



This year Halloween falls on a Tuesday...is it your parenting day? What does the trick-or-treat schedule look like? 4 - 7p; 4:30 - 8:30p? Who will the children be trick-or-treating with? Family, Friends? Do you know where your children will be?

It's the perfect time to plan and avoid monstrous scheduling issues. Get a head start on your Halloween schedule, but also your Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday parenting time schedules now!

Negotiate a clear schedule with specific dates and times that benefits the kids and you as parents.



***Try these tips for a conflict-free Halloween:***

*(Bonus... They also work for other holidays!)*

***1. Divide the time frame so both parents have fun trick-or-treating. One parent can take the kids out from 3:00 to 5:00, and the other parent can trick-or-treat from 5:00 to 7:00. Pick a neutral site for the exchange.***

***2. Pick a neighborhood, pick a block, pick a side of the street....Really! If you are sharing the experience don't let it be gruesome for you or***

**Upcoming Events**

***October 27, 2017***

***Justinian Society of Lawyers-DuPage  
Charity Costume Ball***

***Benefitting***

***Ronald McDonald House®  
of Chicago & Northwestern Indiana***

***The Carlisle - Lombard***

***6:00 p.m. cocktails***

***7:00 p.m. dinner***

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***November 4, 2017***

***Cantigny 5k Run/Walk***

***Benefitting***

***Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans***

***Cantigny Park-Winfield***

***9:00 a.m.***

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***November 9, 2017***

***DCBA/DAWL Veteran's Day  
Luncheon & Conference***

***12:00 noon - 4:30 p.m.***

***DuPage Attorney Resource Center***

experience, don't let it be graceful...for you or the kids.

3. Pick an exact meeting point and time to transfer possession of the children. Be prompt to avoid any conflict and ensure the fun doesn't get interrupted. But be understanding when the kids take longer or shorter than expected.

4. Start talking about - and finalize - Thanksgiving plans now. There is plenty of time to work out the schedule and ensure all the things you can be grateful for...especially your peace of mind!

5. The same goes for Christmas! This year, Christmas Eve is on a Sunday and Christmas Day is Monday...is it your regular weekend? Do days need to be changed? Winter break for some schools is longer this year...17 days instead of 14. There is plenty of time to work out the Winter Break schedule now to avoid the potential for conflict later.



Is your parenting time schedule all figured out? Congratulations! *The Law Office of Brigid A. Duffield, P.C.* wishes you the best holiday season ever!

Do you need some assistance in getting your parenting schedule details worked out? Call Rachel to schedule a mediation session, and go into the holiday season without stress and worry about where the kids will be, and when!

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**November 15, 2017**  
**Lawyer's Assistance Program Dinner**  
Speaker - Tom Dart  
Union League Club  
Reception 5:30  
Dinner 6:30  
**Contact: Jamie Dureno**  
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***Wishing you great success in all your endeavors...  
especially the conflicted ones!***

Best,

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