavior has been documented or recorded in previous history you cant assume someone just flipped a switch and caused bodily harm

Do you agree with the Temporary Orders provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

Agreed

What else do you want people to know about shared parenting?

Shared parenting doesnt mean both parents in one place watching there child or children it just means both parents have the ability to watch there children grow equally

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Do you support shared parenting? The presumption that both parents who are fit, willing and able should have equal time with the children after divorce.

Yes

Why do you think shared parenting is needed?

I believe children have a right to be raised and spend time with both parents. I believe they can benefit from growing up with equal time spent with each.

Will SB 157 if passed directly help you or a family member? SB 157 will give fit, willing and able parents 50/50 time in TEMPORARY orders.

No

What has been your experience with Kansas Family Law Courts?

Poor.

What family law court was your case in (County)?

Johnson

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Do you support shared parenting? The presumption that both parents who are fit, willing and able should have equal time with the children after divorce.

Yes

Do you currently have 50/50 shared parenting?

No

Will SB 157 if passed directly help you or a family member? SB 157 will give fit, willing and able parents 50/50 time in TEMPORARY orders.

Yes

How much money have you spent on lawyers and other professionals to be a parent in your children's life?

\$1,800

How would your life be different if a shared parenting 50/50 law was in place when your case went to court?

I would have got more time with my kids.

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Do you support shared parenting? The presumption that both parents who are fit, willing and able should have equal time with the children after divorce.

Yes

Why do you think shared parenting is needed?

The default is for a father to only have his children 4 or 5 days each month. It's important for children to have a stable home environment and that environment should be shared evenly between both of the parents. The bond with each parent is so important, and children going weeks without seeing one parent or the other is very harmful.

Do you currently have 50/50 shared parenting?

2 weekends a month during school alternating weeks in summer.

Will SB 157 if passed directly help you or a family member? SB 157 will give fit, willing and able parents 50/50 time in TEMPORARY orders.

Maybe

What has been your experience with Kansas Family Law Courts?

Divorce and custody in 2011. Modified parenting agreement in 2018 through mediation. The automatic default in both those situations was that I should only have my child every other weekend.

What family law court was your case in (County)?

Shawnee

How much money have you spent on lawyers and other professionals to be a parent in your children's life?

\$8,000

How would your life be different if a shared parenting 50/50 law was in place when your case went to court?

I'd of had so much more involvement in my daughters life when she was pre-k. I wouldn't of moved so far away as I'd have stayed closer to my daughter's schools. I wouldn't have had to spend so much money in court. I spent years doing all the pick ups and drop offs to hopefully keep my ex happy enough to not enforce our original parenting plan that only gave me 1 night a week. I would have had a much better starting point in negotiating parenting time when I was young, dumb and broke. And wouldn't of had such a hard time representing myself as a 20 year old. My daughter would have grown up seeing both her parents regularly and not gotten to only see me and now her younger brothers 4 or 5 days a month.

What bias or unfairness have you seen or experienced in KANSAS family law or courts?

Fathers are assumed to be less important. By default mother's are given the priority and it falls on the father to prove themselves worthy of anything more than minimum access to the children. I was luckily never accused of abuse or anger issues, but have several friends that lost access to their kids for months while going through the process of proving themselves innocent and worthy of access to their kids. My ex wife's lawyer specifically came after me for every cent she could justify in child support and alimony while setting the bar on my parenting time incredibly low. In nearly a decade of making payments in child support, I once called to clear up an issue where I overpaid and even the Payment center acted shocked that not only was my account too far over paid, but that I was actually calling to interact with them. They assumed an issue with my account would be due to non payment. We recently went back through a lawyer to get parenting time modified. For years a I had every weekend except my drill weekends, then made some modifications through personal agreement with my ex for her to get one of the weekends, she was shocked that I got all that time with our daughter when she barely got to see her... keep in mind I had her 6 days per month, while she had her the other 24. This was the case even during the summer months when our daughter wasn't in school. We went through mediation in 2017 our new parenting plan gives me 2 weekends each month with any extra weekends split evenly. I'm guaranteed all but 2 of all 3 and 4 day weekends through out the school year and have half of all school breaks. We alternate weeks Sunday - Sunday during the summer. I'm incredibly lucky that we got this agreement set up, as there really is no saying what would have happened if we'd gone to court. Compared to others I know I'm incredibly lucky to get my daughter 5 - 8 days a month and felt that I had 'won' coming out of mediation. My ex and I live nearly 100 miles apart and meet half way for exchanges, so a full 50/50 split would be incredibly difficult.

Do you agree with the Domestic Violence provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

Yes.

Do you agree with the Temporary Orders provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

Yes

What else do you want people to know about shared parenting?

It's not impossible, if both parents truly have the child's best interests at heart it wouldn't be a question, shared parenting would already be the default. I hate that I've only known 2 people in my entire life that have an amicable joint custody agreement, defaulted to shared parenting time from the beginning and are focused on raising their child together as a parenting team. This shouldn't be a rarity, it should be the standard.

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Do you support shared parenting? The presumption that both parents who are fit, willing and able should have equal time with the children after divorce.

Yes

Why do you think shared parenting is needed?

Both parents should have equal opportunity of spending the same amount of time with the child. At the same time I hope it helps with child support unfairness.

Do you currently have 50/50 shared parenting?

No

Will SB 157 if passed directly help you or a family member? SB 157 will give fit, willing and able parents 50/50 time in TEMPORARY orders.

Yes

What has been your experience with Kansas Family Law Courts?

Horrible: unfair and bias

What family law court was your case in (County)?

Ford County

How would your life be different if a shared parenting 50/50 law was in place when your case went to court?

Well my kids and my husband will get to spend much needed quality time with my stepson. A couple of other friends and cousins will have the opportunity to see their kids in a regular basis.

What bias or unfairness have you seen or experienced in KANSAS family law or courts?

Considering all the efforts from the dad and no proof of him being a "bad father" even after 3 tries at court. Judge always ends with a "you are a wonderful father but I'm still ruling in favor of the mom" I'm not saying all but many fathers do truly love their children and deserve the same opportunities as a mom. I am a woman but I truly believe that the system gives too much credibility to women and many times is unfair.

Do you agree with the Domestic Violence provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

As long as the presentation is extensively researched and 100% backed up. Kids should not be exposed to domestic violence whether us directly to them or someone close to them.

Do you agree with the Temporary Orders provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

No. 50/50 should always be applied unless there's substantial proof against the parent that shows there is no interest in the child.

What else do you want people to know about shared parenting?

Is beneficial for the kids. It allows both sides of the family to be present.

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Do you support shared parenting? The presumption that both parents who are fit, willing and able should have equal time with the children after divorce.

Yes

Why do you think shared parenting is needed?

Kids need both parents. I see so many damaged men that don't get equal opportunity to be with their own children, because the mother automatically gets favor. Men are equally good parents. EQUAL.

Do you currently have 50/50 shared parenting?

No children

Will SB 157 if passed directly help you or a family member? SB 157 will give fit, willing and able parents 50/50 time in TEMPORARY orders.

No

What has been your experience with Kansas Family Law Courts?

I have no experience other than testimonials from close friends.

What family law court was your case in (County)?

None

How much money have you spent on lawyers and other professionals to be a parent in your children's life?

\$0

How would your life be different if a shared parenting 50/50 law was in place when your case went to court?

N/A

What bias or unfairness have you seen or experienced in KANSAS family law or courts?

That the mother automatically has favor due to her gender.

Do you agree with the Domestic Violence provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

Domestic disputes aren't always judged properly and need to be really taken on a case by case basis.

Do you agree with the Temporary Orders provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

Agree

What else do you want people to know about shared parenting?

Unequal parenting time is just as detrimental to the parent as it is the child.

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Do you support shared parenting? The presumption that both parents who are fit, willing and able should have equal time with the children after divorce.

Yes

Why do you think shared parenting is needed?

Kids need both parents in their lives if the parents are both stable, good people. \$0 child support and 50/50 split, split all costs for dr, extra activities etc. Kids spend 1 week with one, next week with other. Most logical solution.

Do you currently have 50/50 shared parenting?

Child is 18. Father ran to Mexico 10 years ago

Will SB 157 if passed directly help you or a family member? SB 157 will give fit, willing and able parents 50/50 time in TEMPORARY orders.

No

What has been your experience with Kansas Family Law Courts?

Moms get custody whether they're the better parent or not. Dad's get to pay to see their kids.

What family law court was your case in (County)?

Riley

How much money have you spent on lawyers and other professionals to be a parent in your children's life?

\$0

How would your life be different if a shared parenting 50/50 law was in place when your case went to court?

Not much. I never received money. He may have visited more or took care of his child more.

What bias or unfairness have you seen or experienced in KANSAS family law or courts?

Dad's get over looked.

Do you agree with the Domestic Violence provision AS WRITEN? If no, how would you change it?

No. If there is a convection of child abuse/ spousal abuse

Do you agree with the Temporary Orders provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

Yes

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Do you support shared parenting? The presumption that both parents who are fit, willing and able should have equal time with the children after divorce.

Yes

Why do you think shared parenting is needed?

Kids thrive with two parents

Do you currently have 50/50 shared parenting?

Yes

Will SB 157 if passed directly help you or a family member? SB 157 will give fit, willing and able parents 50/50 time in TEMPORARY orders.

Maybe

What has been your experience with Kansas Family Law Courts?

Extremely fraught. It was all I could do for 2 years to get to some semblance of equal parenting.

What family law court was your case in (County)?

Leavenworth

How much money have you spent on lawyers and other professionals to be a parent in your children's life?

\$25,000

How would your life be different if a shared parenting 50/50 law was in place when your case went to court?

It would have saved 2 years of wrecking litigation and saved my kids untold misery

What bias or unfairness have you seen or experienced in KANSAS family law or courts?

Temporary orders favor the "first to the courthouse"

Do you agree with the Domestic Violence provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

Agnostic—I worry it will incentivize false claims

Do you agree with the Temporary Orders provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

Yes

What else do you want people to know about shared parenting?

The system in unintentionally hurting kids

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Do you support shared parenting? The presumption that both parents who are fit, willing and able should have equal time with the children after divorce.

Yes

Why do you think shared parenting is needed?

Alot of fathers are treated like a criminal. When they are not. And 95% of women will do anything to make the father out to be someone who is not a caring and supportive person when it is the actually the very opposite. Parenting alienation is a huge problem for alot of fathers and is never acknowledged in a court of law..

Do you currently have 50/50 shared parenting?

No kids

Will SB 157 if passed directly help you or a family member? SB 157 will give fit, willing and able parents 50/50 time in TEMPORARY orders.

Yes

What has been your experience with Kansas Family Law Courts?

They fail the father that wants to be present in his child/children life. plus when a church pastor is involved on the mother's side the father always loses.

What family law court was your case in (County)?

Sedgwick

How much money have you spent on lawyers and other professionals to be a parent in your children's life?

\$50,000

How would your life be different if a shared parenting 50/50 law was in place when your case went to court?

It would be less stressful and not so scared all the time that the mother not try to have any of her ex family put in jail for something that is a lie that way she has more control over anything the fathers family does or tries to spend time with the children.

What bias or unfairness have you seen or experienced in KANSAS family law or courts?

The father has been made into a criminal with out any backup proof that he is a drug addict or a alcoholic. And he has been accused of violence. But has never hit/ hurt a person in his life. Due to being a victim in his childhood. he believes be the change. not the perpetrator. He's has followed all court ordereds and done test to prove otherwise and still has not been able to have a fair chance to prove these are lies and be able to make any decisions on his children's health or schooling that could drastically help his children.

Do you agree with the Domestic Violence provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

No, because not all supporting proof is true. Mothers lie and have people back it to lie. Presumption is not always right sometimes it's the person that is accusing the other parent that is abuser and is hiding better than the other parent.

Do you agree with the Temporary Orders provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

Thi could work if it is always stated that this a temporary order in every document and if it's not temporary then as a standing order. I have seen the mother try to say the order us in fact a standing order when it is not.

What else do you want people to know about shared parenting?

That the statement that the mother is best for the children and to be in her custody is not always the best for the children. should not be a fact but should look at both parents as best and should have both equal time with both parents

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Do you support shared parenting? The presumption that both parents who are fit, willing and able should have equal time with the children after divorce.

Yes

Why do you think shared parenting is needed?

Children need both parents. Not many people will argue against that. Judges have a very difficult job, but many parents and lawyers are using loopholes to take advantages in the system. I am an active member National Parents Organization. This group advocates for the best interest of children and we have been working towards changing an epidemic that is destroying families, parents and children. The family court system, as it now exists, is stripping the rights of children to have equal access and opportunity with both parents. We advocate for a presumption in favor of equal shared parenting and residence as being in the best interest of children and we support SB 157 as a good step in that direction. This change will improve the lives of children and of society as a whole by protecting every child's right to the involvement of both loving parents after separation or divorce.

Do you currently have 50/50 shared parenting?

No

Will SB 157 if passed directly help you or a family member? SB 157 will give fit, willing and able parents 50/50 time in TEMPORARY orders.

Maybe

What has been your experience with Kansas Family Law Courts?

It's a winner take all system with one parent getting a cookie cutter standard plan of 4 days a month with children unless you are able to pay thousands of dollars for more time.

What family law court was your case in (County)?

Jackson

How much money have you spent on lawyers and other professionals to be a parent in your children's life?

\$25,000

How would your life be different if a shared parenting 50/50 law was in place when your case went to court?

It is obvious and the research shows, children benefit most from the active involvement of both parents. If there is no proof of abuse, neglect or drug use, the increasing evidence proves that equal shared parenting and joint residence promotes the welfare of both child and parents after divorce or separation.

Let me list some of the advantages of 50/50 Shared Parenting: Affirms parents are forever Children's attachment bonds are not broken Children feel less rejected Fear of losing parent is diminished Children will adjust better when equal contact is continued Reduces risk of losing contact with extended family Protects child's right to the involvement of both parents Will equalize the authority Eliminates the demeaning and artificial concept of visitation Allows parents to personalize and tailor a plan to fit unique needs One spouse cannot victimize the other through contact denial Litigation and re-litigation is lowered

Children's relationships are very important and the developmental problems related to divorce stem mostly from lost adult-child bonds. The role of law in the lives of children must be to protect their connections with those that love them.

What bias or unfairness have you seen or experienced in KANSAS family law or courts?

A divorce or separation does not destroy the family; it only changes it. Parents choose to leave their partners, not their children. They are not giving up their right to parent their children. I was told by my lawyer that under the current family laws if one parent wouldn't agree to 50/50 time then the court will not order it. I ask you, if one parent knows that they will get the residential custody if they don't agree, what is the incentive for them to agree? In speaking with retired judges and lawyers, the often repeated line for giving one parent the bulk of parenting time is that, "children need consistency." Because of school schedules and bus routes and such. It is true that children need consistency but they need it with their parents not the "school bus driver." And really, our society has changed. Both parents now work outside the home. A father can take a child to daycare or school just as easily as a mother.

Do you agree with the Domestic Violence provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

I do not agree. Current Kansas law already addressed this issue. This change will only be used by some attorneys to win cases. We must stop parental alienation and this amendment will not help with this issue.

Do you agree with the Temporary Orders provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

Yes

What else do you want people to know about shared parenting?

Kansas has the opportunity to improve children's educational achievements, decrease their use of drugs, give them a greater sense of security, increase their child support payments, and improve their overall health and adjustment without any cost to the taxpayer – all by passing shared parenting into law.

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Do you support shared parenting? The presumption that both parents who are fit, willing and able should have equal time with the children after divorce.

Yes

Why do you think shared parenting is needed?

The children need both parents. As I have always said, this is about the childrens' right to know both parents.

Do you currently have 50/50 shared parenting?

No

Will SB 157 if passed directly help you or a family member? SB 157 will give fit, willing and able parents 50/50 time in TEMPORARY orders.

Yes

How much money have you spent on lawyers and other professionals to be a parent in your children's life?

\$5,000

How would your life be different if a shared parenting 50/50 law was in place when your case went to court?

My life would be less stressful dealing with other side of the family. My grandkids would be happier, healthier, and receive the love and discipline they deserve.

What bias or unfairness have you seen or experienced in KANSAS family law or courts?

The mother is believed and the father is set aside without the court hearing his side before issuing the mother court ordered papers and before speaking with the father.

Do you agree with the Domestic Violence provision AS WRITEN? If no, how would you change it?

I would say when the defensive wounds are found on the father, re-evaluate. I would of gladly taken temporary custody of my grandchildren until the next hearing and both parents parents have counseling before custody enforced.

Do you agree with the Temporary Orders provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

I have said, it is not about the parents, but the best interest of the children.

What else do you want people to know about shared parenting?

It is in the best interest of the child and years down the road, we will have "worldly" kids knowing right from wrong and working toward a better relationship with family, friends and neighbors.

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Do you support shared parenting? The presumption that both parents who are fit, willing and able should have equal time with the children after divorce.

Yes

Why do you think shared parenting is needed?

There are lots of parents out there that want to be in their child's lives. To be actively involved in everything their children do.

Do you currently have 50/50 shared parenting?

Other parent is mentally unsafe

Will SB 157 if passed directly help you or a family member? SB 157 will give fit, willing and able parents 50/50 time in TEMPORARY orders.

No

What has been your experience with Kansas Family Law Courts?

Very difficult and heartbreaking. Unfortunately the system is very unfair and dont think about the kids needs. They dont think about the parents and how hard it is be away from kids.

How would your life be different if a shared parenting 50/50 law was in place when your case went to court?

It wasnt me...but the father i think of, I think he would have been less heartbroken.

What bias or unfairness have you seen or experienced in KANSAS family law or courts?

I have seen fathers ripped away from their children, and forced to pay just to see their kids. I have witness the heart break of having to fight to see their kids 2 days to make it equal time and to have the mother make him pay because she feels it is owed to her. I have witness kids crying and begging not to leave their day because they know it will be days till they meet again. I have witness a father fight to hold back tears as he hugs them and cannot understand why he cant have his kids just as long as mom. Its heart breaking to see the courts think that one parent is better than another. What does rhat tell your children? I have seen the tears of a father who wanted nothing more than equal parenting and have to pay half his check to only have his kids 40 percent of the time. The system has done nothing but create angry parents, most of them fathers. Fathers who are just as important as mothers.

Do you agree with the Domestic Violence provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

Yes

Do you agree with the Temporary Orders provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

Yes

What else do you want people to know about shared parenting?

Its supposed to be about the kids, about the love. Just because mom and dad dont love each other doesnt mean that they cant share their love with their children

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Do you support shared parenting? The presumption that both parents who are fit, willing and able should have equal time with the children after divorce.

Yes

Why do you think shared parenting is needed?

It is critical to the proper development of children.

Do you currently have 50/50 shared parenting?

Every other weekend

Will SB 157 if passed directly help you or a family member? SB 157 will give fit, willing and able parents 50/50 time in TEMPORARY orders.

No

What has been your experience with Kansas Family Law Courts?

They are extremely biased and tends to favor mother's.

What family law court was your case in (County)?

Sedgwick

How much money have you spent on lawyers and other professionals to be a parent in your children's life?

\$10,000

How would your life be different if a shared parenting 50/50 law was in place when your case went to court?

I would have had something in place to achieve 50/50 custody in a permanent order

What bias or unfairness have you seen or experienced in KANSAS family law or courts?

I was denied a reasonable amount of time to obtain council and ex wife was awarded full custody with me getting very little visitation.

Do you agree with the Domestic Violence provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

Yes

Do you agree with the Temporary Orders provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

Yes

What else do you want people to know about shared parenting?

The benefits of children that are raised by both parents

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Do you support shared parenting? The presumption that both parents who are fit, willing and able should have equal time with the children after divorce.

Yes

Why do you think shared parenting is needed?

Kids deserve parents on both sides. One parent should not dictate the others time based on their feelings for the other parent

Do you currently have 50/50 shared parenting?

No

Will SB 157 if passed directly help you or a family member? SB 157 will give fit, willing and able parents 50/50 time in TEMPORARY orders.

Yes

What has been your experience with Kansas Family Law Courts?

Horrible

What family law court was your case in (County)?

Sedgwick

How much money have you spent on lawyers and other professionals to be a parent in your children's life?

\$10,000

How would your life be different if a shared parenting 50/50 law was in place when your case went to court?

Extremely different

What bias or unfairness have you seen or experienced in KANSAS family law or courts?

Too many to type. Fraud and so on

Do you agree with the Domestic Violence provision AS WRITEN? If no, how would you change it?

I agree if one parent is a violent offender

What else do you want people to know about shared parenting?

The parents shouldn't dictate the child's being with the other parent based on hate for one another

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Do you support shared parenting? The presumption that both parents who are fit, willing and able should have equal time with the children after divorce.

Yes

Why do you think shared parenting is needed?

It's needed because children are best served when both parents are present in their lives. Our current system defaults to a winner-take-all outcome that, to a large extent, removes one parent from the child's life.

Do you currently have 50/50 shared parenting?

Wednesday overnight and every other weekend.

Will SB 157 if passed directly help you or a family member? SB 157 will give fit, willing and able parents 50/50 time in TEMPORARY orders.

No

What has been your experience with Kansas Family Law Courts?

My divorce was filed in September 2017. Based on a 10 minute hearing, I went from being a caretaker and provider for my son - from being an integral part of his daily life - to seeing him for 2.5 hours on Wednesdays and then again on every other weekend.

What family law court was your case in (County)?

Saline

How much money have you spent on lawyers and other professionals to be a parent in your children's life?

\$30,000

How would your life be different if a shared parenting 50/50 law was in place when your case went to court?

I believe my divorce proceedings would have been much shorter and a lot less expensive. There would have been less animosity between all the parties involved and our families. My son would have a nice college fund. I would not have any debt. The emotional and mental toll would have been much less on everyone involved.

What bias or unfairness have you seen or experienced in KANSAS family law or courts?

The bias was there from the start. After a 10 minute hearing, the mother was awarded the vast majority of parenting time. Those temporary orders served, in effect, as the ground rules and once that parenting time was established, inertia set in. Temporary orders became Permanent orders. It was easier for the court to abide the status quo than to change anything. In essence, the burden was placed on me to reclaim the right to be a significant part of my son's life. It has been a long and expensive endeavor.

Do you agree with the Domestic Violence provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

I agree with it as written.

Do you agree with the Temporary Orders provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

I agree with it as written.

What else do you want people to know about shared parenting?

Shared parenting should be the desired outcome of every divorce. Kids do best when both parents are present to raise, nurture and support them. Establishing a level playing field and sharing time and responsibilities equally is a crucial first step in ensuring that the needs and interests of the child come first.

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Do you support shared parenting? The presumption that both parents who are fit, willing and able should have equal time with the children after divorce.

Yes

Why do you think shared parenting is needed?

Every child deserves both able and willing parents.

Do you currently have 50/50 shared parenting?

Yes

Will SB 157 if passed directly help you or a family member? SB 157 will give fit, willing and able parents 50/50 time in TEMPORARY orders.

Yes

What has been your experience with Kansas Family Law Courts?

My ex collected food stamps for a few months and the state came after me for child support.

What family law court was your case in (County)?

Johnson

How much money have you spent on lawyers and other professionals to be a parent in your children's life?

\$2,000

How would your life be different if a shared parenting 50/50 law was in place when your case went to court?

I see it helping those I care about more so than me.

What bias or unfairness have you seen or experienced in KANSAS family law or courts?

My ex and I have shared parenting and I pay child support as well as pay for all my child's schooling, supplies, after school care, etc.

Do you agree with the Domestic Violence provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

I wouldn't include the provision.

Do you agree with the Temporary Orders provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

Yes

What else do you want people to know about shared parenting?

Children thrive when both parents are involved and suffer when there's conflict between both parents.

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Do you support shared parenting? The presumption that both parents who are fit, willing and able should have equal time with the children after divorce.

Yes

Why do you think shared parenting is needed?

Children deserve to have access to both parents. There are many studies that show how devastating it can be to only have one parent in their lives.

Do you currently have 50/50 shared parenting?

43%

Will SB 157 if passed directly help you or a family member? SB 157 will give fit, willing and able parents 50/50 time in TEMPORARY orders.

Maybe

What has been your experience with Kansas Family Law Courts?

My experience has been to give the mother majority of the time even when both of us live in the same town and just four blocks from each other. They wanted to give me every other weekend. I had to fight for five years to get 43%.

What family law court was your case in (County)?

Marion

How much money have you spent on lawyers and other professionals to be a parent in your children's life?

\$13,000

How would your life be different if a shared parenting 50/50 law was in place when your case went to court?

With 50-50 shared parenting I would see my children more often than I do now. I would be able to experience play time, school activities on my parenting time and without interruption. My children would be able to see their newborn step sister and make memories with their grandparents.

What bias or unfairness have you seen or experienced in KANSAS family law or courts?

I have had multiple judges and limited case managers which are lawyers want to give the mother majority of the time. Since she was able to stay home all day everyday they didn't seem to think my children needed time with their father.

What else do you want people to know about shared parenting?

This is what children deserve. They get the opportunity to be raised by mother and father while they are married why would it be any different after divorce.

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Do you support shared parenting? The presumption that both parents who are fit, willing and able should have equal time with the children after divorce.

Yes

Why do you think shared parenting is needed?

I feel it is important for a child to have both parents. This helps a child develop healthy relationships with both parents. Both parents can offer support, emotional and physical, helping build a feeling of stability for the child. Alienation made my son unsure and made him feel like I didn't love him. This is obviously far from the truth. Now that we have 50/50 custody, my son understands that both of his parents love him and want what is best for him. He now is more confident in his future with both of us!

Do you currently have 50/50 shared parenting?

Yes

Will SB 157 if passed directly help you or a family member? SB 157 will give fit, willing and able parents 50/50 time in TEMPORARY orders.

No

What has been your experience with Kansas Family Law Courts?

Unfair and biased. I had to fight long and hard to just receive 50/50. I am not a criminal and have not been abusive yet I had to prove to the court that I was worth half time with my son. Why does a mother just automatically get that approval.

What family law court was your case in (County)?

Saline

How much money have you spent on lawyers and other professionals to be a parent in your children's life?

\$35,000

How would your life be different if a shared parenting 50/50 law was in place when your case went to court?

My son wouldn't have had to question how I felt about him. His mother had significantly more time with our son and used that to alienate and degrade my relationship with him. That lost time to develop a healthy relationship with him can never be given back to us. This unfair "division of time" gave her the power to abuse it and cause harm to my sons mental well-being.

What bias or unfairness have you seen or experienced in KANSAS family law or courts?

All fathers are treated like "dead-beat" dads. Fathers are expected to be financially responsible for their kid but doesn't care about them having parenting time with their child.

Do you agree with the Domestic Violence provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

Yes, I completely agree. No child should ever suffer abuse!

Do you agree with the Temporary Orders provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

Yes, wholeheartedly!

What else do you want people to know about shared parenting?

50/50 parenting, in the absence of abuse, is a subject of equality. Sexism is normally not tolerated except in this instance. Why is that the case in family court, the one place justice should prevail?

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Do you support shared parenting? The presumption that both parents who are fit, willing and able should have equal time with the children after divorce.

Yes

Why do you think shared parenting is needed?

Shared parenting will help all with kids not be afraid of divorce or braking up with kids involved as they would be able to have equal time with the kid or kids as much as the other parent.

Do you currently have 50/50 shared parenting?

I am only allowed 1 hour with my daughter at 50\$ an hour

Will SB 157 if passed directly help you or a family member? SB 157 will give fit, willing and able parents 50/50 time in TEMPORARY orders.

What has been your experience with Kansas Family Law Courts?

Compromised judge corruption in a lawyer failing to present evidence and unbiased decision making based on lies and turning a blind eye to the truth because a judge would get in trouble.

What family law court was your case in (County)?

Johnson

How much money have you spent on lawyers and other professionals to be a parent in your children's life?

\$4,650

How would your life be different if a shared parenting 50/50 law was in place when your case went to court?

I would have had a better chance at staying a father to my child and watching her grow instead of alienating me out of her life

What bias or unfairness have you seen or experienced in KANSAS family law or courts?

Dirty lawyer failing to show evidence to help my custody situation conflict of interest on my case high-conflict due to the conflict of interest associating with judge's secretary while the other parent and I were going to court for custody the other parent was caught associating with judge's secretary.

Do you agree with the Domestic Violence provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

No i do not agree with how the current law is written too easy for false allegation cases are made. How i would change it is proof of crime committed depending on severity of the case.

Do you agree with the Temporary Orders provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

Yes i agree

What else do you want people to know about shared parenting?

That to put the kid or kids 1st not the hate for the other parent.

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Do you support shared parenting? The presumption that both parents who are fit, willing and able should have equal time with the children after divorce.

Yes

Why do you think shared parenting is needed?

To keep both parents active in the children's lives. If both parents live in the same area there is no reason it shouldn't be 50/50 as long as both parents are able to do it

Do you currently have 50/50 shared parenting?

Every Thursday and every other Thursday through Monday morning

Will SB 157 if passed directly help you or a family member? SB 157 will give fit, willing and able parents 50/50 time in TEMPORARY orders.

Yes

What has been your experience with Kansas Family Law Courts?

Lawyers have been worse than judges. Or my judge. So far anyways

What family law court was your case in (County)?

Butler

How much money have you spent on lawyers and other professionals to be a parent in your children's life?

\$7,000

How would your life be different if a shared parenting 50/50 law was in place when your case went to court?

To be active and more real time with my son without my ex controlling things when she lost custody of one kid and raising another that is 25 and has no idea about life

What bias or unfairness have you seen or experienced in KANSAS family law or courts?

Lies from the ex and the courts excepting her lies without her having to prove anything. I've done nothing to her and have proof of everything she accused me of and showed it in courts after I lost time

Do you agree with the Domestic Violence provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

Yes

Do you agree with the Temporary Orders provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

Yes

What else do you want people to know about shared parenting?

It's about the children. They didn't do anything to not deserve two suitable parents. It's heartbreaking what the system does to parents that are willing and have the means to raise the children. The state only cares about child support. I have done the figures. It's a money maker for the state and it's sick that one parent loses everything and the other blows all the child support money they receive

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Do you support shared parenting? The presumption that both parents who are fit, willing and able should have equal time with the children after divorce.

Yes

Why do you think shared parenting is needed?

What is best for all children is to have equal access, to be loved and supported, and for children to have a relationship with both of their parents. Children of divorce should have the freedom to have two houses: my house and my other house, not mom's house and dad's house.

Do you currently have 50/50 shared parenting?

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Will SB 157 if passed directly help you or a family member? SB 157 will give fit, willing and able parents 50/50 time in TEMPORARY orders.

Maybe

What has been your experience with Kansas Family Law Courts?

As a capable and fit father who is and has always been willing to parent and father my children, temporary orders have been in place for more than 2 years. I have not seen my children in over a year and I have not spoken to them via phone in just over a year.

What family law court was your case in (County)?

Douglas

How much money have you spent on lawyers and other professionals to be a parent in your children's life?

\$90,000

How would your life be different if a shared parenting 50/50 law was in place when your case went to court?

I would still have a 3-2-2 schedule with my children.

What bias or unfairness have you seen or experienced in KANSAS family law or courts?

Bias for the mother who, in my case, continues to portray herself as a victim. No one in the county is skilled in the affects of parental alienation and how that continues cycles of broken families. There is no option for restoration, rebuilding, repair. The court system perpetuates separation. All of the attorneys, case managers, support professionals profit from the system as it is set up. CM ordered a psychological evaluation from her choice of provider who charged more than twice what many others charges. CM fed that provider information to influence outcome and report. Children's therapists assigned by the CM lack background in clinical diagnosis, but provide therapy to children, not resulting in repair with alienated parent. Residential parent has no accountability to encourage children's relationship with other parent. The experience has left me financially destitute. I am professionally employed and make over 100K/year. Now, I work a second job to stay solvent and fund my case. The mental stress has led to physical stress, literally will take 2-3 years off my life. No matter what good steps I have taken to reassert and reprove myself to others, there is always another hoop to jump through.

Do you agree with the Domestic Violence provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

Definition of abuse as written sounds subjective. If a restraining order is issued by the court, that is done as a protective measure in the event the allegations are substantiated, or if a conviction is on record

Do you agree with the Temporary Orders provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

Yes

What else do you want people to know about shared parenting?

Current research supports children having access to both parents to be mentally and physically healthy to live full and productive lives. Parents who are fit, willing, and able WANT to be present to their children. The children have the need for two parents, and it should be incumbent on society to support all families.

Does the National Parents Organization have permission to use your testimony in support of SB 157 or similar legislation for shared parenting? If YES, type your FULL name below:

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Proponent Testimony of SB 157: Creating presumptions related to temporary parenting plans and defining related terms under the Kansas family law code.

Do you support shared parenting? The presumption that both parents who are fit, willing and able should have equal time with the children after divorce.

Yes

Why do you think shared parenting is needed?

Ok so I have recently got close to 50/50 shared custody. We need laws for family law matters because it has cost me close to \$30k in 8 years for me to have the right to see our (my) child. Court refused me rights and access or any parenting time during a child support hearing that was done by the State Of Kansas Department of Children Service OFFICE (DCF) that handles child support enforcement and establish paternity. I filed motion pro se to gain access I had to jump through all kinds of crazy hoops and local court rules and still the court failed to follow the rules they say they follow. Had to do supervised visitation twice the court allowed Child mother to dictate what I could do while being supervised parenting time like if I could bring gifts food ect. Have been to four mediators with all impass they all recommend 50/50 some sort of parenting time. I have had two case managers one recommend the parenting time I have now. But I was given very little time each time I had to keep fight the court to allow me to see our (My) child took 7 years and alot of money to parent my child equally.. No one should ever have to pay \$30K to have parenting time. The court won't enforce a parenting plan but the court will arrest a man for not paying child support. So we really need change. Change the stereotype that Kansas is a mother State or a country court is a mother country. We need to known as Kansas is a Equal Family Rights State where you start at 50/50 then Have factual actual direct reasoning on why 50/50 not in the best interest of the child. He said he did she said she did shouldn't be grounds. The courts allowance PFA/pfs to gain upper hand on custody should be looked at with rule wrote in this bill. So this is why I think we need this to be moved forward. Thank you

Do you currently have 50/50 shared parenting?

Yes

Will SB 157 if passed directly help you or a family member? SB 157 will give fit, willing and able parents 50/50 time in TEMPORARY orders.

Yes

What has been your experience with Kansas Family Law Courts?

Ok so I have recently got close to 50/50 shared custody. We need laws for family law matters because it has cost me close to \$30k in 8 years for me to have the right to see our (my) child.

What family law court was your case in (County)?

Harvey

How much money have you spent on lawyers and other professionals to be a parent in your children's life?

\$60,000

How would your life be different if a shared parenting 50/50 law was in place when your case went to court?

I would have saved alot of money that could gone to our (my) child. Not missed all them holidays and important moments and most of important would been my mother died why I was fight for the right to see our (my) child daughter won't ever got to meet her grandmother wasn't able to go to my mother's funeral. All because our family law is flawed and I have to pay alot if money to have a right not fair.

What bias or unfairness have you seen or experienced in KANSAS family law or courts?

Father's have no rights. Child mother can violate court order and I miss months of parenting time for the court to hear my motion that has to be filled and nothing done about it.

Do you agree with the Domestic Violence provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

I agree. But judges routinely grant false or stupid protect orders against men well in Harvey country they do. Pull mine that the court allowed to be filled and temporary orders granted you could see then you have two judges making orders on two cases

Do you agree with the Temporary Orders provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

Yes

What else do you want people to know about shared parenting?

It's needs to happen look at all these mass shootings done by people with out the our parent in there life

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Do you support shared parenting? The presumption that both parents who are fit, willing and able should have equal time with the children after divorce.

Yes

Why do you think shared parenting is needed?

Yes

Do you currently have 50/50 shared parenting?

Full

Will SB 157 if passed directly help you or a family member? SB 157 will give fit, willing and able parents 50/50 time in TEMPORARY orders.

Yes

What has been your experience with Kansas Family Law Courts?

Horrible

What family law court was your case in (County)?

Wyandotte

How much money have you spent on lawyers and other professionals to be a parent in your children's life?

\$6,000

How would your life be different if a shared parenting 50/50 law was in place when your case went to court?

My children may still have their mother and I wouldn't be a father to 3 teenage girls that I've only ever had every other weekend with.

What bias or unfairness have you seen or experienced in KANSAS family law or courts?

Mothers recieved all rights and fathers are nothing more than a paycheck. After child support a father cannot even support themselves.

Do you agree with the Domestic Violence provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

Yes

Do you agree with the Temporary Orders provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

Yes

What else do you want people to know about shared parenting?

Children need both parents

Does the National Parents Organization have permission to use your testimony in support of SB 157 or similar legislation for shared parenting? If YES, type your FULL name below:

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Do you support shared parenting? The presumption that both parents who are fit, willing and able should have equal time with the children after divorce.

Yes

Why do you think shared parenting is needed?

Presumption both parents are fit. Both parents involved means better outcome, more child support compliance etc.

Do you currently have 50/50 shared parenting?

No

Will SB 157 if passed directly help you or a family member? SB 157 will give fit, willing and able parents 50/50 time in TEMPORARY orders.

Yes

What has been your experience with Kansas Family Law Courts?

Judge obeys GAL and does not require any evidence from GAL. No due process. GAL withholds all school reports, counselor reports or any evidence which would stop GAL from making money. The system is so money driven and upside down logic.

What family law court was your case in (County)?

Johnson

How much money have you spent on lawyers and other professionals to be a parent in your children's life?

\$300,000

How would your life be different if a shared parenting 50/50 law was in place when your case went to court?

Yes the children would have both parents.

What bias or unfairness have you seen or experienced in KANSAS family law or courts?

Guardian at litem withholds evidence. GAL intimidates childcare supervisors to benefit agenda. GAL Ashlyn Yarnell (Ronald Nelson Law firm) who is very vocal against this bill has two Federal cases against her for religious discrimination. They hate Christians. She told me never to pray with my children. GAL withholds school reports or psychologist reports contrary to her agenda of making money.

Do you agree with the Domestic Violence provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

Presentation not accepted if ex parte. Must allow other party the ability to respond. No temp orders without due process.

Do you agree with the Temporary Orders provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

agree

What else do you want people to know about shared parenting?

Best for children.

Does the National Parents Organization have permission to use your testimony in support of SB 157 or similar legislation for shared parenting? If YES, type your FULL name below:

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Do you support shared parenting? The presumption that both parents who are fit, willing and able should have equal time with the children after divorce.

Yes

Why do you think shared parenting is needed?

Best interest of CHILDREN and parents and extended family and Kansas social values.

Do you currently have 50/50 shared parenting?

Yes

Will SB 157 if passed directly help you or a family member? SB 157 will give fit, willing and able parents 50/50 time in TEMPORARY orders.

No

What has been your experience with Kansas Family Law Courts?

I have learned that in our adversarial legal system, the process of child custody decisions encourages parents to attack each other in court to find the "better parent" which leaves things open for more "winner take-all" court battles.

What family law court was your case in (County)?

HV

How much money have you spent on lawyers and other professionals to be a parent in your children's life?

\$35,000

How would your life be different if a shared parenting 50/50 law was in place when your case went to court?

Nine months of more normal life with my daughter instead of strategically created temporary orders designed to surgically remove me from her life.

So many better things to invest in than the litigation industry. If one seeks shared custody and the other parent won't agree, the common belief is that one must pay a ransom to lawyers as your child's future is hostage to the financial interests of this industry which by design is allowed to conflate the "best interest of children" with their financial interests! During those nine months until present I keep recognizing that the adversarial legal system is not ideal for difficult child custody decisions UNLESS the child's rights and best interests could be protected by impartial representation paid by the State in the interest of the child.

What bias or unfairness have you seen or experienced in KANSAS family law or courts?

As courts of judicial discretion, decisions only need be justified by local tradition, continuing the current plans for inexcusable reasons, "preponderance of evidence", essentially the beliefs of the decision makers, instead of any clear, convincing evidence.

Lawyers are given too much power over children's lives in decisions made without sunlight which could reveal their complicity or self interest and often acts as an apologist for a system that can profit from creating adversarial behavior. This leaves the door open for corruption without transparency over decision making processes.

Do you agree with the Domestic Violence provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

No. I AGREE entirely with its apparent INTENT, however I believe that adding this provision must also delineate severe penalties for actions and perjury by parents and legal industry when it becomes certain that false accusations of DV were made to inf

Do you agree with the Temporary Orders provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

Yes

What else do you want people to know about shared parenting?

It's about the need and right of children to be with fit parents even if parents relationship has ended.

It will take away rights from the litigation industry which may not always be a happy career however it's "golden cow" is when two fit parents with financial resources have different custody wishes.

It challenges judicial discretion and will possibly be ignored by courts unless requiring written basis for judicial decisions.

You can discuss shared parenting with nearly ANY Kansan and everyone believes in its value for children EXCEPT those family lawyers whose profit is largely derived from adversarial litigation between parents which should only be allowed in KS if an ombudsman/legal representation for the child is present with equal power. On this opinion I believe Professor Elrod and I are in agreement.

Does the National Parents Organization have permission to use your testimony in support of SB 157 or similar legislation for shared parenting? If YES, type your FULL name below:

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Do you support shared parenting? The presumption that both parents who are fit, willing and able should have equal time with the children after divorce.

Yes

Why do you think shared parenting is needed?

Good for the children that want to see both sides

Do you currently have 50/50 shared parenting?

50/50 with Bill's but get to see children 24% of time

Will SB 157 if passed directly help you or a family member? SB 157 will give fit, willing and able parents 50/50 time in TEMPORARY orders.

Yes

What has been your experience with Kansas Family Law Courts?

They treat the men like crap...like they dont care if the man struggles

What family law court was your case in (County)?

Cloud county

How much money have you spent on lawyers and other professionals to be a parent in your children's life?

\$15,000

How would your life be different if a shared parenting 50/50 law was in place when your case went to court?

The kids would have a better life on my side to

What bias or unfairness have you seen or experienced in KANSAS family law or courts?

Paying 1500 a month in child support and having to split the med bills 50 50the struggle

Do you agree with the Domestic Violence provision AS WRITEN? If no, how would you change it?

Yes

Do you agree with the Temporary Orders provision AS WRITEN? If no, how would you change it?

Yes

What else do you want people to know about shared parenting?

It's a damn good thing think about the kids instead of how much money the woman get a month

Does the National Parents Organization have permission to use your testimony in support of SB 157 or similar legislation for shared parenting? If YES, type your FULL name below:

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Do you support shared parenting? The presumption that both parents who are fit, willing and able should have equal time with the children after divorce.

Yes

Why do you think shared parenting is needed?

Our justice system is flawed. Courts are allowed to make choices without all the information giving one parent all control and the inability to regain 50/50! I've been fighting for 5 years. No charges or drugs or reasons. Only superior control by his lawyer and our local judge. My children beg for their mom, they beg for 50/50. Our court in Allen County is unfair.

Do you currently have 50/50 shared parenting?

Every other weekend, and one week day until 7pm.

Will SB 157 if passed directly help you or a family member? SB 157 will give fit, willing and able parents 50/50 time in TEMPORARY orders.

Yes

What has been your experience with Kansas Family Law Courts?

I'm a single mom. Long story short I stayed at home with our young four kids while my ex-husband worked. I didn't have a job outside the home for six years when he cleaned our accounts, emptied the home of what he thought was "his", and moved across town.

What family law court was your case in (County)?

Allen

How much money have you spent on lawyers and other professionals to be a parent in your children's life?

\$50,000

How would your life be different if a shared parenting 50/50 law was in place when your case went to court?

There would have been no question of control. We would have 50/50 no and the children wouldn't have suffered through our testimonies during our divorce five years ago and they wouldn't be suffering now, five years later, still no 50/50.

What bias or unfairness have you seen or experienced in KANSAS family law or courts?

Judge signed over primary custody to the children's father during our divorce. They said I abandoned my children. I had not, I moved and fully communicated my move. I was in between lawyers to gain better counsel. There was nothing wrong with what I did and they used that time frame to get the judge to sign over the children to the father and I WAS never even notified until my new lawyer went to speak with his lawyer and said I didn't even have custody anymore. How can this be right? How can a judge do this? I was unable to fight this decision and I have yet to get my children back.

Do you agree with the Domestic Violence provision AS WRITEN? If no, how would you change it?

Yes

Do you agree with the Temporary Orders provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

Yes, only I would like to see Temporary removed. Parents should always have 50/50 for the life of a child until they are 18. Given no legitimate reasons for change. There will always be someone who thinks they can control the ex by their children. It's so

What else do you want people to know about shared parenting?

This is for the children's best interests. No one person was chose to have control and rights to a child, or God would've allowed men to bare child. It takes two humans to create, its takes two humans to raise, with equal duty. If each parent is willing and there is no concerns, then they should each have the right to raise their child.

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Do you support shared parenting? The presumption that both parents who are fit, willing and able should have equal time with the children after divorce.

Yes

Why do you think shared parenting is needed?

Each parent provides reassurance to their children. Without time to develop those relationships, the child will have to fill that void with other things. This can have long lasting impacts on confidence and mental health issues.

Do you currently have 50/50 shared parenting?

Yes

Will SB 157 if passed directly help you or a family member? SB 157 will give fit, willing and able parents 50/50 time in TEMPORARY orders.

No

What has been your experience with Kansas Family Law Courts?

I feel that as a father I had to start without the presumption that having equal rights was the starting point. The burden seemed to be on me of why it was even a good idea.

What family law court was your case in (County)?

Shawnee

How much money have you spent on lawyers and other professionals to be a parent in your children's life?

\$25,000

How would your life be different if a shared parenting 50/50 law was in place when your case went to court?

I wouldn't have had to spend \$10,000 to get it

What bias or unfairness have you seen or experienced in KANSAS family law or courts?

Conciliatory process has such a huge impact on the result of a case. The mediator is a lot of time the judge in a case. There is no requirement or burden of proof to be honest in conciliation. That isn't right

Do you agree with the Domestic Violence provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

I think this could lead to an increase in false claims on either side. I think the word substantiated needs put in there

Do you agree with the Temporary Orders provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

It needs to be both temporary and permanent

What else do you want people to know about shared parenting?

Shared parenting doesn't have to be a pseudo relationship with the former spouse.

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Do you support shared parenting? The presumption that both parents who are fit, willing and able should have equal time with the children after divorce.

Yes

Why do you think shared parenting is needed?

Shared parenting time is needed because then it will hold both parents accountable for the child(ren). Shared parenting time will also allow the children to love both parents without feeling guilty. We will see an increase in involvement from the non custodial parent, which in turn will greatly improve the child's life.

Do you currently have 50/50 shared parenting?

28%

Will SB 157 if passed directly help you or a family member? SB 157 will give fit, willing and able parents 50/50 time in TEMPORARY orders.

Yes

What has been your experience with Kansas Family Law Courts?

I have been failed by the courts. I have gone through supervised visits, multiple false PFAs, multiple false DCF investigations, and now I'm fighting to get 50/50 when Judge Beasley of Wichita made the recommendation for me to have 50/50.

What family law court was your case in (County)?

Sedgwick county

How much money have you spent on lawyers and other professionals to be a parent in your children's life?

\$12,000

How would your life be different if a shared parenting 50/50 law was in place when your case went to court?

My life would be greatly different. I wouldn't have had to miss my daughters surgery because the mother didn't tell me about it till last second, I wouldn't have missed my daughter preschool graduation, I wouldn't have had to miss my daughters birthday, her first day of kindergarten, Halloween, Christmas, Easter, July 4th are just some of the days and memories I have missed because the mothers won't communicate until last second and know that I won't be able to make it. With 50/50, there would be nothing like that happening.

What bias or unfairness have you seen or experienced in KANSAS family law or courts?

I have to proof that I'm a fit father even though I have no police record, I have no serious crimes or felonies, I have dealt with false allegations and had to go to a therapist to prove them wrong. I feel as if the courts are trying to find a way where I'm unfit even though there is nothing they can find.

Do you agree with the Domestic Violence provision AS WRITEN? If no, how would you change it?

Yes.

Do you agree with the Temporary Orders provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

Yes.

What else do you want people to know about shared parenting?

Shared parenting time will cut down all the custody battles and will make the child's life even better having both parents equally.

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Do you support shared parenting? The presumption that both parents who are fit, willing and able should have equal time with the children after divorce.

Yes

Why do you think shared parenting is needed?

Shared parenting will give both parent a equal access to parent the child. Current family law gives mainly mothers the "power" of raising children. This often leads to mothers using the children as objects to control the father's time and rights. It hurts the children involved. All children have the right to have equal access to both fit and able parents.

Do you currently have 50/50 shared parenting?

Every other weekend

Will SB 157 if passed directly help you or a family member? SB 157 will give fit, willing and able parents 50/50 time in TEMPORARY orders.

Maybe

What has been your experience with Kansas Family Law Courts?

Kansas family law courts have showed favoritism to the mother of my children even when knowing she was lying. She has been able to lie about abuse, income, and anything that benefits her. This has led to reduced time with my children and high child support.

What family law court was your case in (County)?

Pottowattamie

How much money have you spent on lawyers and other professionals to be a parent in your children's life?

\$30,000

How would your life be different if a shared parenting 50/50 law was in place when your case went to court?

I would be able to be actively involved in my children's school life, homework, daily lives. I would get to see them and spend quality time with them. My children would have two actively involved parents instead of one plus a weekend dad. If I try to get any extra time the way it is now I am told no or that I have to "make it up". I get to see my children 4 days a month. That is not enough to parent.

What bias or unfairness have you seen or experienced in KANSAS family law or courts?

Bias against fathers. The judge stated that he understood and Believed I was a good father with a loving and supportive family. He reprimanded my ex wife for poor behavior in the court room and pointed out her lies but said in his closing while he knew she was lying about the details he believed her over all story! He sided with her on custody and high child support. We need a equal and shared parenting to be the standard in our family courts!!

Do you agree with the Domestic Violence provision AS WRITEN? If no, how would you change it?

No, my ex wife claimed physical abuse at the start of our divorce which was an absolute lie. This will give mothers or fathers a way to hijack the system.

Do you agree with the Temporary Orders provision AS WRITEN? If no, how would you change it?

Yes!

What else do you want people to know about shared parenting?

Our kids NEED both parents! They need dads just as much as moms!!

Does the National Parents Organization have permission to use your testimony in support of SB 157 or similar legislation for shared parenting? If YES, type your FULL name below:

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Do you support shared parenting? The presumption that both parents who are fit, willing and able should have equal time with the children after divorce.

Yes

Why do you think shared parenting is needed?

Children need both parents. Boyfriend's shouldn't get more time with your child than you do.

Do you currently have 50/50 shared parenting?

Every other weekend and no holidays last 3 years

Will SB 157 if passed directly help you or a family member? SB 157 will give fit, willing and able parents 50/50 time in TEMPORARY orders.

Yes

What has been your experience with Kansas Family Law Courts?

Prejudicial

What family law court was your case in (County)?

Dickinson

How much money have you spent on lawyers and other professionals to be a parent in your children's life?

15000

How would your life be different if a shared parenting 50/50 law was in place when your case went to court?

Child might not be so angry. Just turned 5 1/2 and I just potty trained him for the third time.

What bias or unfairness have you seen or experienced in KANSAS family law or courts?

Judge not giving witnesses opportunity to dispute allegations or present evidence when lies are being told in court. First one to lie "wins" ??? How wrong is that. Judge orders independent medical exam 3 years that never happens, son has been being abused the whole time. First time I take my son to a Professional that states my child is being abused the Judge rules I can't take him there any more.

Do you agree with the Domestic Violence provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

True documentation by the showing of some "charge", not just allegations.

Do you agree with the Temporary Orders provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

Judges should look at pictures and videos of the child bruised and having black eyes. He should watch the videos of the child when the child is screaming not to be returned and telling of the horrors being inflicted on him.

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Do you support shared parenting? The presumption that both parents who are fit, willing and able should have equal time with the children after divorce.

Yes

Why do you think shared parenting is needed?

Gives both sides ample opportunity to take child to appointments when child is being abused. Every other weekend, father cannot find a primary care physician on weekends and clinics don't care.

Do you currently have 50/50 shared parenting?

I am a grandparent whom the Court keeps letting get restrained from my grandson for supposed things like telling a five and a half year to poop in his pants. Ridiculous, I know but it kept me from my grandson for six months

What has been your experience with Kansas Family Law Courts?

Nightmare. Having to sit in a courtroom and be berated for things you have not done and are not allowed to present evidence or testimony against fabrications and allegations when the Judge is biased to mother.

What family law court was your case in (County)?

Dickinson

How much money have you spent on lawyers and other professionals to be a parent in your children's life?

5000

How would your life be different if a shared parenting 50/50 law was in place when your case went to court?

Would have been able to take child to Dr and child wouldn't have had to be abused by mother and boyfriend

What bias or unfairness have you seen or experienced in KANSAS family law or courts?

Whatever mother says is true and she can say anything she wants. Father is stopped from speaking and told not allowed to say anything or is berated by Judge to not talk bad about mother, which leaves no way on how you supposed to tell the truth.

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Do you support shared parenting? The presumption that both parents who are fit, willing and able should have equal time with the children after divorce.

Yes

Why do you think shared parenting is needed?

I have seen the effects that 50/50 parenting has on my daughter, compared to my boyfriends daughter, who is the same age, where he has been alienated and has had to fight for 2 years now to even have a weekend with her, even though he is perfectly capable and a fit parent. Children need both mother and fathers support and presence to become the best person they can be. Having both parents in a kids life is more beneficial than harmful in most situations.

Do you currently have 50/50 shared parenting?

Yes

Will SB 157 if passed directly help you or a family member? SB 157 will give fit, willing and able parents 50/50 time in TEMPORARY orders.

Maybe

What has been your experience with Kansas Family Law Courts?

My experience with custody over my daughter was easy and quick because it was uncontested. My boyfriend's case on the other hand, has been going on since July 2018 and hasn't really made any progress and he hasn't had any rights to his daughter until rece

What family law court was your case in (County)?

Mine-pottawatomie Boyfriends-ellsworth

How much money have you spent on lawyers and other professionals to be a parent in your children's life?

3000

How would your life be different if a shared parenting 50/50 law was in place when your case went to court?

It wouldn't of changed my case really but if it was 50/50 when my boyfriend started his case, then my life would be so much better... And happier. It breaks my heart to see my boyfriend have to go through this for 2 years now.. Our daughters are both 3 years old and it would be great if daughter would have his daughter to play with and if could finally have the honor to meet the biggest part of my boyfriends life. Life would feel more complete if we had his daughter half the time too.

What bias or unfairness have you seen or experienced in KANSAS family law or courts?

Naturally, there is a bias over a parent without a criminal record over a parent with a record, which is sometimes needed to be taken into consideration. But I have also seen mothers get away with more than fathers even with undeniable evidence of unfit parenting.

Do you agree with the Domestic Violence provision AS WRITEN? If no, how would you change it?

Yes, my boyfriends ex is abusive and we have video recording to prove it and we are always worried about what goes on and what happens to their daughter and her other son when she gets angry with them. She can't control herself and I feel it's very unsafe

Do you agree with the Temporary Orders provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

Yes

What else do you want people to know about shared parenting?

If you are keeping your child away from the other parent out of spite or revenge, that means that you hate your child's other parent more than you love your child. I hope those people realize that if you love your children, despite whatever negative feelings you have towards your ex, shared parenting is what's best for them, and also everyone else involved in the long run.

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Do you support shared parenting? The presumption that both parents who are fit, willing and able should have equal time with the children after divorce.

Yes

Why do you think shared parenting is needed?

Children have outcomes better seeing both parents NO MATTER HOW MUCH CONFLICT there is. That is the results of massive surveys, compiled from the last few decades. This is not debatable anymore. Now, the issue is how much the Kansas Legislators are willing to do the right thing. The attorneys, have a powerful lobbying group, but they do not hold more power than the truth. Behind the curtain, is another more powerful system - that creates big incentives for the family law attorneys to work with the federal government in the Title IV program to gain massive funds in part tied to child support payments. We out here, in Kansas heartland already understand this, and we are onto the system of corruption in this area.

We already know the entire Child Support calculation is hits the lower time % parent with massive dollars as though some how they don't have the same expenses as the other primary parent. The economist, and the USDA numbers are loaded with assumptions based on economic data that doesn't support reality. Very few on the Child Support Committee do things to make the system more fair, and actually recently have tried to put in the calculator things that do not make sense in the math, or in the economics. There are only 2 parents on the Child Support Committee and they do not get much say because the complexity is so deep, and embedded with historical issues that makes the "old timers" on there the "experts". But, they actually are not experts, and many do not hold much expertise except expertise in trying to place in things that create more issues - especially for the parents. It's a money game, and the lawyers know it, the legislature knows it, and us in the public no better than you.

In terms of children, the compilation of surveys of families and tracking children, in all the breakdowns of the areas of child development - point to the fact that children want to see both parents, their outcomes are better with both parents, and it doesn't count if a parent is seen just 4 days a month or something. Parents across the country are supporting shared parenting. In Kansas, 85% I believe in the survey done in 2019 SUPPORT SHARED PARENTING. The ONLY ones who do not are attorneys in family law - and it is not because they know better. The attorneys in family law do not see how it works better because they think the parents are the problem in forcing litigation. The first priority is that parents want to see their kids - and they will go ALL THE WAY to get that done no matter how much it costs. These BATTLES IN THE COURT ROOM NEED TO STOP. We are sick and tired of having to pay attorneys to "fix" our families when the entire issue starts by the "setup" in the Child Support and the Judges who set up one Parent with the kids 90% of the time or more.

Do you currently have 50/50 shared parenting?

90%

Will SB 157 if passed directly help you or a family member? SB 157 will give fit, willing and able parents 50/50 time in TEMPORARY orders.

No

What has been your experience with Kansas Family Law Courts?

The judges are mostly good, but they do not understand the corruption in the Child Support calculator, the corruption in the attorneys who think they are doing families a favor by forcing litigation, oh wait, not forcing but "suggesting" that litigation t

What family law court was your case in (County)?

Scott County

How much money have you spent on lawyers and other professionals to be a parent in your children's life?

30000

How would your life be different if a shared parenting 50/50 law was in place when your case went to court?

We would not have had to hire attorneys at the cost of \$10,000 each, or about \$20,000. That investment for kids could have paid for several years of college.

What bias or unfairness have you seen or experienced in KANSAS family law or courts?

In my case, my own attorney screwed me but making me divide the farm assets, and then pay child support on the land that the Ex received in by way of cash. So, if it were fair, she should have to pay me also on her half of cash and whatever investment of business that was used for - but she just spent it and wasted it because she did not get a job or keep a job. Then, I was on the 80/20 rule from 2012 for 6 more years, and I paid 97% (that is ninety seven percent) of the TOTAL CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATION to my Ex. But, get this I kept kids while I farmed, nearly 80% of the time of the daylight hours and half of nights.

Do you agree with the Domestic Violence provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

No, it is not needed.

Do you agree with the Temporary Orders provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

No, it is poorly written, but it is the best we have. Nothing else in the statute of family law is well written either so what makes the difference.

What else do you want people to know about shared parenting?

Child outcomes are the best if both parents see children.

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Do you support shared parenting? The presumption that both parents who are fit, willing and able should have equal time with the children after divorce.

Yes

Why do you think shared parenting is needed?

Sometimes you don't have a choice in divorce and you should have a choice with your children.

Do you currently have 50/50 shared parenting?

Yes

Will SB 157 if passed directly help you or a family member? SB 157 will give fit, willing and able parents 50/50 time in TEMPORARY orders.

Maybe

What has been your experience with Kansas Family Law Courts?

They are slow.

What family law court was your case in (County)?

Sedgwick

How much money have you spent on lawyers and other professionals to be a parent in your children's life?

5000

How would your life be different if a shared parenting 50/50 law was in place when your case went to court?

There wouldn't have been as much anger in the initial stages of divorce. I didn't know my ex was filing and my whole life was turned upside down along with the kids essentially over night. There are ways to keep stability with the kids while both parents have share custody. It sets a standard of a ho files they have control and no one wants to feel they have no control when it comes to their children.

What bias or unfairness have you seen or experienced in KANSAS family law or courts?

NA

Do you agree with the Domestic Violence provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

Yes

Do you agree with the Temporary Orders provision AS WRITTEN? If no, how would you change it?

Yes

What else do you want people to know about shared parenting?

If parents plan to have shared time then starting it in temporary orders should be the standard.

Does the National Parents Organization have permission to use your testimony in support of SB 157 or similar legislation for shared parenting? If YES, type your FULL name below:

Yes