

Task Force to Study Legal Disputes Involving the Care & Custody of Minor Children

The Speaker of the House and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force

Membership

No.	Position	Authority or Appointed by:	Specific Qualifications	Appointee
1.	Chair	President pro-tempore of the Senate	Practicing attorney with not less than ten years' experience serving as a guardian ad litem or an attorney for the minor child in child custody matters in state courts (Can be a member of the General Assembly).	Sue A. Cousineau, Esq. Middletown
2.	Chair	Speaker of the House	Practicing attorney with significant experience in handling of child custody matters in state courts (Can be a member of the General Assembly).	Sharon Wicks Dornfeld, Esq. Danbury
3.	Member	Majority leader of the Senate	Employee of CSSD (Can be a member of the General Assembly).	Joseph J. DiTunno
4.	Member	Minority leader of the Senate	Personal or professional experience in matters involving allegations of one parent engaging in a persistent pattern of denigrating the other parent in the presence of a minor child in order to negatively influence the child's perception of the parent and alienate the child's affections for the parent, made in the context of a proceeding involving the custody, care and upbringings of a minor child. (Can be a member of the General Assembly).	Jennifer Verraneault, East Haven
5.	Member	Majority leader of the House	Licensed mental health professional with expertise in child custody forensic evaluations (Can be a member of the General Assembly).	Elizabeth Thayer, PhD.
6.	Member	Minority leader of the House	Mental health professional with expertise in working with family systems (Can be a member of the General Assembly).	Rep. DebraLee Hovey, Monroe
7.	Member	Sen. Eric Coleman, Co-chair of the Judiciary Committee	One of the two is a member of the Judiciary Committee. The other is a practicing attorney with significant experience in the ethical obligations involving child custody cases (Can be a member of the General Assembly).	Linda Allard, Esq.
8.	Member	Rep. Gerald Fox, Co-chair of Judiciary Committee	One of the two is a member of the Judiciary Committee. The other is a practicing attorney with significant experience in the ethical obligations involving child custody cases (Can be a member of the General Assembly).	Rep. Minnie Gonzalez
9.	Member	Sen. Dante Bartolomeo, Co-chair of the Committee on Children	One of the two is a member of the Committee on Children (Can be a member of the General Assembly).	Thomas Weissmuller, Pawcatuck
10.	Member	Rep. Diana Urban, Co-chair of the Committee on Children	One of the two is a member of the Committee on Children (Can be a member of the General Assembly).	Rep. Ed Vargas