

FATHER'S BILL OF RIGHTS

Equal Parenting Rights

Every father has the right to the custody, upbringing, support, guidance, education, and domiciling of his children. This right of the father is equal in every way to the right of his children's mother. No father may be deprived of this right or equal custody of his children unless he is found guilty beyond a reasonable doubt for a crime that is directly related to his fitness to be a father to his children.

Child Support Rights

It is a father's right, when ordered by a court to pay fines, fees, awards, or other payments for the support of his children, to pay no more than the true expenses related to supporting the children. All such fees must be based solely on the actual cost of supporting the children and must terminate when the children reach the age of 18. Every father has the right to accurate and periodic accounts of how his child support money is spent. No divorced father shall be required to pay college or other expenses that are not required of a married father. No father who is denied access to his children shall be required to pay for their support, unless he is found guilty beyond a reasonable doubt for a crime that is directly related to his fitness to father his children. No father shall be jailed for nonpayment of child support unless he is found guilty beyond a reasonable doubt by a jury of his peers.

Restraining Order Rights

It is a father's right to be secure in his home from unreasonable searches and seizures.¹ Every father accused of abuse or domestic violence, whether in civil or criminal court, shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the state and district wherein the crime is alleged to have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the assistance of counsel for his defense.² No father charged with abuse or domestic violence shall forfeit property or parental rights unless he is found guilty beyond a reasonable doubt by a jury of his peers.³ No father may be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor be denied the equal protection of the laws.⁴

Marriage Rights

Every father has the right to a secure and meaningful marriage contract. Marriage is a solemn contract between a man and a woman that is entered for their mutual benefit and for the raising and protection of their children. When children are involved, a marriage contract may not be terminated by one party without just cause. A mother desiring to break the marriage contract without cause must render the father harmless and forgo all claims to alimony and to the father's property. Every decision relating to divorce or separation by a Probate and Family Court judge shall be subject to a speedy and meaningful appeal with a trial by jury.

Mother's Bill of Rights

Mother's rights are equal in every way to father's rights.

¹ From the 4th Amendment, Constitution of the United States

² From the 6th Amendment, Constitution of the United States

³ The 7th Amendment, Constitution of the United States: "In suits at common law, where the value in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of trial by jury shall be preserved, and no fact tried by a jury, shall be otherwise reexamined in any court of the United States, than according to the rules of the common law."

⁴ From the 14th Amendment, Constitution of the United States