

Child Custody & Support Modifications

Miami Custody and Support Modifications Lawyer

The Florida family law court that presided over your original child custody and child support order has the power to enforce that order and to modify it. If you have a child support or child custody issue, you will need the court's help to resolve it. If you attempt to resolve the issue without the help of the court, you could be found in contempt of court.

I am Theodore Enfield, a divorce attorney in Miami, Florida, with more than 29 years of experience in guiding people through the legal process of modifying or enforcing child custody and support orders.

Child custody modification

Child custody can be modified if there is a change in a parent's or child's circumstances that affects the best interest of the child.

Examples of a change in circumstances include: a child not doing well at home or school, a change in a parent's lifestyle or parental relocation.

Child support modifications

Child support can be modified if there is a significant increase or decrease in the payer's income. Child support can also be changed if the payer gains a new child through remarriage.

If you reduce child support payments without obtaining a court approved modification, you could be found guilty of contempt for nonpayment of child support. Even if your spouse verbally agrees to the change, that agreement would not be enforceable.

Enforcement actions

If your spouse is not paying child support or providing visitation, you can obtain an enforcement order through the court. If your spouse does not comply with the order he or she can be fined, jailed or both. The court may also order your spouse to pay reasonable court costs and lawyer's fees.

You cannot deny visitation to a spouse, even if he or she is not paying child support.

Free consultation with a Florida lawyer

For a free child support or modification consultation by telephone, call Miami attorney Theodore Enfield at 305-933-9592 or 1-800-733-5299 or fill out the contact form on this Web site.