

Results of Judge's Survey on Persuasive Evidence in Child Custody Cases

Ranking	Average Rating
1. Parenting skill or capacity	4.71
2. Willingness to work with other parent/encourage involvement by other parent	4.64
3. Parent actively disparages other to child	4.57
4. Alcohol/substance abuse by parent	4.5
5. Mental health of parent	4.32
6. Parent and child bond	4.29
7. Opinion of court appointed expert as to custody	3.64
8. Parent is dating another during marriage/in the presence of the child	3.57
9. Older child's preference for one parent	3.46
10. Parenting style	3.14
11. Parent's work schedule	3.14
12. Ability of parent to financially support child	2.93
13. Possession calendars	2.79
14. Parent is living with another after marriage	2.64
15. Private investigator reports on the other parent	2.57
16. Parent is dating another during marriage/outside the presence of a child	2.36
17. Opinion of retained expert as to custody	2.25
18. Family videos	1.79
19. Photographs	1.79
20. Young child's preference for one parent	1.79