

Appendix D

The Master Joyce Model

- a. the parents are to be the joint guardians of the estate of the child;
- b. in the event of the death of either parent, the remaining parent will be the sole guardian of the person of the child;
- c. the parent who has the primary responsibility for the day-to-day care of the child will have the obligation to advise the other parent of any matters of a significant nature affecting the child;
- d. the parent with primary care (custody) must discuss with the other parent any significant decisions that have to be made concerning the child, including significant decisions concerning the health (except emergency decisions), education, religious instruction, and general welfare of the child;
- e. the parent who does not have primary care (custody) must discuss the foregoing issues with the parent and each parent shall have the obligation to try to reach agreement on those major decisions;
- f. in the event that the parents cannot reach agreement with respect to any major decision despite their best efforts, the primary care (custodial) parent shall have the right to make such decision;
- g. the other parent has the right (under section 32 of the *Family Relations Act*) to seek a review of any decision which that parent considers contrary to the best interests of the child;
- h. each parent has the right to obtain information concerning the child directly from third parties, including but not limited to teachers, counsellors, medical professionals and third party care givers.