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Using Family Law Technology to Your Advantage

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UNDERSTAND FAMILY LAW TECH

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WHAT WE'LL DISCUSS

1. Family law technology to know
2. Technology at Griffiths Law
3. Strategies for taking advantage of family law technology
4. Takeaways and questions

TECH TO KNOW: DIY DIVORCE

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Divorce Settlement Agreement

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_____, of _____, and _____ of _____, born _____, being sworn do hereby state the following statements are true and correct and that except as otherwise specifically stated in this Agreement, this Agreement serves as a full and final settlement of all matters arising from the dissolution of their marriage, including division all property rights, debts and spousal support. The parties agree this Agreement contains a fair, just and equitable division of property and subject to court approval agree as follows:

1. ARMED FORCES.
2. MARRIAGE DATE: The parties were married to each other on _____

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Here's a general divorce settlement agreement template that can be customized sample document and may need to be adapted to comply with the laws of your country. It's a good idea for each party to have an attorney review it before sign

Edit

MARITAL SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

This Marital Settlement Agreement ("Agreement") is entered into on _____, 20, by and between:

Spouse A: _____

Address: _____

and

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How do I file a motion for temporary custody?

If you want **temporary custody while a divorce or parentage case is pending**, you generally file a **Motion for Temporary Custody** (sometimes called a motion for temporary allocation of parental responsibilities or temporary parenting orders, depending on the state).

The basic process is:

1. **Confirm there's a family court case.** If you haven't already filed for divorce, legal separation, or a parentage/custody case, you'll usually need to start one before requesting temporary custody.
2. **Complete the required forms.** Most courts require:
 - A Motion for Temporary Custody.
 - A sworn affidavit or declaration explaining why the temporary order is needed.
 - A proposed temporary parenting plan or custody order (in some courts).
 - A notice of hearing.
3. **Explain why the order is in the child's best interests.** Include specific facts, such as:
 - Who has been the child's primary caregiver.
 - The child's current living situation.

TECH TO KNOW: AI ANSWER ENGINES

How litigants are using it

- Ask legal questions
- Make settlement agreements, other documents
- Pro se guidance

Caution: AI conversations may be discoverable (US v. Heppner).

How lawyers can use it

- Brainstorm strategy
- Create timelines from discovery notes
- Make intake forms and internal templates

Caution: Don't input confidential information; always double-check

TECH TO KNOW: CHILD CUSTODY

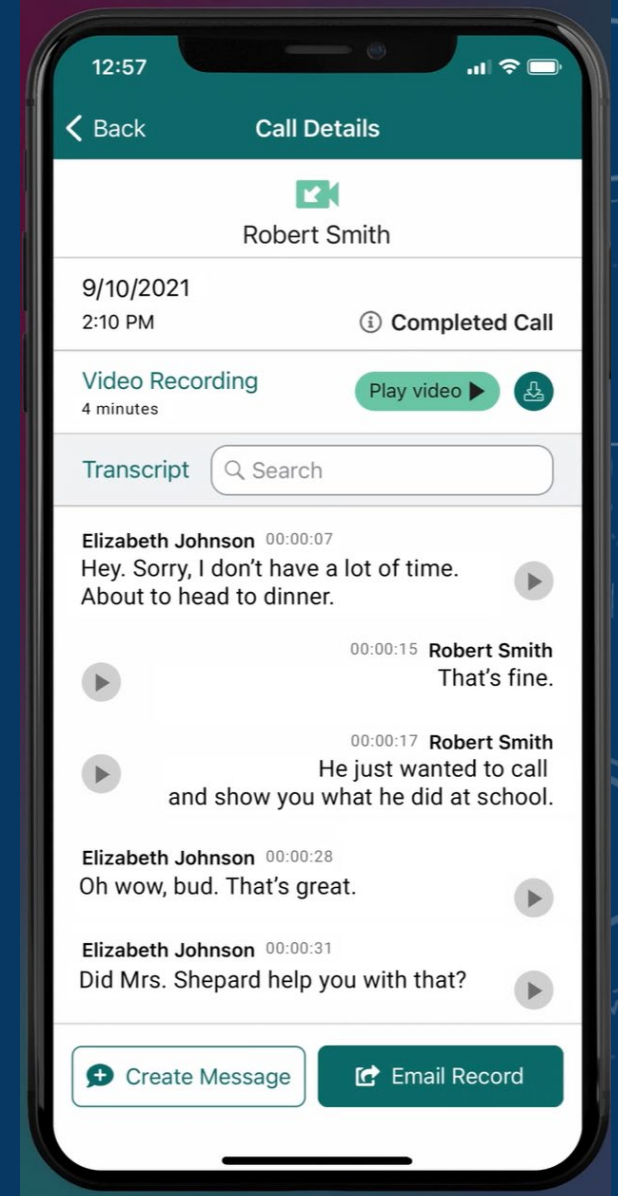


Accountable calling

- Parents don't share their phone numbers
- Video and voice calls
- Automatically recorded and transcribed

Messaging

- No previews — to protect emotions
- AI can rewrite messages



TECH TO KNOW: CHILD CUSTODY



Unalterable records

- Sealed records display a watermark if copied
- PDFs have seal proving they haven't been altered
- Full history of calls, messages, payments, etc.

COMPLETE MESSAGE RECORD

ROBERT SMITH AND ELIZABETH JOHNSON

All times presented in Central Standard Time

Record Requested By Robert Smith

Record Generated By TalkingParents
on 6/28/2021 at 10:22:04 AM



Unique Authentication Code:
2G54-JKWS-C4AR-XBJJ

TALKINGPARENTS CERTIFIES this record was created by TalkingParents and is a true and correct compilation of original data stored on our secure servers at the time it was collected or provided by the users at issue. The information in this Record was logged at the time of the occurrence of the matters set forth by it and the creation of such Records is a regular part of our business operations.

Digital Signature

When our system generates a Record, the PDF file is signed electronically. This digital signature can be viewed and verified by opening the PDF file with Adobe Acrobat. The presence of this electronic signature not only verifies that the file came from us, but that it has not been digitally modified in any way. If the file has been modified in any way, then the signature will no longer appear as valid. The document is jointly signed by TalkingParents and by Entrust Timestamp Authority™ authenticated by the Adobe Approved Trust List.



Unique Authentication Code

A unique 16-digit code is assigned to every Record our system generates. We permanently archive the original file so that any electronically certified TalkingParents record can be authenticated as genuine and accurate if necessary. The Unique Authentication Code is located at the bottom of every page of the record.



From our Servers to the Courtroom

When a TalkingParents user requests a copy of their Record through our app or website, our system then compiles the requested information from our secure servers. The user can then download the PDF file and they also have the option of ordering a printed copy of the file from us, which we then ship to the address of their choosing. When a user requests a printed copy, we print the exact same file they were able to download in PDF format as if they printed it themselves. A user can request a signed Affidavit to accompany a printed copy, but our goal is to provide sufficient Identification and Authentication through electronic means, regardless of whether the record is offered in electronic (PDF) or printed format.



TECH TO KNOW: CHILD CUSTODY

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What professionals like:

- Schedule templates
- Parenting time calculator
- Parenting plan template
- Evidence collection:
 - Journal, expense reports and more

SchedulesHolidaysChanges

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Dates Templates Customize

Templates

- ☐ Every other week ⓘ 50/50
- ☐ 2-2-3 ⓘ 50/50
- ☒ 2-2-5-5 ⓘ 50/50
- ☐ 3-4-4-3 ⓘ 50/50
- ☐ Every weekend ⓘ 60/40
- ☐ Every other weekend ⓘ 80/20
- ☐ Monthly (e.g. 1st, 3rd & 5th) ⓘ 80/20
- ☐ All to a parent (long distance) ⓘ 100/0
- ☐ Custom repeating rate ⓘ
- ☐ Existing schedule ⓘ

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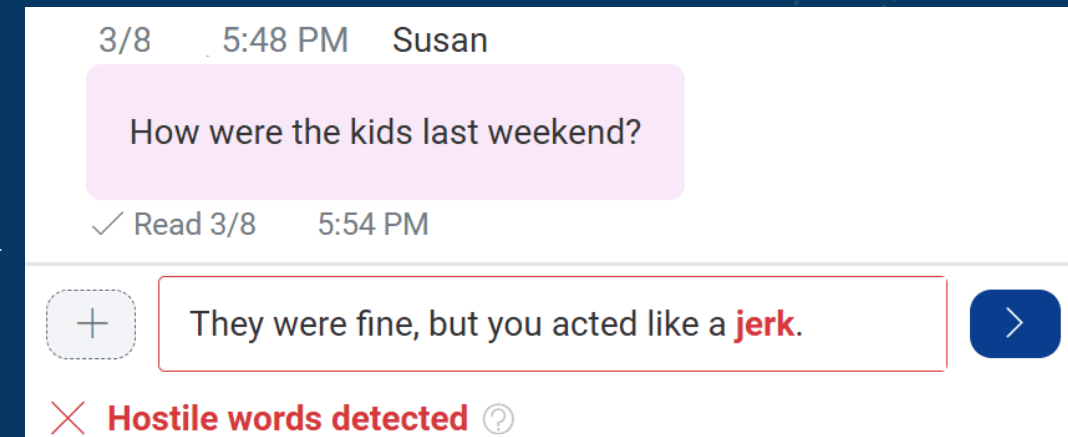
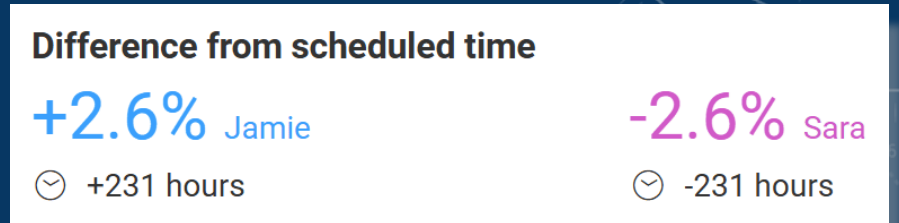
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8	9
15	16 9:00 AM
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What parents like:

- Holiday scheduling years in advance
- Track the parenting time they actually get
- Co-parent messaging with hostility monitor

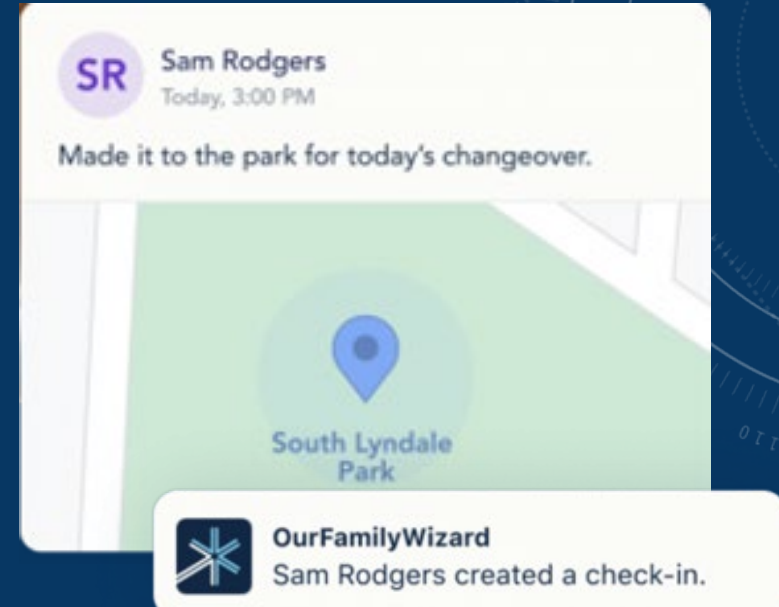


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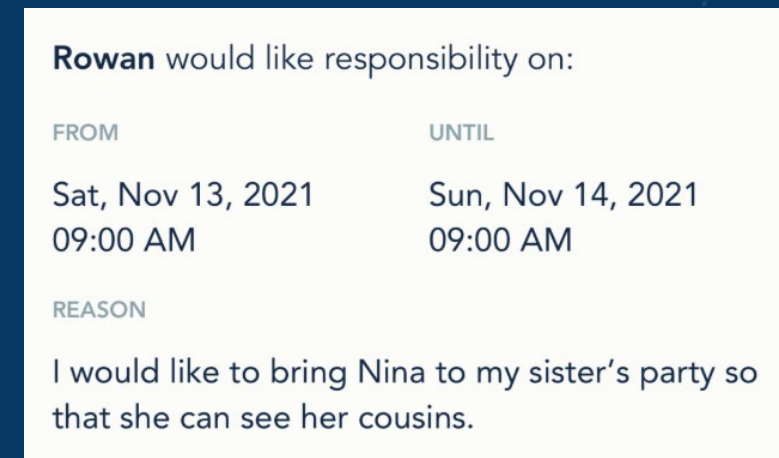
Check in to verify presence at:

- Exchanges
- Doctor's appointments
- Child's activities



Formally request time swaps:

- Co-parent must approve or reject
- No discussion necessary in messaging

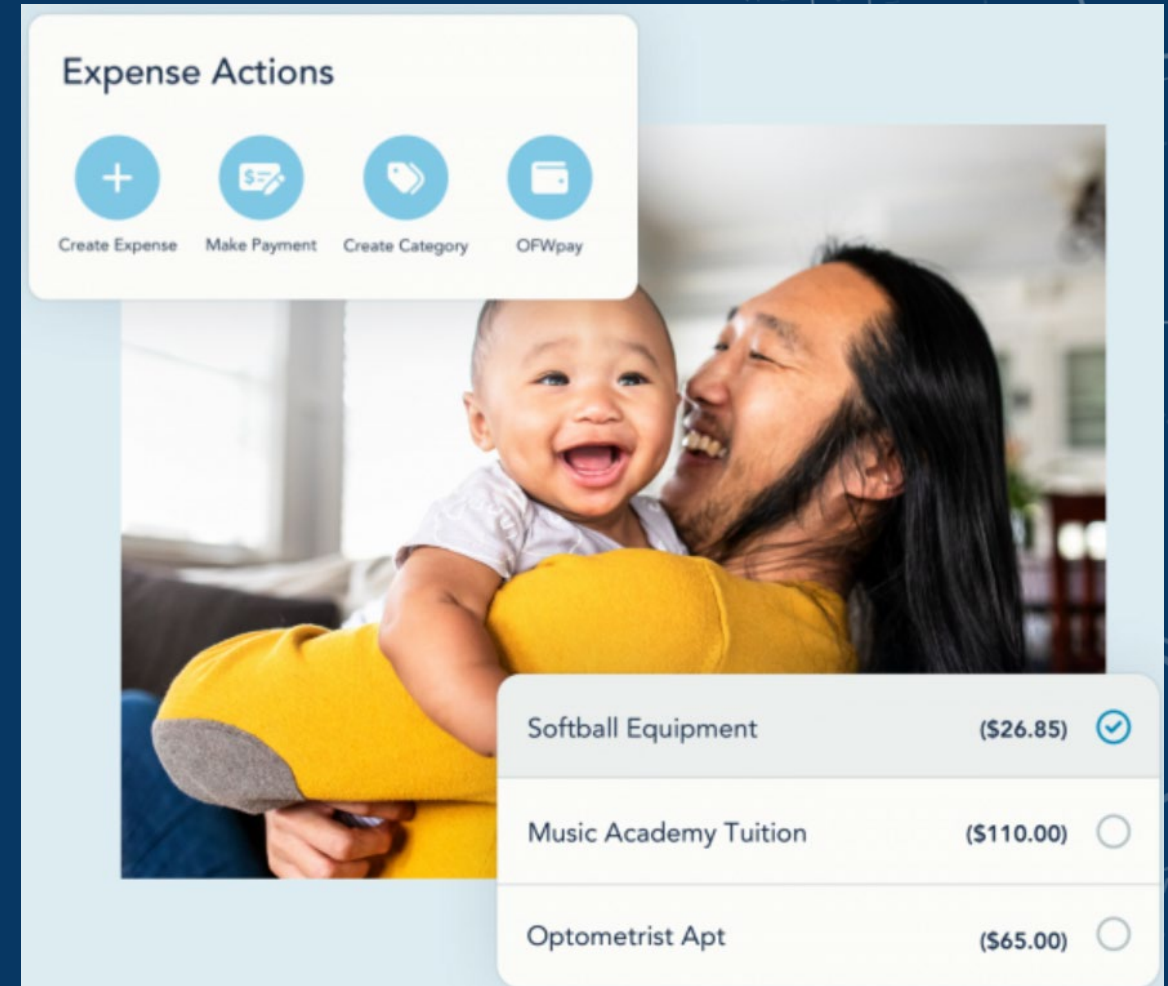


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Parents can pay each other through OFWpay

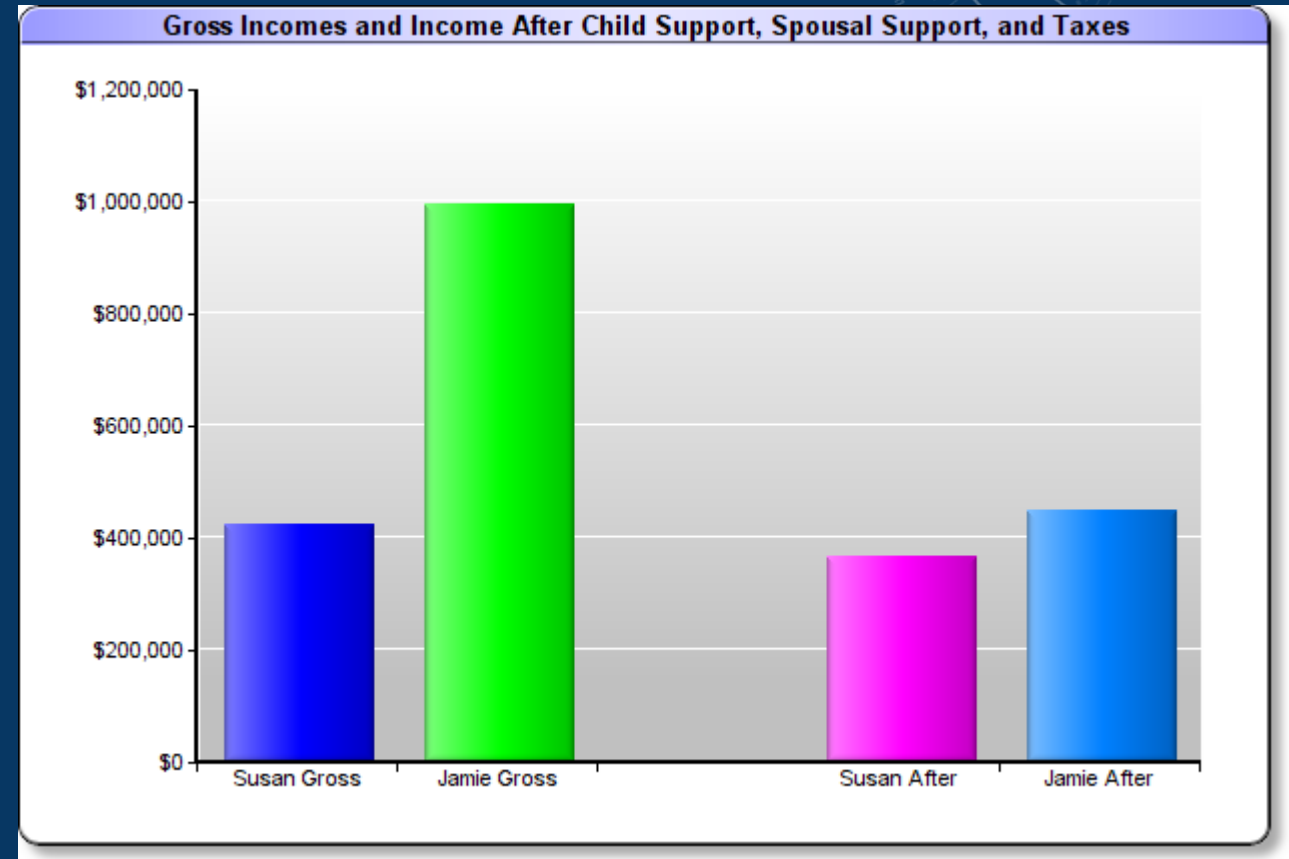
- Proof of every payment
- Repeating payments
- Balance updates automatically



TECH TO KNOW: DIVORCE FINANCES



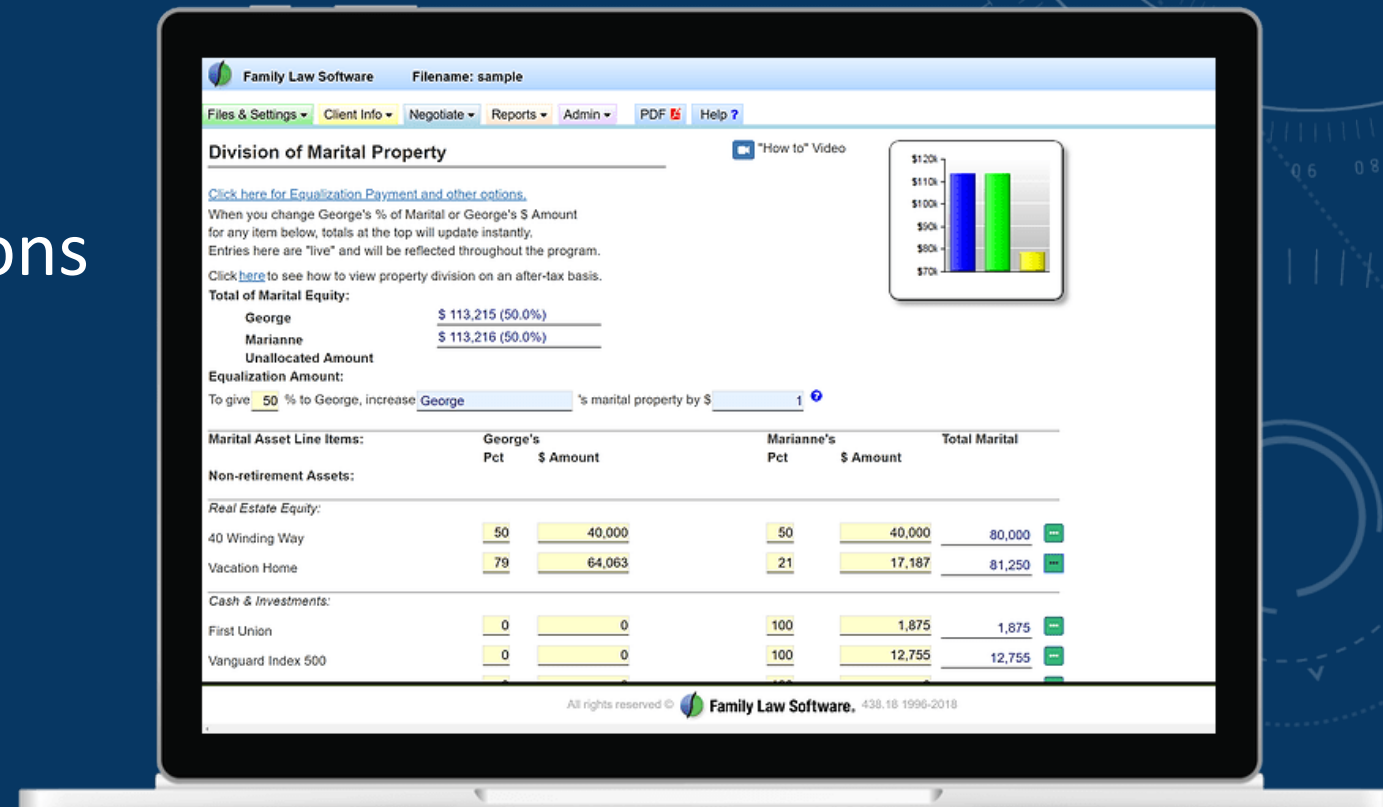
- **Document automation:** Financial statements, property declarations, etc.
- **Calculations:** asset distribution, child and spousal support (in some states), arrears



TECH TO KNOW: DIVORCE FINANCES



- Value defined-benefit pensions
- Compare scenarios
- Client input



TECH TO KNOW: DOCUMENT AUTOMATION

Knackly

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Clio Draft

Preloaded court forms ➡

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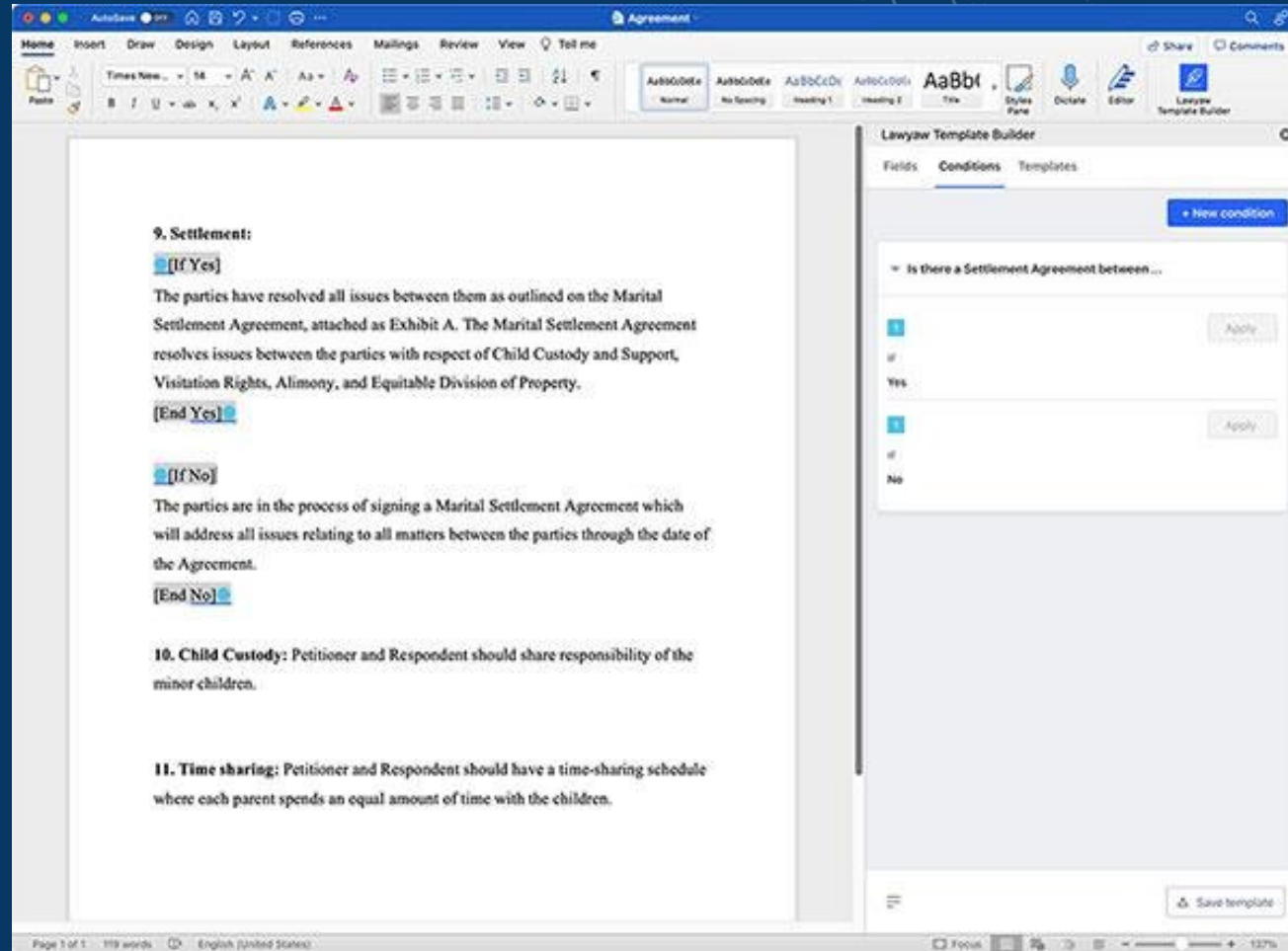
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TECH TO KNOW: EDISCOVERY



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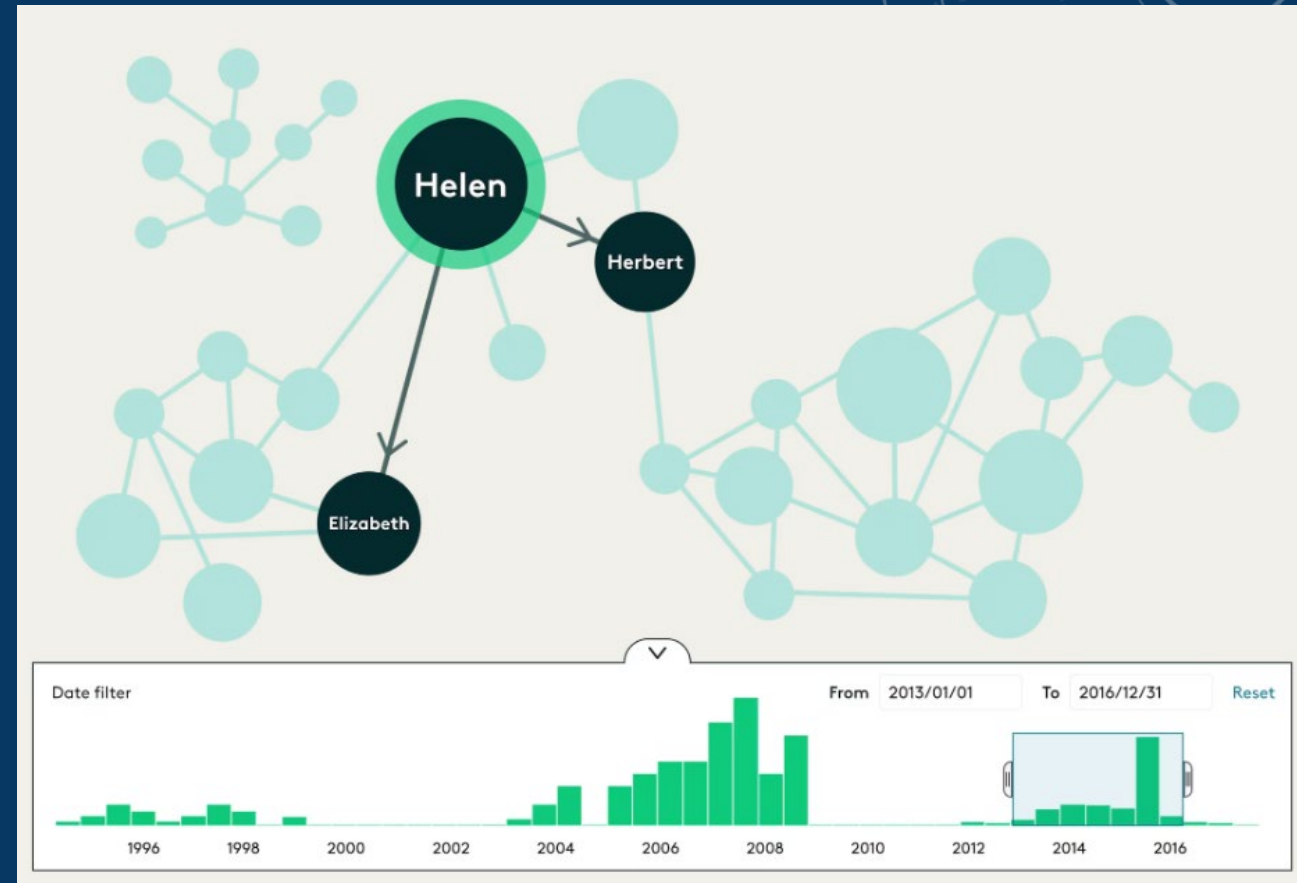


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Relativity

TECH TO KNOW: DISCOVERY

- Find themes and connections
- Advanced searching
- Transcription and translation
- Take notes and redact
- Integrations: Clio, Microsoft Office, Google Drive, etc.



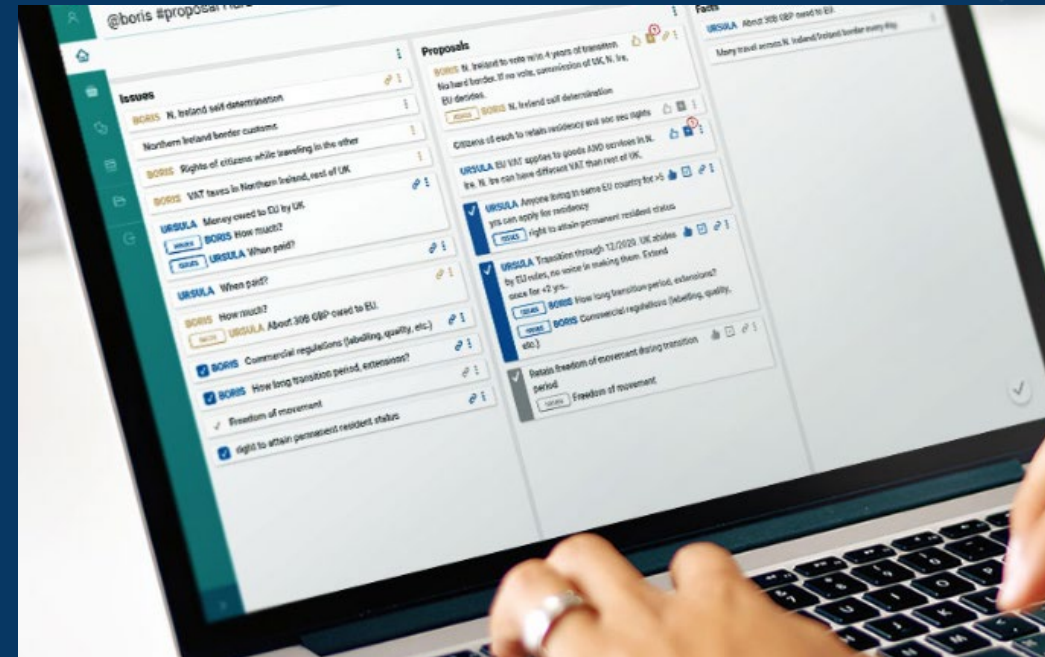
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ADR Notable

Immediation.

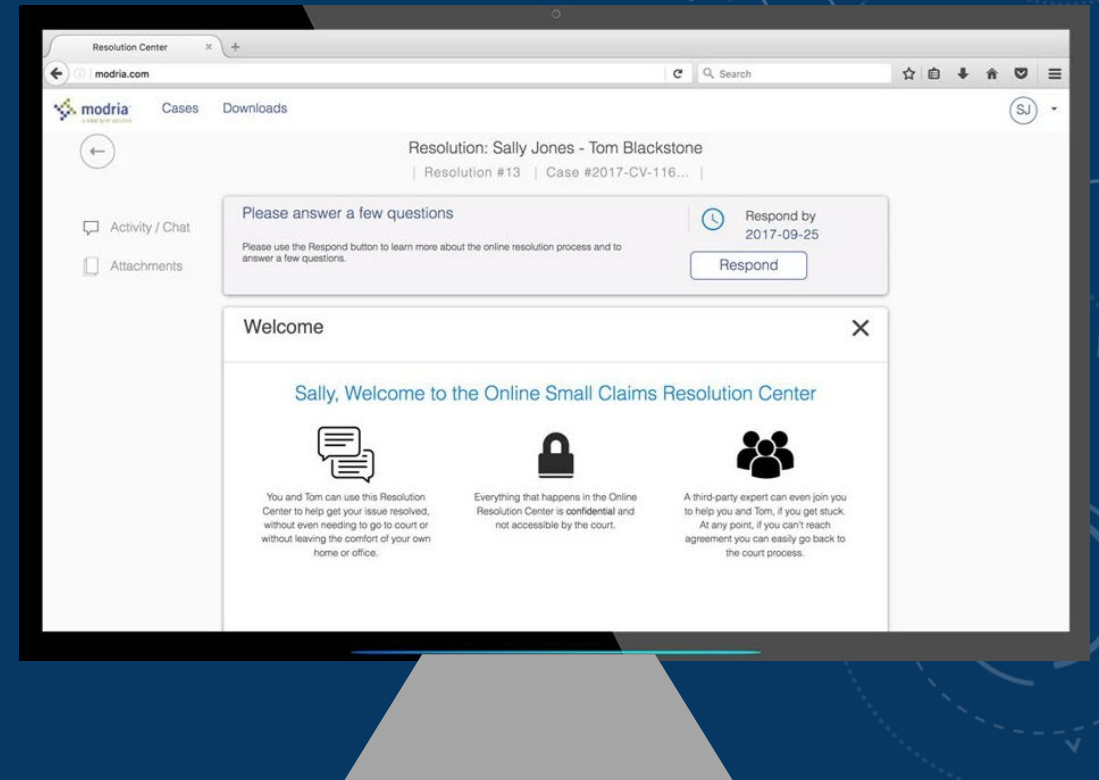
- Clause library
- Whiteboard
- Client intake
- Case tracking
- Scheduling
- Billing
- E-signing
- Video conferencing
- Document co-drafting
- Client intake
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- Scheduling
- Billing
- E-signing



TECH TO KNOW: ODR



- Used by courts worldwide
- > 1 million cases
- Average resolution time = 6 days
- Parties negotiate 1:1 in writing
- A mediator comes in if needed



TECH AT GRIFFITHS LAW: WHAT WE USE

The technology at the firm —and the technology clients bring with them.

AT THE FIRM

-  **Microsoft 365** email, documents, internal chat such as teams
-  **Clio** case management, billing, documents, etc.
-  **Harvey AI** drafting and research (plus everything)
-  **Everlaw** e-discovery
-  **Custody X Change** parenting time
-  **Math4Law** support calculations
-  **E-signature + file transfer** everyday utilities
-  **Google Ads + Search Console** marketing

WHAT CLIENTS USE

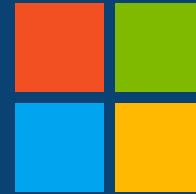
-  **Dropbox + Google Drive**
-  **Recording devices**
(Constantly)
-  **ChatGPT + Claude + Others**
-  **Co-parenting + monitoring apps**
Talking Parents, OurFamilyWizard,
Custody X Change, Civil Communicator, Soberlink

MICROSOFT 365

Email, documents, calendars and internal chat.

HOW WE USE IT

- Outlook, Word and Teams for the dayto-day work
- Matter files in SharePoint with controlled access
- Firm templates, so pleadings start consistent
- Teams for internal case discussion instead of email chains



Microsoft 365

CLIO

Our case management system.

HOW WE USE IT

- Every matter, deadline and task etc.
- Time entry, billing and trust accounting
- Client portal for documents and messages
- Connects to the other tools we use
- Lots of firm management functions



Clio

The file of record —if it isn't in Clio, it didn't happen.

HARVEY AI

AI built for legal work, running in a closed environment.

HOW WE USE IT

- First drafts of motions, letters and discovery requests
 - Summarizing large volumes of records
 - Building timelines and issue lists from the file
 - A lawyer reviews and verifies everything before it goes out
 - Client information stays out of public AI tools—firm policy
-
- (And everything else)



Harvey

It writes the first draft. A lawyer writes the last one.

BUILT ON THE MODEL_s

ChatGPT

Claude

Gemini

EVERLAW

E-discovery review.

HOW WE USE IT

- Texts, emails, photos and financial records in one reviewable database
- Search across everything instead of scrolling through phones
- Audio and video get transcribed automatically
- Tagged documents become timelines and deposition or trial outlines
- Use it significantly less now that we have AI. However, still valuable and necessary.



Everlaw

For cases where the evidence is measured in phones, not folders.

CUSTODY X CHANGE

Parenting-time software —we use it in every custody matter.

HOW WE USE IT

- Builds the parenting schedule and the parenting plan
- Calculates parenting time to the overnight or the hour (which is sometimes a bad thing)
- Tracks scheduled vs. actual time—useful in modifications
- Messaging and expense records when coparenting is contentious
- Clients get a year free through our professional account
- **Good trial exhibits.**

What I tell clients: build your own plan and look at it. A schedule is hard to picture from a paragraph of text —seeing it on a calendar is a different thing entirely.

A SCHEDULE, SEEN INSTEAD OF DESCRIBED

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
A	A	B	B	A	A	A
A	A	B	B	B	B	B
■ Parent A		■ Parent B				

Parents understand their own proposal once they can see it. So do judges —the calendar becomes the exhibit, and the plan exports to Word or PDF.

Illustrative schedule

MATH4LAW

Colorado support calculations and sworn financial statements.

HOW WE USE IT

- Child support calculations
- Maintenance calculations
- Sworn financial statements, built from the same numbers
- Interest and arrears on past due support
- Run different scenarios before a negotiation or a hearing



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Built for Colorado practice. Everyone here uses it.

E-SIGNATURE + FILE TRANSFER

The small tools that move documents.

HOW WE USE THEM

- E-signature for engagement letters, stipulations and settlement documents
- Secure transfer for productions too big to email
- Client portal for routine document exchange
- Clients sign from a phone—no printing, no scanning, no delay



Sign · Send

GOOGLE ADS + SEARCH CONSOLE

How new clients find the firm.

HOW WE USE THEM

- Ads run on the searches that matter to our practice
 - Search Console shows which searches actually bring people to the site
 - That tells us what to write next on the website
 - The goal over time: earn the traffic instead of buying it
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- (Lots of other marketing technology such as AHREFS, SEM Rush etc.)



Ads · Search Console

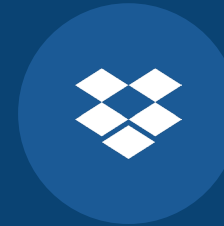
One buys visibility. The other tells you what's working.

CLIENT TECH: DROPBOX + GOOGLE DRIVE

Where clients keep their records.

WHAT WE DO WITH IT

- Financial records usually arrive as a shared folder now
- We move everything into the portal and save a dated copy
- Watch for folders the other spouse can still see or change
- Large productions go into Everlaw for review



Dropbox · Drive

Convenient for clients. Treat it as a starting point, not the file.

CLIENT TECH: RECORDINGS

Every client has a recorder in their pocket.

WHAT WE SEE

- Clients show up with voice memos, videos and doorbell clips
- Some record specifically to run it through AI—transcripts, summaries, “what does this mean”
- Becoming a huge problem in divorce cases.

WHAT WE DO WITH THEM



Client records



Rev.com transcript

the audio becomes text we can work with



Used where it counts

CLIENT TECH: CHATGPT + CLAUDE

Clients research their own cases now.

WHAT WE SEE—AND WHAT WE SAY

- Clients arrive with AI-drafted timelines, budgets and questions
- Often helpful; sometimes wrong in critical ways
- (Many problems)



ChatGPT · Claude

CLIENT TECH: CO-PARENTING APPS

There is an app for every part of a custody case—and clients find all of them.



Talking Parents



OurFamilyWizard



Custody X Change



Civil Communicator



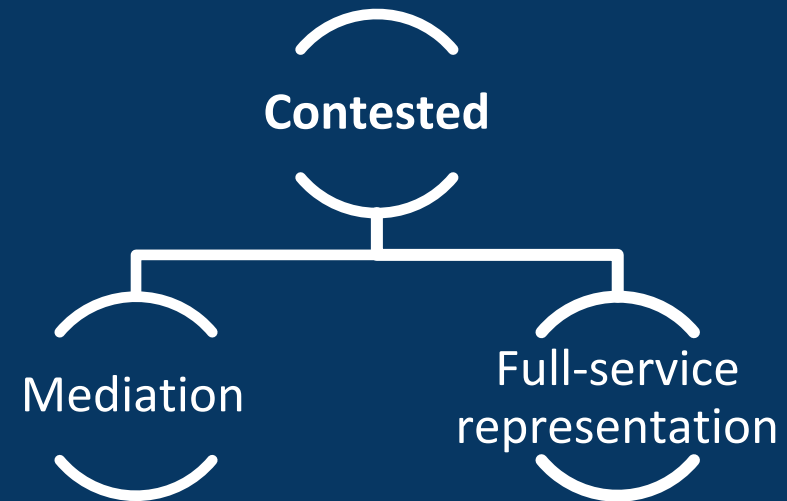
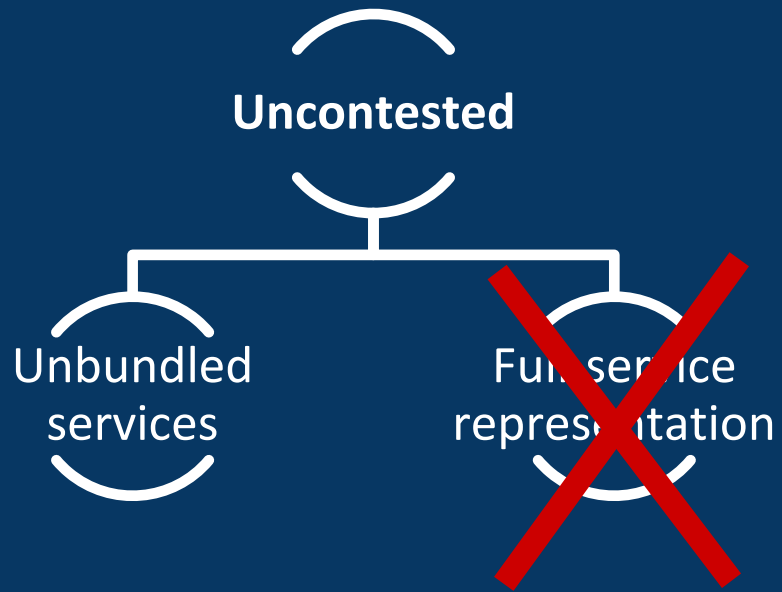
Soberlink



And more every year

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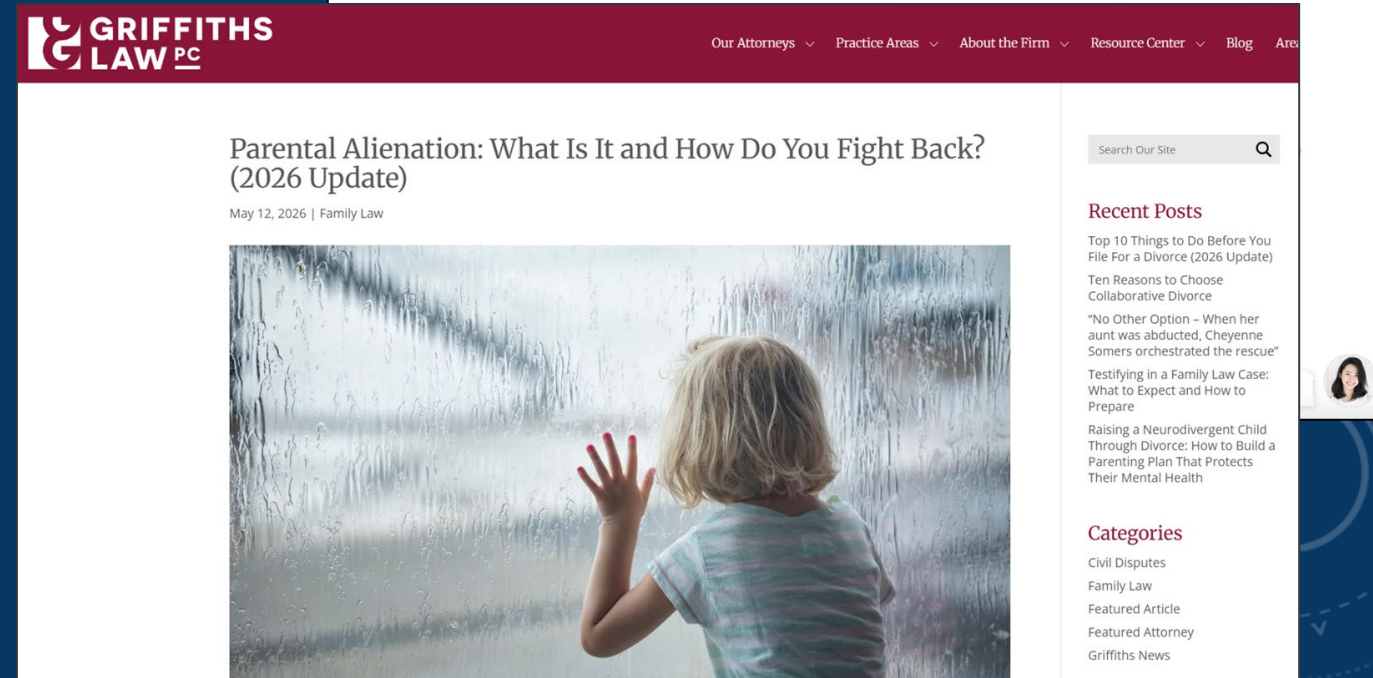
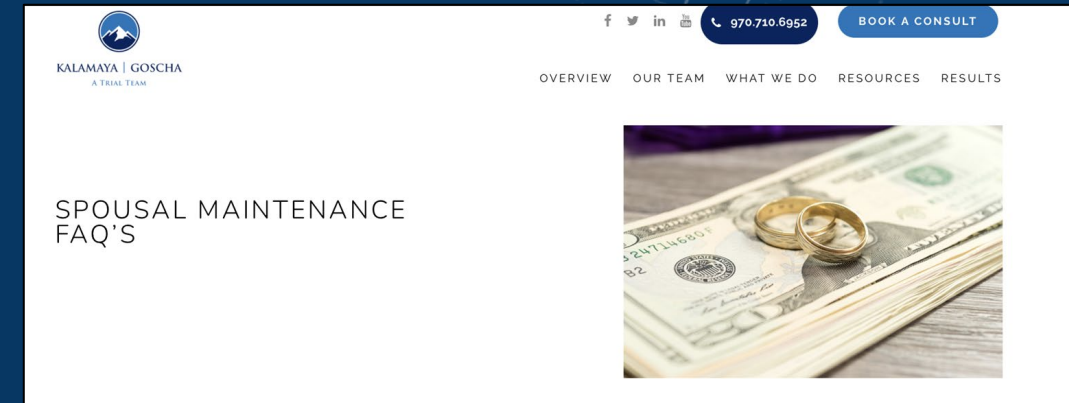
1. Shift away from full-service for uncontested cases



STRATEGIES

2. Step up your online presence

- Provide free, helpful information.
- Strengthen your reputation.
- Attract clients who are pro se or looking for an attorney.

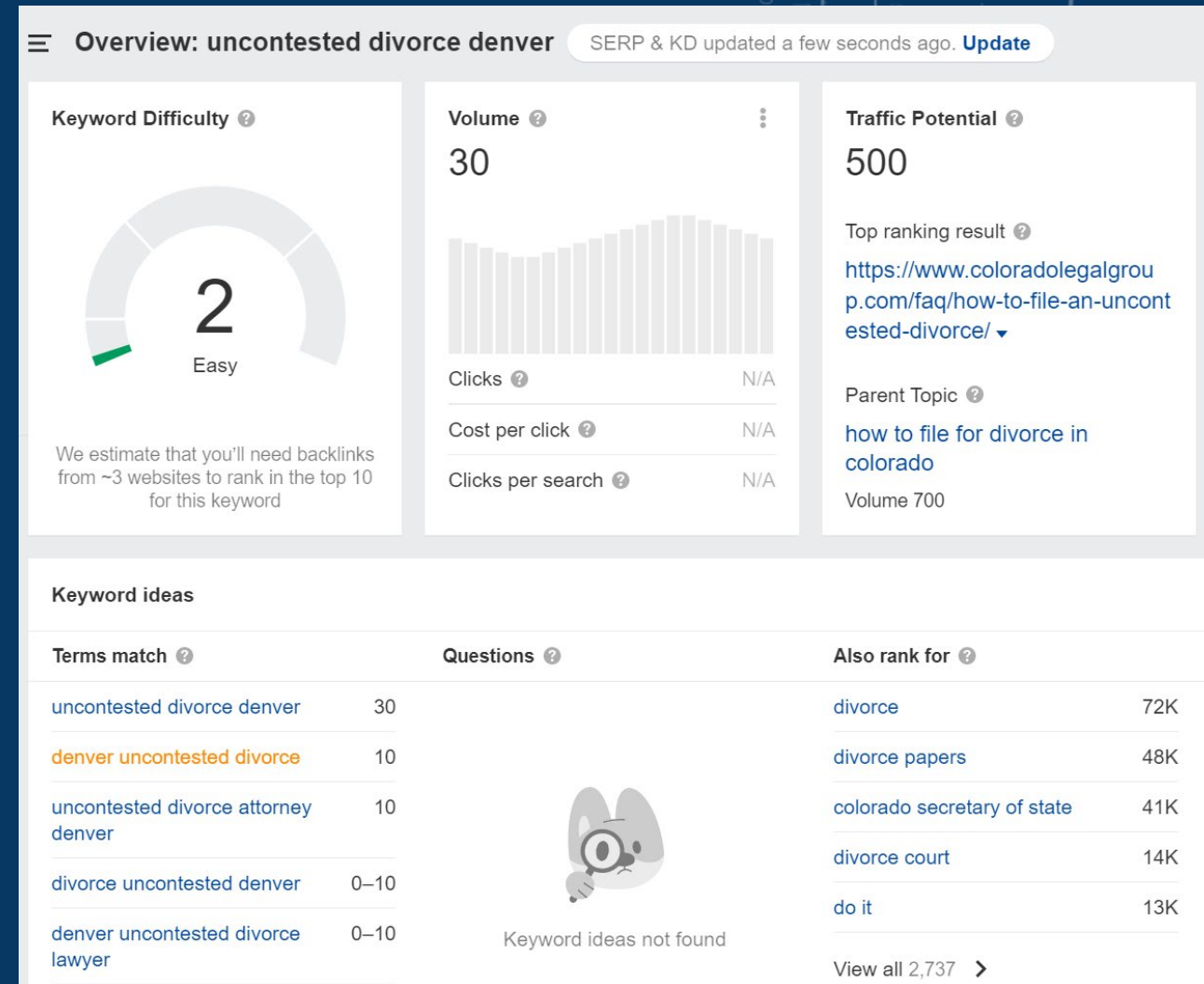


STRATEGIES

2. Step up your online presence

SEO

- Free keyword tools:
 - Google Keyword Planner
 - Keyword Surfer
- Paid keyword tools:
 - Ahrefs
 - Semrush
- Optional: Paid keywords



STRATEGIES

2. Step up your online presence

GEO

- Simple, clear writing
- Tables, lists, FAQs
- Last updated dates
- Author bios
- Cite sources
- Thorough, organized website

The screenshot shows the Sterling Lawyers, LLC website. The header includes the firm's logo and a 'Book My Consult' button. The main content area features a blog post titled 'How Soon Can I Remarry After a Divorce in Wisconsin?' with a photo of a smiling couple. Below the title, a text box contains a paragraph about the six-month waiting period for remarriage in Wisconsin. A yellow arrow points from this text box to a 'Book My Consult' button. Below the button, another section titled 'Which law governs remarriage after divorce?' is visible, with a yellow arrow pointing to a citation of Wisconsin statute 765.03.

STERLING LAWYERS, LLC

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How Soon Can I Remarry After a Divorce in Wisconsin?

Spouses who divorce in Wisconsin must wait six months before they can remarry. Wisconsin will not recognize an out-of-state marriage performed earlier than six months. A spouse who remarries out of state within six months can face prison time and substantial fines when they return to Wisconsin.

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Which law governs remarriage after divorce?

The law on remarriage is set forth in Wisconsin statute 765.03.^[1] It is part of the Marriage statute and not the Actions Affecting the Family statute.

Frequently Asked Questions

Can I get remarried after a divorce in Wisconsin?

Yes, you can get remarried after a Wisconsin divorce. Currently there is a time restriction that does not allow you to get remarried right after divorce.

Who should get a prenuptial agreement?

Anyone who wants to ensure that they get to decide how their assets are split in the event of a divorce should get a prenuptial agreement. It outlines who gets certain assets before a marriage occurs and protects assets parties want to keep as their own.

How long do you wait after divorce to remarry?

Legally, you must wait six months after a divorce to remarry. Emotionally, you may want to wait longer, but some people are ready at that six-month mark. Another thing to consider is how remarriage will impact any children that you have.

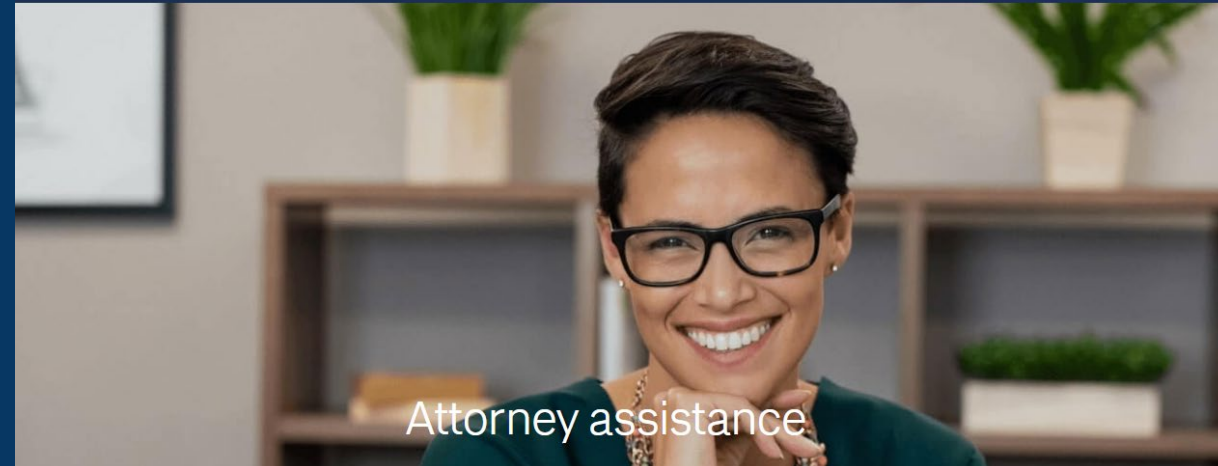
How does adultery affect divorce in Wisconsin?

STRATEGIES

3. Partner with new technologies

- Most DIY divorce sites offer to connect litigants with attorneys, mediators, etc.
- Google AI Overviews, Microsoft Copilot and ChatGPT offer advertising.

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Enter your information below to apply to become a Hello Divorce Trusted Partner

First Name*

Last Name*

Company Name*

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LinkedIn Profile Link

LinkedIn company page or other social profile

STRATEGIES

4. Incorporate tech into your everyday processes

- Choose tools with multiple functions.
- Ask about discounts, demos and suggest updates.
- Suggest tools to your clients.



In order to...

- Save time and effort.
- Prepare better evidence.
- Position yourself as forward-thinking.

TAKEAWAYS

1. You can make “disruptive” technology work for you — though it'll some take getting used to.
2. Even small tech advancements can make family transitions less painful for your clients.

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