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Hi Liam,

Its fine to put my views up on your site, but please do not use my company name!

I'm a separated father of 2 children and have yet to experience the court system.  
Fear of that system led me to do a few things which I might not have agreed to otherwise.

We used the mediation service which is excellent but slow.

However, you will always end up in an adversarial court system, even with mediation - **SO GET A GOOD SOLICITOR** - this is not something that I understood at first.

I found this out the hard way - ask **HOW MANY CASES A MONTH** do they handle before the family law courts.

This is the only way to work around the "in camera rule" - but its maybe only possible in Dublin - my guy does nothing else practically and so has vast experience of judgements etc. This came as revelation to me and has given me a lot of confidence to exert my rights. My first soliciter knew very little buy happily took my money, only for a long delay on a property transfer I'd still think this was as good as it gets - shop around.

He has got a jail sentence (suspended) for a mother who presistently ignored court order regarding access. This is possible in Ireland.

No law or judgement is ever going to make your life complete or bring long term happiness, in a sense it is a sideshow, the real problem to overcome is how to co-parent while in conflict so that the effect on the children is minimal.

I would also advise seeing the kids midweek if possible - it brings you into the schoolgate loop and their daily routine.

If you have any stuff to stick on the car I'd take it off you, how do you buy the books on your other site? Can I just send you some money for your campaign - or do anything more?

I can supply more details if its useful,

All the best,

**PADDY**