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Question 1

Provide a low cost non adversarial system for families to promptly resolve their disputes. It should honour and respect principles of justice dating back to the beginning of time.

Question 2

The system needs to be developed by people outside the system with a history of helping children such as Psychologist Dr Phil of TV fame.

Lawyers should have minimal input into the design and review of the system because of the vested financial interest of the legal profession.

One spouse can unilaterally decide to divorce their spouse for their own self interest purposes. This can cause enormous damage to the children, other spouse and other family members. For previous generations there were automatic penalties suffered by both spouses after a divorce which discouraged divorce.

No fault divorce, no prosecution for perjury, child support, family payments and the feminist movement encourage and support divorce. Until those incentives are removed there should be some penalty to the spouse seeking the divorce. Professor Zimmermann has written extensively about this problem.

[**http://www.newsweekly.com.au/article.php?id=56495**](http://www.newsweekly.com.au/article.php?id=56495)

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The system and review of the system needs to be entirely transparent.

needs to objectively and transparently look at the deaths that can be attributed to the system for:

-much higher rates of suicide and other deaths that occur to children who grow up without both parents;

-deaths of children murdered by their parents due to the stress of the family law system;

-higher rates of suicide, heart attack and other mortality for parents who live without their children when they are growing up;

-deaths caused from crime due to the much higher rates of crime perpetrated by children who grow up without both parents.

Need also to look at the other impacts on children who grow up without both parents. Need also to look at the impact of much higher rates of rape and other crimes perpetrated by children who grow up without both parents. Need to look at the entire cost of the family law system on society:

-cost of family law system to the taxpayer;

-cost of family law system to the clients;

-cost of additional crime by children who grow up without one parent;

-cost of additional resources consumed by the actions generated by the family law system ie Police, Criminal Courts, Child Protection, Centrelink etc

This review needs to be carried out by a Royal Commission.

Question 3

ALL decisions including interim orders with names anonymised should be published.

Question 4

They should be given the statistics of how bad the odds in life are for children who live with only one parent are. They should be shown videos of child victims of parental alienation. All this information should be shown to their biological families and close friends.

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The number of times clients have to go to Court is excessive and can be reduced significantly.

There is a significant incentive for clients to make false allegations. These clients often receive Legal Aid which precludes the other party from receiving it. Clients who have made allegations of abuse that cannot be substantiated need to repay legal funding. Allegations of abuse that are unquestionably false need to be punished with jail terms.

The use of Dr Craig Childress's Contingent Visitation Schedule <https://drcraigchildressblog.com/2017/08/19/the-contingent-visitation-schedule/> would obviate the need for expensive evaluations by a psychologist.

**The decisions are made by Judges who mostly have little/no training in child psychology. In some instances Judges do receive guidance from Psychologists in what are known as Family Reports however the professional Psychological organisation that governs Australian Psychologists have** [**yet to agree**](https://www.psychology.org.au/inpsych/family_court/) **on the issues that need to be assessed during custody evaluations.** [**https://www.psychology.org.au/inpsych/family\_court/**](https://www.psychology.org.au/inpsych/family_court/) **The Australian Psychological Association note that, '**[**There is little to no research that answers the question of what is in the best interest of the child'.**](https://www.psychology.org.au/inpsych/family_court/) [**https://www.psychology.org.au/inpsych/family\_court/**](https://www.psychology.org.au/inpsych/family_court/) **The determination of what time children should spend with each parent is very subjective and will depend very much on which Psychologist is chosen for the job. Dr Craig Childress gives this analogy:** ['**Might as well have a monkey throwing darts at a dart board. Just divide up the dartboard into different custody time-share schedules, and let the monkey have at it. Lots less expensive and just as valid'**](https://drcraigchildressblog.com/2017/08/04/the-solution-the-requirements/)**.** [**https://drcraigchildressblog.com/2017/08/04/the-solution-the-requirements/**](https://drcraigchildressblog.com/2017/08/04/the-solution-the-requirements/)

Question 11

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It needs to be made easy to introduce into evidence journal articles regarding research about children to avoid the Court being so lost in legal mumbo jumbo that it does not take into account the latest research concerning child welfare.

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Question 13

Not aware of any.

Question 14

Take the children out of the dispute by removing their right to say which parent they can live with. Children are too easily manipulated.

We don't give children the right to choose whether they wish to go to school or not. We don't give the child the right to go to bed very late. We don't give the child the right to vote till they are 18. The Australian legal system is twisting the UN Convention on the Rights of a Child to be heard in a way it was never intended to be used. The Family Court routinely disregards the UN enshrined right of a child and family to remain together.

The children should live 50/50 with each parent on a weekabout basis as this is beneficial for the children and greatly reduces the number of disputes that happens when a child lives mostly with one parent.

The principal of, best interests of the child should be removed as it is poorly defined and gives great scope for poorly educated and biased court professionals to do whatever they like without any accountability.

Dispute resolution regarding children should use a process known as parallel parenting where ½ of all major decisions are delegated to each parent.

Judicial Officers need to clearly specify whether or not they have breached each particular provision of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of a Child as this is commonplace by Australian Family Courts according to the United Nations decision CC PR 2279/2013.

At the top of each decision words written similar to, 'This Court Is Trying Its Best To Reduce The Suicide of Young People'

Judicial Officers must specify the very poor outcomes for children who do not grow up with both parents in every written decision. These include:

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If Judicial Officers could write the names of the children at the top when writing the decision rather than the names of the Court, Judicial Officers, Lawyers, Psychologists and Parents it might help them to think that their job is about children not all these other people.

Question 15

The Family Law Act should specify that the Domestic Violence Bench book is not to be taken into account. Only proven Family Violence is to be taken into account.

The Family Violence definition should specifically include Parental Alienation. Parental Alienation is a form of family violence otherwise known as 'Child affected by Parental Relationship Distress'. In the article titled, 'Child affected by Parental Relationship Distress', published in, Journal of The Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry July 2016 written by two of the authors on the relevant sections of DSM-V Dr Narrow and Dr Wamboldt explain that the concept of 'Parental Alienation' is written into DSM5 as 'Child affected by Parental Relationship Distress' V61.20 and V61.29. They determine that it is a form of domestic violence. <https://www.researchgate.net/publication/303095312_Child_Affected_by_Parental_Relationship_Distress>

The federal Governments Domestic Violence Bench Book ought to be reviewed and information in it not supported by the American Psychiatric Association's Diagnostic and Statistical Manuel version 5 removed.

Question 16

No family structure shall override a child's right to be equally raised by their own biological parents. Concepts such as maintaining status quo that are founded on legal principles not child welfare principles and should be erased from the system.

Question 17

Parties should be entitled to whatever they brought into the marriage when they divorce. Parties should equally share assets or losses created during their marriage. The Family Law Act does not apply to people who are not married. Property settlement should not take into account which parent is caring for a child as this turns children into monetary assets to fight for and intensifies the dispute around children. Involving children in the dispute and spending so much money on legal fees is not in the children's best interests. Family Violence should not affect property settlement. Section 75(2) should be eliminated.

Question 18

Spousal maintenance should no longer exist. To tie the awarding of spousal maintenance to family violence incentivises spouses to make false claims of family violence. Family violence is best dealt with by a criminal court not a family court.

The definition of Family Violence has been used to support frivolous claims of violence by women's groups while the Family Court has a long history of ignoring very serious psychological violence of Parental Alienation against children that is mostly perpetrated by mothers.

Question 19

Free legal and financial advice before signing financial agreements up to the value of $ 500 per person for life. The agreements are entirely binding with no judicial discretion to override them.

If intending spouses feel pressured to sign these agreements then they should not marry. Marriage is not compulsory in Australia.

Question 20

The number of times clients have to go to Court is manifestly excessive and can be reduced significantly.

Need an inquisitorial system not an adversarial one.

Question 21

Given how common the making of a family violence allegation is it should not preclude clients from being able to go to cheaper and more co-operative dispute resolution processes.

Question 22

Inquisitorial system not adversarial system.

Question 23

Eliminate the need to go to Family Court.

A simple system for property settlement, both parties caring for the children 50/50 and no child maintenance will significantly reduce the need for parents to go to court. Issues of violence can be dealt with by criminal courts and child welfare departments not the Family Court.

The presumption that fathers are much more violent towards their children than mothers is based on a false premise and placing to many children at risk. All Family Court professionals need to be educated that more mothers are the worst perpetrators of abuse than fathers.

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The Family Court for some reason severely punishes a parent for lack of disclosure in financial matters yet there is no penalty for a parent or other person using the Family Court system to cut children off from the other parent and family. The Family Court plays a significant role in the number of children who are not brought up by both parents in Australia and as a result is culpable for a large proportion of the approximately 200 extra children a year who die from suicide and other premature mortality causes in Australia.

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If the abuse results in a cutting off of the child from one of its parents and other Family members criminal penalties should apply as is the case in Mexico <http://pa.aps.ie/1page/PA%20Law%20Mexico.pdf>, Brazil <https://fkce.wordpress.com/2010/08/26/25/> and Romania <http://www.mediafax.ro/social/alienarea-parentala-este-o-forma-de-abuz-emotional-asupra-copilului-monitorul-oficial-15089075>

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B-iOqOKLc35PM3o3SFhhYnpRXzg/view>.

Criminal penalties should apply to any person who assists in cutting a child off from one of its parents including Family Court professionals and Judicial Officers.

Question 26

Inquisitorial system.

Question 27

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Question 28

It should be looked at for clients located in remote areas.

Question 29

The concept of 'complexity' in Family Law Cases involving children is by and large due to the Court lacking the education, skills and resolve to decisively deal with psychologically disturbed parents.

There is unfortunately widespread ignorance about important issues concerning child welfare by most Family Law professionals, for example see:

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People who are not educated in these matters should not be the ones managing the system that looks after the welfare of our children.

Question 30

All extended Family members should be given information about the very poor outcomes for children who are not raised by both parents and don't have contact with both sets of families. This is the system that happened before the State decided to actively intervene and create Family Law.

Question 31

The role of the Family Court in society needs to be massively curtailed.

Question 32

All concerns for children's safety should be dealt with by the state child protection departments not the Family Court.

Question 33

Yes by taking the Family Court out of the process.

Question 34

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When a child has been cut off from some of its family by the Family Court, the Court should appoint a Counsellor to explain that the Court has breached the child's fundamental United Nations right to have connection with its family. It should explain to the child how much money all the family law professionals who handle their case are making out of their family law career and them. It should explain to the child that ALL of the people who handle their family law matter have little if any training in child welfare and the outcomes to children after the family law system. The Court needs to make a full and frank disclosure to the child. A copy of what has been told to the child should be give to all the biological relatives in their family and these people's close personal friends. A paper copy should be give to the child and all their friends.

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'Is it my Fault' by acclaimed Australian author Karla Lee

<http://www.voice4kids.com/book-shop.html>

Children should be given these fridge magnets to help them and their friends and family protect them from a parent who tries to alienate them from another parent:

<http://www.divorcepizza.com/merchandise.html>

Question 36

The child's views should not be heard in the proceedings. The only communication from the child should be to child welfare officers in the case of abuse.

Involving children in family law proceedings and asking them to choose one parent over the other is widely condemned as a form of child abuse by child psychological experts.

Children are so easily manipulated while they are in the care of one parent that they should be removed from the care of both parents and placed in the care of relatives while abuse allegations are investigated as recommended by Dr Phil <https://youtu.be/ZJ5ief0w5Cw>

The Family Law system needs to be very careful because false allegations of the worst abuse such as physical and sexual abuse are so easily and commonly coached into children in cases of severe alienation by a parent according to expert Dr Demosthenes Lorandos <http://psychlaw.net/are-there-different-degrees-of-parental-alienation/>.

The article by Deborah Pool and Stephen Lindsay titled '[Children's eyewitness reports after exposure to misinformation from parents.](http://psycnet.apa.org/record/2001-00202-003?doi=1) ' [http://psycnet.apa.org/doiLanding?doi=10.1037%2F1076-898X.7.1.27](http://psycnet.apa.org/doiLanding?doi=10.1037/1076-898X.7.1.27) discusses how children can easily be mislead by parents about what they saw.

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Children should be told the negative outcomes that happen if they grow up with only one parent. They can pressure their parents about this but children should not be involved in court proceedings.

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Forcing a child to choose between parents is child abuse. The best way to protect children is not to involve them in proceedings.

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Obtain research independent from the legal system of children that have been alienated from a parent by the Family Court System about their experiences of being manipulated and pressured be people and and connected to the system.

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'This article examines 10 mistaken assumptions: (a) children never unreasonably reject the parent with whom they spend the most time, (b) children never unreasonably reject mothers, (c) each parent contributes equally to a child’s alienation, (d) alienation is a child’s transient, short-lived response to the parents’ separation, (e) rejecting a parent is a short-term healthy coping mechanism, (f) young children living with an alienating parent need no intervention, (g) alienated adolescents’ stated preferences should dominate custody decisions, (h) children who appear to function well outside the family need no intervention, (i) severely alienated children are best treated with traditional therapy techniques while living primarily with their favored parent, and (j) separating children from an alienating parent is traumatic. Reliance on false beliefs compromises investigations and undermines adequate consideration of alternative explanations for the causes of a child’s alienation. Most critical, fallacies about parental alienation shortchange children and parents by supporting outcomes that fail to provide effective relief to those who experience this problem.'

Dr Warshak wrote a comprehensive review in 2017 titled ['Stemming the Tide of Misinformation:International Consensus on Shared Parenting and Overnighting](http://www.warshak.com/e-libe/stemming-the-tide-of-misinformation-international-consensus-on-shared-parenting-and-overnighting/)' about shared parenting research and literature. <http://www.warshak.com/e-libe/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/CR68-e-Stemming-the-Tide-final-ms.pdf> This study among other things referred to the need for custody decisions in Court to consider evidence that: “sheds light on the dynamics of the conflict, the contributions of each party to it, and the quality of parenting.”(page 29) This journal article has been peer reviewed by 110 of Dr Warshak's esteemed colleagues and far surpasses any other journal article about joint and sole custody considerations for the courts.

Parental Alienation is a form of family violence otherwise known as 'Child affected by Parental Relationship Distress'. In the article titled, 'Child affected by Parental Relationship Distress', published in, Journal of The Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry July 2016 written by two of the authors on the relevant sections of DSM-V Dr Narrow and Dr Wamboldt explain that the concept of 'Parental Alienation' is written into DSM5 as 'Child affected by Parental Relationship Distress'. They determine that it is a form of domestic violence. <https://www.researchgate.net/publication/303095312_Child_Affected_by_Parental_Relationship_Distress>

They need an understanding of Cults.

They need an understanding of Smear Campaigns.

They need to know about the impact on a child's health by the major US healthcare study known as Adverse Childhood Experiences.

They need to know the information contained in:

[http://www.divorcepizza.com](http://www.divorcepizza.com/)

[http://www.paaa.support](http://www.paaa.support/)

[http://www.whoshouldibelieve.com](http://www.whoshouldibelieve.com/)

[http://www.uptoparents.org](http://www.whoshouldibelieve.com/)

They need to be tested on a knowledge of the above information.

They need a minimum of 8 hours professional development each year from attending lectures and workshops organised by Family Law Reform Groups. This must include a lecture by a person who was alienated by the Family Court from their other parent.

Question 42

Same as question 41 and:

tested on a knowledge of:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/UpToParents/playlists>

<https://sites.google.com/site/centralohiopa/>

Question 43

The seemingly forensic approach to gathering large amounts of information for child custody assessments by specialist professionals gives the perception the analysis and recommendations are done in a scientifically grounded process. Nothing could be further from the truth as the whole analysis process lacks any scientific rigour whatsoever as eloquently [explained by Dr Craig Childress](https://drcraigchildressblog.com/2015/06/06/child-custody-evaluations/). <https://drcraigchildressblog.com/2015/06/06/child-custody-evaluations/> The limited data that has been made available by the Courts supports what Dr Childress is saying. For example, Leading Women for Shared Parenting managed to get access to all the child custody decisions by courts in North Dakota for January 2011 to mid June of 2017 and tally and analyse the data. Leading Women For Shared Parenting determined that, ['Despite North Dakota having a a largely homogeneous population, the custody determinations between Counties varied significantly. The variances remained not only between Counties separated by great distance, but also between Counties which border one another.](http://lw4sp.org/ndanalysis/) They also found that each Judge had their own preferences which was evidenced by their pattern of determinations. <http://lw4sp.org/ndanalysis/>

Prominent advertisements in major newspapers calling for Family Law clients who felt pressured into applying for restraining orders to come forward and nominate the lawyer who did this. The replies to these advertisements need to be published and transparent.

Question 44

Get them to work in a Inquisitorial system not an adversarial one.

Question 45

ALL Family Law proceedings and any legal proceeding that cuts a child off from a parent need to be published. The existing system of anonymising names works well.

Detailed statistics of orders made in the Family Court need to be published.

Question 46

The Family Court needs to have as its mission statement to, 'To Reduce The Suicide of Young People'

Independent research needs to be carried out to find out the long term outcomes for children of Family Law proceedings. Information that needs to be know includes;

-death rates and causation;

-educational performance;

-teen pregnancy;

-criminal records;

-single parenthood;

-levels of contact of children with both sets of parents and grandparents and other relatives after they come into contact with the Family Law system until they reach 30 years of age.

Independent research needs to be carried out to find out the long term outcomes for parents of Family Law proceedings. Information that needs to be known includes;

-death rates and causation;

-re partnering outcomes;

-financial outcomes.

All interviews with children need to be recorded.

The Australian Institute of Family Studies is perceived as being too closely connected to the industry. This Agency needs to be abolished and a new one created that is staffed by entirely different people.

Set up a new research institute with generous funding to become a world leader in understanding and dealing with Children affected by Parental Relationship Distress.

Question 47

Any Family Law proceeding that cuts off a child's contact with a parent should be reviewed by a Psychologist qualified in Parental Alienation.