

**Condensed Test Specifications
Florida-Prepared Portion of the General Bar Examination**

Family Law and Dependency

(Areas that will be emphasized are in bold and italics; the remaining areas will be tested less frequently)

1. Dissolution of Marriage; Support; Custody – General Provisions
 - 1.1. Purpose of chapter
 - 1.2. Dissolution in chancery
 - 1.3. ***Residence requirements***
 - 1.4. Dissolution of marriage to be a vinculo
 - 1.5. Commencement of a proceeding for dissolution of marriage or for alimony and child support; dissolution questionnaire
 - 1.6. Certain existing defenses abolished
 - 1.7. ***Definitions***
 - 1.8. ***Dissolution of marriage***
 - 1.9. ***Proceedings against nonresidents***
 - 1.10. ***Alimony pendent elite; suit money***
 - 1.11. ***Equitable distribution of marital assets and liabilities***
 - 1.12. ***Distribution of retirement plans upon dissolution of marriage***

- 1.13. ***Determination of entitlement to setoffs or credits upon sale of marital home***
- 1.14. ***Premarital agreements***
- 1.15. ***Alimony***
- 1.16. ***Alimony and child support unconnected with dissolution***
- 1.17. ***Adjudication of obligation to support spouse or minor child unconnected with dissolution; child custody, child's primary residence, and visitation***
- 1.18. Writs
- 1.19. Attachment or garnishment of amounts due for alimony or child support
- 1.20. ***Rotating custody***
- 1.21. Child custody evaluations; presumption of psychologist's good faith; prerequisite to parent's filing suit; award of fees, costs, reimbursement*
- 1.22. ***Custody and support of children; visitation rights; power of court in making orders***
- 1.23. ***Income deduction orders***
- 1.24. Petition for suspension or denial of professional licenses and certificates

- 1.25. Suspension of driver's licenses and motor vehicle registrations
- 1.26. Sharing of information between consumer reporting agencies and the IV-D agency
- 1.27. ***Enforcement and modification of support, maintenance, or alimony agreements or orders***
- 1.28. ***Attorney's fees, suit money, and costs***
- 1.29. Alimony and child support; additional method for enforcing orders and judgments; costs; expenses
- 1.30. Alimony and child support; default in undertaking of bond posted to ensure payment
- 1.31. Depository for alimony transactions; support, maintenance, and support payments; fees
- 1.32. Clerk of the Court Child Support Enforcement Collection System Trust Fund
- 1.33. Child Support Incentive Trust Fund
- 1.34. Child Support Enforcement Application and Program Revenue Trust Fund
- 1.35. Child Support Clearing Trust Fund
- 1.36. State Disbursement Unit
- 1.37. State Case Registry

- 1.38. Procurement of services for State Disbursement Unit and the non-Title IV-D component of the State Case Registry; contracts and cooperative agreements; penalties; withholding payment
- 1.39. Identifying information concerning applicants for and recipients of child support services
- 1.40. ***Mediation of certain contested issues***
- 1.41. Entry of judgment of dissolution of marriage, delay period
- 1.42. Application
- 1.43. ***Social investigation and recommendations when child custody is in issue***
- 1.44. Parenting course authorized; fees; required attendance authorized; contempt
- 1.45. ***Child support guidelines; retroactive child support***
- 1.46. ***Appointment of guardians ad litem***
- 1.47. Qualifications of guardians ad litem
- 1.48. Guardians ad litem; powers and authority
- 1.49. Guardians ad litem; confidentiality
- 1.50. Guardians ad litem; immunity
- 1.51. ***Court order of visitation or custody; risk of violation; bond***

2. Dissolution of Marriage; Support; Custody – Uniform Child Custody

Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act

- 2.1. Short title
- 2.2. Purposes of part; construction of provisions
- 2.3. Definitions
- 2.4. Proceedings governed by other law
- 2.5. Application to Indian tribes
- 2.6. International application of part
- 2.7. ***Effect of child custody determination***
- 2.8. Priority
- 2.9. Notice to persons outside the state
- 2.10. Appearance and limited immunity
- 2.11. ***Communication between courts***
- 2.12. Taking testimony in another state
- 2.13. Cooperation between courts; preservation
- 2.14. ***Initial child custody jurisdiction***
- 2.15. ***Exclusive, continuing jurisdiction***
- 2.16. ***Jurisdiction to modify a determination***
- 2.17. ***Temporary emergency jurisdiction***
- 2.18. Notice; opportunity to be heard; joinder

- 2.19. Simultaneous proceedings
- 2.20. Inconvenient forum
- 2.21. Jurisdiction declined by reason of conduct
- 2.22. Information to be submitted to the court
- 2.23. Appearance of parties and child
- 2.24. Definitions
- 2.25. Enforcement under the Hague Convention
- 2.26. Duty to enforce
- 2.27. ***Temporary visitation***
- 2.28. ***Registration of child custody determination***
- 2.29. Enforcement of registered determination
- 2.30. Simultaneous proceedings
- 2.31. ***Expedited enforcement of child custody determination***
- 2.32. Service of petition and order
- 2.33. Hearing and order
- 2.34. ***Warrant to take physical custody of child***
- 2.35. Costs, fees, and expenses
- 2.36. Recognition and enforcement
- 2.37. Appeals
- 2.38. Role of state attorney

- 2.39. Role of law enforcement officers
- 2.40. Costs and expenses
- 2.41. Application and construction
- 2.42. Transitional provision
- 3. Adoption
 - 3.1. Short title
 - 3.2. Legislative intent
 - 3.3. Definitions
 - 3.4. ***Proceedings applicable to cases resulting from a termination of parental rights under chapter 39***
 - 3.5. ***Duty of adoption entity to prospective adoptive parents; sanctions***
 - 3.6. ***Who may be adopted; who may adopt***
 - 3.7. Procedures with respect to abandoned infants
 - 3.8. ***Grandparent's right to adopt***
 - 3.9. ***Adopted minor's right to continued communication or contact with siblings and other relatives***
 - 3.10. Mandatory screening or testing for sickle-cell trait prohibited
 - 3.11. Guardians designated; proof of commitment

- 3.12. ***Rights and responsibilities of an unmarried biological father; legislative findings***
- 3.13. ***Persons required to consent to adoption; affidavit of non-paternity; waiver of venue***
- 3.14. Responsibility of each party for their own actions; fraud or misrepresentation; statutory compliance
- 3.15. ***Persons whose consent to an adoption may be waived***
- 3.16. ***Execution of consent to adoption or affidavit of non-paternity; family social and medical history; withdrawal of consent***
- 3.17. Disclosure by adoption entity
- 3.18. ***Proceeding to terminate parental rights pending adoption; general provisions***
- 3.19. ***Proceeding to terminate parental rights pending adoption; notice and service; diligent search***
- 3.20. ***Proceeding to terminate parental rights pending adoption; hearing; grounds; dismissal of petition; judgment***
- 3.21. Report to the court of intended placement by an adoption entity; at-risk placement; preliminary study
- 3.22. Fees

- 3.23. Filing of petition for adoption or declaratory statement; venue; proceeding for approval of fees and costs
- 3.24. ***Petition for adoption; description; report or recommendation, exceptions; mailing***
- 3.25. Notice of hearing on petition
- 3.26. Final home investigation
- 3.27. Affidavit of expenses and receipts
- 3.28. Information under oath to be submitted to the court
- 3.29. Hearing; judgment of adoption
- 3.30. Application for new birth record
- 3.31. Hearings and records in adoption proceedings; confidential nature
- 3.32. State registry of adoption information; duty to inform and explain
- 3.33. State adoption information center
- 3.34. ***Effect of judgment of adoption***
- 3.35. ***Statute of repose***
- 3.36. ***Recognition of foreign judgment affecting adoption***
- 3.37. Authority to license; adoption of rules
- 3.38. Out-of-state placement
- 3.39. ***Prohibited acts; penalties for violation***
- 3.40. ***Preplanned adoption agreement***

- 3.41. Sanctions
- 3.42. Effect of prior adoption proceedings
- 3.43. Duty of person adopting
- 3.44. ***Conditions for revocation of a consent to adoption or affidavit of non-paternity***
- 3.45. Rulemaking authority
- 3.46. Petitions filed before effective date; governing law
- 4. ***Paternity***
- 5. ***Enforcement***
- 6. Dependency
 - 6.1. General Provisions
 - 6.1.1. Records concerning children
 - 6.1.2. *Definitions***
 - 6.1.3. Immunity from liability
 - 6.1.4. *Procedures and jurisdiction; right to counsel***
 - 6.1.5. Appointment of an attorney for a dependent child with certain special needs
 - 6.1.6. Oaths, records, and confidential information
 - 6.1.7. Appointed counsel; compensation
 - 6.1.8. *Time limitations; continuances***

6.1.9. Criminal history and other records checks; limit on placement of a child

6.1.10. *Visitation or other contact; restrictions*

6.1.11. *Missing children; report required*

6.2. Reporting Child Abuse

6.3. Protective Investigations

6.4. Taking Children into Custody and Shelter Hearings

6.5. Petition, Arraignment, Adjudication, and Disposition

6.6. Disposition; Postdisposition Change of Custody

6.7. Case Plans

6.8. Permanency

6.9. *Judicial Reviews*

6.10. Termination of Parental Rights

6.11. *Guardians ad Litem and Guardian Advocates*

6.12. Domestic Violence