

## Warning Regarding the Use of E-Mail and Cellular Telephones

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Thank you for reviewing this document.

IN RE MARRIAGE OF FORTELKA, 425 N.W.2d 671 (IOWA APP. 1988).

The parties are ordered to observe the following rights and responsibilities as joint custodians:

- a. To participate equally in decisions affecting the child's legal status, medical care, education, extracurricular activities and religious instruction;
- b. To communicate with each other; in particular, the physical custodian has a responsibility, except in emergencies to share information (conference slips, report cards, medical appointments, etc.) about the need to make decisions and to make the information available to the other parent;
- c. To support the other parent's relationship with the child;
- d. To put away personal animosities and work together as mature adults with medical and school personnel to meet the child's needs;
- e. To structure visitation flexibly, taking the child's educational and social activities into consideration; and
- f. To assure that transition between homes is without problems.