



Dependency

Overview

The attorneys at Kelley Kronenberg have substantial experience handling complex family law matters, including protecting parents' rights in dependency proceedings.

Parents may temporarily lose custody of their children in dependency actions or even face permanent termination of their parental rights. If you are a parent in danger of losing custody of your child or an interested party in a dependency case, you must act quickly and consult an experienced Florida Family Law attorney to get the guidance and support you need.

Dependency actions are civil proceedings that usually arise from reports made to the Department of Children & Families (DCF) or law enforcement concerning an endangered child, such as abuse, neglect, or abandonment. DCF may conduct an investigation to determine whether the child should be removed or remain in the home. On occasion, a private dependency action can be brought before the Court.

Dependency courts are not the same as typical family courts. The legal proceedings involved have specific time frames in which hearings or other matters must occur. This is why it is essential to seek competent legal representation as soon as possible. Dependency actions are sensitive matters that require the dedication of an experienced attorney to navigate the processes of reunifying families who have been separated by DCF.

The Family Law attorneys at Kelley Kronenberg are well versed in Florida's Unified Family Court procedures and dependency laws. We have the knowledge and experience to help you through this challenging time and are committed to helping you work through this process in a way that decreases the time away from your children.

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