

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
THE TRIAL COURT  
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT

WORCESTER DIVISION

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	Plaintiff	
v.		
	Defendant	

**DEFENDANT'S MEMORANDUM OF LAW: EXPRESSIONS OF CUSTODIAL PREFERENCE BY MINOR CHILDREN**

The expression of a preference by a child in a custody dispute is treated with caution. Hale v. Hale, 12 Mass. App. Ct. 812 (1981). In a conflict between the parents a child's statement of preference is often unreliable and may be the product of undue influence of one parent or immature values on the part of the child. Bak v. Bak, 24 Mass. App. Ct. 608 (1987).

Respectfully submitted,

by his/her attorney:

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