

CURRICULUM
Contemporary Family Relations
Suggested Speaker Schedule

Curriculum is based on 13 weeks and on a 47-minute class period

1. Life and Marriage Cycles
2. Sex, Love, Friendship
3. Mate Selection
4. Genograms
5. Mock Trial (Custody Study and Financial Disclosure Statement)
6. Family Court Commissioner
7. Conflict Resolution
8. Children and Marriage
9. Divorced Individual
10. Married Couple
11. Financial Issues
12. Blended Families
13. Domestic Violence
14. Round Table

Law-related Education
Real Life: Marriage and Divorce

Topic: Life and Marriage Cycles

Objectives:

1. Students will know that we have developmental stages throughout our lifetime.
2. Students will become aware of tasks of young adulthood.
3. Students will know tasks of young married couples.
4. Students will understand the family life cycle.

Law-related Education
Real Life: Marriage and Divorce

Topic: Sex, Love, Friendship

Objectives:

1. Students will be able to define love.
2. Students will be able to define friendship.
3. Students will be able to list characteristics that they desire in friends.
4. Students will be able to list characteristics that they desire in marriage partners
5. Students will develop an understanding of the different types of love.
6. Students will be able to compare and contrast love and friendship.
7. Students will understand the role of sex in relationships.
8. Students will develop an understanding of how similarities and differences in partners impact on relationships.
9. Students will learn the impact of control and violence on relationships.

Law-related Education
Real Life: Marriage and Divorce

Topic: Mate Selection

Objectives:

1. Students will know the history of selecting our own marriage partners.
2. Students will know how our assumptions about love and relationships were formed.
3. Students will understand that the selection of a suitable mate will more likely insure the success of any marriage.
4. Students will understand that love is a learned phenomenon.
5. Students will be able to list characteristics important to them in a mate.
6. Students will learn that we should respond to "red flags" in our relationship.
7. Students will understand how individual goals are important in relationships.

Law-related Education
Real Life: Marriage and Divorce

Topic: Genograms

Objectives:

1. Students will develop an understanding of the power of the family of origin to teach us how to live in the world.
2. Students will know that our partners bring expectations to the relationship that may be different from our own.
3. Students will develop the ability to draw and interpret a genogram.
4. Students will understand the family roles that members take on.
5. Students will develop knowledge of how violence and alcohol abuse can be damaging to relationships.

In Re the Marriage of:

JANE DUNCAN,

Petitioner,

Case No. 06-FA-001

v.

THOMAS DUNCAN,

Respondent.

CUSTODY STUDY

Attorney for Petitioner:	_____
Attorney for Respondent:	_____
Guardian ad Litem:	_____

Children:	Michael Duncan – d.o.b. 7/5/1990 (16)
	Caroline Duncan – d.o.b. 9/8/1996 (10)

Requested by the Commissioner Jennifer Weston, Family Court Commissioner.

Submitted by Suzanne Summer, Master Social Worker, on August 9, 2006.

MARITAL AND COURT STATUS

Thomas and Jane Duncan were married on July 5, 1986 in Madison, Wisconsin. There are two children born of their marriage, namely Michael, age 16, and Caroline, age 10.

On April 9, 2006, Mrs. Duncan initiated divorce proceedings. In her petition to the court, Mrs. Duncan requested custody of the two minor children. On May 28, 2006, Mr. Duncan filed a motion for custody. Pursuant to the referral, a mediation session was held with the Duncans. At the conclusion of that session, the issue of custody was still unresolved, and the parties decided that future sessions would not be helpful. The case was transferred for a full evaluation. The court ordered that a custody study be performed by a social worker and that an attorney be appointed to represent the children, known as a Guardian ad Litem.

PRESENT SITUATION

Thomas and Jane Duncan and their two children continue to reside together in the marital residence in Fort Atkinson. The Duncan home is a large, four bedroom colonial located in a pleasant neighborhood. The home appeared to be in generally good condition. However, the interior of the home appeared cluttered and somewhat unkept.

Mr. Duncan works at Milwaukee Machine Corporation as its Chief Financial Officer. Mrs. Duncan is employed as a travel agent. She works part-time from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday. She explains that this employment affords her the flexibility of being available for her children after school hours.

MOTHER

Forty-five year old Jane Duncan is an attractive, soft-spoken woman. She is the oldest of three children born to Eva and Fred Thomson. Mrs. Duncan describes her parents as having been overly protective. She recalls her father's tendency to drink on a daily basis, sometimes to excess, and her mother's struggle with a weight problem, one she may now be beginning to fight herself. She was raised and attended public schools in Sparta, Wisconsin. She graduated from high school in 1979 and immediately entered the University of Wisconsin to pursue her Bachelor's degree in teaching. She completed her undergraduate studies in 1984. Upon receiving her degree, she commenced employment as a teacher in Madison. She remained in the teaching profession until 1989 when she and Mr. Duncan moved to Fort.

Mrs. Duncan is clearly distraught over the breakdown of her marriage, yet she is able to express a sense of relief. She clearly expresses anxiety over the uncertainty of her future and the future of her children. She continually focuses her attention on her desire for economic stability after the divorce. Mrs. Duncan is very critical of Mr. Duncan and describes him as a cold and detached husband. She points out her feelings that he has never shown himself. To be a successful provider for the family and she bemoans the fact that she was never able to finish her graduate study as her husband did. Mrs. Duncan offers little insight as to her contribution to the marital discord and ultimate breakdown, including her affair, saying it was the "result", not "cause", of her and her husband's marital discord.

Mrs. Duncan expresses bewilderment over her husband's pursuit of custody. She states that he has never shown a genuine interest in the children, and over the years he has spent a minimal amount of time with them (and her). She acknowledges that Mr. Duncan is required to travel extensively for his job, but quickly states that when he is at home he stays to himself and pays little positive attention to the children (or her). She states that decisions regarding the children have always been her responsibility. Mrs. Duncan claims her husband has an explosive personality, drinks far too much and that on several occasions has been physically abusive with her. Yet there appears to be a certain lack of sincerity in her voiced concerns. She is highly critical of Mr. Duncan's parenting skills, believing him to be uninvolved for the most part but harsh and extremely rigid when he does discipline the children. In contrast, Mrs. Duncan is eager to expound upon her child rearing philosophy and offers numerous examples to support her view. While she acknowledges that her children need a certain amount of structure and discipline, she strongly believes in positive reinforcement and that they should be given freedom and independence.

Mrs. Duncan describes her relationships with Michael and Caroline as close and loving, although she admits that she has had difficulty controlling Michael of late. She finds it painful to imagine what her life would be like without them. Mrs. Duncan very much wants to be viewed as someone to whom being a mother is of paramount importance. She maintains that her primary focus has always been on her children's best interest. She wants very badly to have a third child, perhaps one of the reasons behind her affair.

In response to Mr. Duncan's allegations, this social worker questioned Mrs. Duncan about her affair, its cause and effect on the marriage, and the long-term effect it could have post-divorce if she were to relocate to Chicago. She refused to acknowledge that her relationship outside the marriage has anything to do with her marriage breakup, feels that her paramour, if they marry, will be a good influence on the children, and she believes that Mr. Duncan has raised the issue solely as a means to gain leverage in the custody dispute.

Mrs. Duncan is described by her references as a concerned mother whose children are the highest priority in her life.

FATHER

Thomas Duncan, age forty-six, was born and raised in New Orleans, one of two children. He describes his parents as professional people who have always been supportive of his goals. Mr. Duncan moved north when he entered the University of Wisconsin in 1981. His family continues to reside in New Orleans. Mr. Duncan completed his undergraduate degree in accounting in 1983. He then pursued an MBA degree from the same institution, graduating in 1985. In 1991 Mr. Duncan obtained a position in Milwaukee at Milwaukee Machine Corporation, and he continues to be employed there as its Chief Financial Officer.

Mr. Duncan exhibits a great deal of concern about recent events in his family. He claims to be frustrated that he has been unable to dedicate more time to his children (but there is no mention of his wife), particularly now that his son is experiencing more serious behavior problems.

In discussing his concerns about his children, Mr. Duncan repeatedly referred to his wife's recent affair. He believes this affair to be the sole cause of his and the family's problems, including the difficulties they have had in maintaining control of their son, Michael.

Mr. Duncan expresses the belief that he is more able to provide the structure and discipline as well as other care-taking functions that his children need at the present time, while he thinks his wife is only interested in starting a new life and having another child, something he has been against. He states that he will be able to adjust his work schedule to be available at home and has arranged for childcare when necessary. He is critical of his wife's parenting skills, although he does acknowledge that she enjoys a close relationship at least with their daughter.

Mr. Duncan denies he has a temper or drinks too much or that he has been verbally or physically abusive to his wife. He described a recent incident when the police were called as a "misunderstanding". He acknowledges that both he and his wife are experiencing a great deal of stress and feels that they may have both overreacted. He points out that his wife dropped the criminal charges.

Mr. Duncan is described by his references as a responsible worker and concerned father.

CHILDREN

Michael, age 16, is a rebellious and defiant young man. He finds it extremely difficult to focus his attention on his family situation. He refused to discuss any real feelings with this social worker. He did express a desire to live with his father.

It has been reported that Michael was recently arrested for shoplifting. His case is due to be heard in the Juvenile Court in the near future. Michael's grades have dropped dramatically over the past year, and school officials are considering retention. Both Mr. and Mrs. Duncan report that Michael has become difficult to control in the home. Mr. Duncan informed this social worker that he is concerned that Michael may be experimenting with alcohol and drugs.

Caroline, age 10, is a quiet and somewhat withdrawn girl. She presents no behavioral problems in the home or in school. She is also unable to verbalize her feelings about her family. She desperately wants to remain in a neutral position with both her parents. Caroline is described as a peacemaker in the home. While Caroline is currently not exhibiting any behavioral problems, it is felt that the divorce is taking its toll on her. She reluctantly expressed fear over her father's verbal and physical abuse toward her mother and wishes that it would "just go away".

EVALUATION

This situation involves the question of custody of Caroline and Michael Duncan. Both parents purport to want what is best for their children, yet they have very different perceptions as to what type of parenting plan will be best for the future.

Mr. Duncan's pursuit of custody appears to be motivated by his concern over his wife's potential relocation. While he has not had a great deal of experience in dealing with his children, he is willing to adjust his life to be much more involved. He appears to be more able to control his son than his wife at the moment, and he is willing to participate in counseling to improve his parenting skills.

Mrs. Duncan acknowledges that she has had an affair that could lead to remarriage and relocation. Unfortunately, her preoccupation with this issue and the pending divorce have made it difficult to deal with her son at this time. Their relationship has rapidly deteriorated during the last few months. Traditionally, however, she has assumed the role of primary caretaker for both children.

It is hoped that once the divorce is finalized both parents will be more able to focus on the needs of their children. Both have expressed a desire to establish a joint legal custody arrangement. Given the history of poor communication and the problems being experienced by both children, ongoing family therapy would be helpful during this period of adjustment.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Mr. and Mrs. Duncan share joint legal custody of both children. It is further recommended that both children reside with their mother, as long as mother commits to reside within a 50-mile radius of the father. Relocation of Mrs. Duncan to Chicago with either child is not recommended at this time without further evaluation of the long-range effects on the children.

It is recommended that Michael arrange for visits directly with his father and that Caroline spend alternating weekends from Friday at 6:00 p.m. until Sunday at 6:00 p.m. with him. Caroline should also have the option of weekday contact with Mr. Duncan, when possible.

It is also recommended that Mr. Duncan be evaluated for alcohol abuse. It is further recommended that Mr. and Mrs. Duncan initiate therapy with their children and become involved in accordance with the recommendations of the therapist.

STATE OF WISCONSIN

CIRCUIT COURT

JEFFERSON COUNTY

In Re the Marriage of:

JANE DUNCAN

Petitioner,

-and-

Case No. 06-FA-001

THOMAS DUNCAN

Respondent.

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

BY: Jane Duncan

DATED: October 19, 2006

Husband:	Thomas Duncan 123 First Street Fort Atkinson, WI 53538	Wife:	Jane Duncan 123 First Street Fort Atkinson, WI 53538
Birthdate:	01/25/60 Age: 46	Birthdate:	12/30/61 Age: 45
S.S. #:	000-00-000	S.S. #:	000-00-000
Employer:	Milwaukee Machine Corp.	Employer:	Huckleberry Travel
Occupation:	Manager	Occupation:	Realtor
Previous Marriage:	No	Previous Marriage:	No
<u>Children</u>	<u>D.O.B.</u> <u>Age:</u>	Date of Marriage:	July 5, 1986
Michael Duncan	07/05/90 16	Place of Marriage:	Fort Atkinson, WI
Caroline Duncan	09/08/96 10	Date of Separation:	September 18, 2005
Children Living With:		Date Action Filed:	September 18, 2005
		Date Summons Served:	Sept. 19, 2005
		Prior Actions:	

I. STATEMENT OF INCOME:

Gross Monthly Income:	\$1,250
Other Sources of Income:	\$0
TOTAL MONTHLY INCOME:	\$1,250

II. MONTHLY DEDUCTIONS FROM GROSS INCOME:

Number of Exemptions Claimed:
Federal Income Tax: \$
State Income Tax:
Social Security: (7.65%)

TOTAL MONTHLY DEDUCTIONS: \$400

NET MONTHLY INCOME: \$850

III. STATEMENT OF MONTHLY EXPENSES

Mortgage payment 500
Real property taxes (included above).....250
Real property insurance for residence (included above).....21
Repairs and maintenance 100
Food (household/cleaning supplies, pet food, dining out)..... 550
Electrical 100
Gas 60
Water, sewer, etc.) 0
Soft water service/salt..... 10
Telephone (business)..... 70
Laundry and dry cleaning 25
Cable TV..... 45
Clothing and shoes (include children's)..... 25
Medical & drug expenses not covered by insurance..... 20
Dental expenses not covered by insurance 0
Life insurance premium for one policy 50
Health insurance premiums.....400
Entertainment (travel, clubs, hobbies)..... 100
Incidentals (grooming, tobacco, alcohol, gifts) 40
Auto expense 500 miles x _____¢ 0
Auto insurance for vehicles 100
Child care..... 0
School expenses (anticipated) 1,237
Donations..... 10
Newspapers, books, periodicals..... 10
Debt reduction (from list below)..... 0
Other expenses (disability insurance) 90

TOTAL MONTHLY EXPENSES: \$3,813

IV. DEBTS (not home mortgage)

<u>Creditor</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Mo. Pmt.</u>
TOTAL DEBTS:		\$	\$

V. RESIDENCE EQUITY:

Property address: XXX First Street Fort Atkinson, WI 53538	Type: Home Acquisition Date: June 18, 1994
Original cost: \$110,000	Cost of additions:
Current market value: \$150,000	Basis of value: Property taxes
Mortgage balance: \$20,000	Date of value: January 2006
Other liens: \$	Mortgage holder: PremierBank
APR – term 7% yrs.	Monthly mortgage pmt: \$6500.00
	Real estate taxes 2005: \$3,336.59

VI. OTHER REAL ESTATE:

Property address:	Type:
Original cost: \$	Acquisition Date:
Current market value:	Cost of additions:
Mortgage balance: \$	Basis of value:
Other liens: \$	Date of value:
APR – term ___% ___yrs.	Mortgage holder:
	Monthly mortgage pmt:
	Real estate taxes:

VII. RETIREMENT PLAN:

Name of plan: Milwaukee Machine Corp.	Vesting date:
Type:	Until retirement:
Years of participation: 16	Value: \$150,000
Present monthly benefit: 0	Valuation date:
Loans or withdrawals: 0	
Future value: \$	

VIII. PROFIT SHARING PLAN:

Name of plan:	Date of Value:
Value of plan:	Years of participation:
Type: ?	
Other information:	

IX. HEALTH INSURANCE:

Company:	Premium cost: \$
Deductible: \$	Persons covered:
Policy No.:	Group No.:
Type of plan:	
Expenses covered:	

X. DENTAL INSURANCE:

Company: None	Premium cost:
Deductible: \$___ per ___	Persons covered:
Policy No.:	Group No.:
Type of plan:	
Expenses covered:	

XI. LIFE INSURANCE:

	<u>Policy 1</u>	<u>Policy 2</u>	<u>Policy 3</u>
Equity			
Company			
Policy No.			
Owner			
Insured			
Beneficiary			
Issue Date			
Insured Age			
Face Amount			
Type			
Cash Value			
Loan Amount			

XII. VEHICLES:

	<u>Vehicle 1</u>	<u>Vehicle 2</u>	<u>Vehicle 3</u>	<u>Vehicle 4</u>
Type				
Make				
Model				
Year				
Mileage/Cond.				
Value				
Value Basis				
Value Date				
Lien				
Lienholder				
Amount Owed				
Monthly Payment				
Insurer				
Premium				

XIII. CHECKING, SAVINGS ACCOUNTS, C.D., CASH:

<u>Holder</u>	<u>Bank/S&L</u>	<u>Acct. No.</u>	<u>Balance</u>
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XIV. BILLS, NOTES, STOCKS, BONDS, ETC.:

<u>Current Value</u>	<u>Name of Company</u>	<u>No. of Share</u>	<u>Face or Par Value</u>	<u>Owner</u>
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XV. OTHER PROPERTY:

(List any other property not already scheduled.)

<u>Description</u>	<u>Value</u>
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Have you disposed of or transferred any assets within the one-year period prior to the filing of the petition for divorce, the proceeds of which are not already accounted for in the above representation of assets? NO

This preliminary financial statement was prepared by the undersigned with the help of an attorney or legal assistant for a hearing for temporary orders. While the undersigned has attempted to make a statement that is correct for the Family Court Commissioner to use in making temporary orders, this statement is based on limited information which was compiled in limited time and should not be considered a complete disclosure as required by §767.27, Wis. Stats., of both parties.

I DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OR PERJURY THAT THE FOREGOING, INCLUDING ANY ATTACHMENTS, IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

Jane Duncan

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this ____ day of _____, 2006.

Notary Public, Jefferson County, WI
My Commission Expires: _____

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Date Summons Served: Sept. 19, 2005
Prior Actions:

Children Living With:

I. STATEMENT OF INCOME:

Gross Monthly Income: \$7,353

Other Sources of Income: \$0

TOTAL MONTHLY INCOME: \$7,353

II. MONTHLY DEDUCTIONS FROM GROSS INCOME:

Number of Exemptions Claimed:
Federal Income Tax: \$
State Income Tax:
Social Security: (7.65%)

TOTAL MONTHLY DEDUCTIONS: \$3,853

NET MONTHLY INCOME: \$3,500

III. STATEMENT OF MONTHLY EXPENSES

Mortgage payment 500
Real property taxes (included above)..... 250
Real property insurance for residence (included above)..... 21
Repairs and maintenance 100
Food (household/cleaning supplies, pet food, dining out)..... 300
Electrical 100
Gas 60
Water, sewer, etc.) 0
Soft water service/salt..... 10
Telephone (business)..... 0
Laundry and dry cleaning 25
Cable TV..... 45
Clothing and shoes (include children's)..... 25
Medical & drug expenses not covered by insurance..... 20
Dental expenses not covered by insurance 0
Life insurance premium for one policy 50
Health insurance premiums..... 400
Entertainment (travel, clubs, hobbies)..... 100
Incidentals (grooming, tobacco, alcohol, gifts) 40
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Newspapers, books, periodicals..... 10
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Other expenses (disability insurance) 90

TOTAL MONTHLY EXPENSES: \$3,493

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Value Basis				
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Thomas Duncan

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this ____ day of _____, 2006.

Notary Public, Jefferson County, WI
My Commission Expires: _____

Law-related Education
Real Life: Marriage and Divorce

Topic: Conflict Resolution

Objectives:

1. Students will know that conflict is a normal part of every relationship we are in.
2. Students will know that conflict does not need to be feared.
3. Students will learn how to handle conflicts and confrontations.
4. Students will understand the strong emotions and difficult behaviors that keep conflict alive.
5. Students will be able to determine if a conflict is constructive or destructive.
6. Students will know the steps to conflict resolution.
7. Students will have an understanding of the rules for open communication.

Law-related Education
Real Life: Marriage and Divorce

Topic: How Children Affect Marriage

Objectives:

1. Students will understand their own attitudes and wishes about having children.
2. Students will know that the number of children they want is likely to be the same or similar to their own family.
3. Students will understand that past experiences and present motivations are related.
4. Students will be able to list advantages and disadvantages to having children.

Law-related Education
Real Life: Marriage and Divorce

Topic: Divorced Individuals

Objectives:

1. Students will be able to identify some red flags in relationships.
2. Students will understand the pain that divorce can cause.
3. Students will realize that individuals recover from divorce.

Law-related Education
Real Life: Marriage and Divorce

Topic: Married Couple

Objectives:

1. Students will learn ways that individual couples have keep their marriage stable.
2. Students will learn that even good marriages have problems.

Law-related Education
Real Life: Marriage and Divorce

Topic: Financial Concerns of Marriage

Objectives:

1. Students will know components of financial planning.
2. Students will know reasons why money can cause conflict in marriage.
3. Students will understand differing financial personalities.
4. Students will know that children create a financial burden in marriage.
5. Students will know that money equates to power.
6. Students will realize that divorce is expensive.
7. Students will understand that lifestyle choices impact on family finances.
8. Students will develop an understanding of how to encourage happiness in relationships in regards to finances.
9. Students will understand concepts of savings and investments.

Law-related Education
Real Life: Marriage and Divorce

Topic: Blended Families

Objectives:

1. Students will be able to define step family, blended family.
2. Students will know stresses unique to step and blended family.
3. Students will understand strategies to use to make smoother transition into step and blended families.
4. Students will understand conflict resolution needed in step and blended families.

Law-related Education
Real Life: Marriage and Divorce

Topic: Domestic Abuse

Objectives:

1. Students will be able to define domestic violence.
2. Students will be aware of the amount of domestic violence in our society today.
3. Students will be able to predict future violence in dating partners.
4. Students will understand strategies used to protect abused spouses.