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	- PART 1 : COUNT	Y OF NIAGARA	
PETER MARK DI	ARBAKERLY,		
I	Petitioner,		
- 6	against -	DKT #s V-033	88-17
KATIE LYNN RI	FORD,	V-038	02-17
Ι	Respondent.		
KATIE LYNN RI	FORD,		
Ι	Petitioner,		
- 6	against -	DKT #s V-001 V-005	
PETER MARK DI	ARBAKERLY,	V-003	92-10
I	Respondent.		
	Lockpo	awley Street ort, New York 18, 2018	
Before:			
	HONORABLE ERIN P. I Niagara County Fami		
Appeara	ances:		
I	RANDY MARGULIS, ESÇ)., Mark Diarbakerly.	
	DANA HERRINGTON, ES		
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Present:

PETER MARK DIARBAKERLY.

KATIE LYNN RIFORD.

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THE COURT: This is the matter of Peter

Diarbakerly and Katie Riford. There are competing custody

petitions against each other. In the courtroom I have

Randy Margulis here for Mr. Diarbakerly, and Dana

Herrington for Ms. Riford. And Mr. Cafarella is here as

attorney for the child.

We were scheduled for a fact finding hearing today and tomorrow.

MR. MARGULIS: Could I make a request?

THE COURT: Yes.

MR. MARGULIS: I notice there are spectators in the courtroom. As this matter is about to be scheduled for a trial I believe that at least one of the people in the courtroom might be a potential witness so I would object to anyone who may be a potential witness in this matter being present in the courtroom.

THE COURT: Because we're --

MR. MARGULIS: I don't know if we're addressing the motion. I don't know if we're only addressing scheduling issues.

THE COURT: I thought we were only doing

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MR. MARGULIS: I wasn't sure.

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THE COURT: I thought you resolved the motion with some kind of access schedule.

MR. MARGULIS: Maybe I misinterpreted.

THE COURT: All I wanted to make clear on the record on what's going on, that the Court thought that -- we had you guys set down for a fact finding hearing today and tomorrow, and I think the lawyers felt as though there was an adjournment request somewhere, somehow, although I don't have anything in writing. And I believe the whole disconnect ended up with Dr. Tyrell's office because Dr. Tyrell's office has to do mental health for the grandparents. Which one?

MR. CAFARELLA: The paternal grandmother and grandfather. I don't know if it's a mental health evaluation of them, but more of an interview.

THE COURT: To complete the mental health or custodial -- whatever evaluations we do with Dr. Tyrell.

MR. CAFARELLA: Correct.

THE COURT: Dr. Tyrell's office did communicate with the Court that the paternal grandmother had stated — it was communicated to them that she would be out of town for her appointment, but it wasn't clear to the Court that they were asking for an adjournment. We did not grant an

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THE COURT: So we're not going forward on the hearing dates, but we can toll everything for standards and goals to finish off the Tyrell reports. We'll get hearing dates today, and we're putting this access

And that resolves the motion, Mr. Margulis, or it doesn't?

schedule and a supervisor on board with this.

MR. MARGULIS: I believe it does, Your Honor.

As you know, Judge, I stepped out to address a scheduling matter in another part, so since we left your confidential law clerk's office I hadn't spoken with Mr. Cafarella. I don't know yet the extent of any contact he has made with Jeannie Kratt. I don't know if you want me to put the agreement on the record, or you'll do an order.

THE COURT: I do an order. Do you want to put it on the record?

MR. CAFARELLA: I'll start, if you don't mind.

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1 THE COURT: You can add something into it.

Before we get into the order we're going to find hearing dates, and we're going to have you come back before those hearing dates. I would like to see you do multiple pretrials with Ms. DeWitt. It sounds like you were starting to resolve some issues with her and that maybe you can speak freely with her, as you cannot with me at all times.

Mr. Cafarella, go ahead.

MR. CAFARELLA: It was my hope, and in speaking with your confidential law clerk, that Mr. Margulis' motion be partially resolved today but held in abeyance to allow the opportunity to make modifications after a period of the supervised access with Jeannie Kratt, the third-party supervisor.

Month or so. That will allow dad the opportunity to have access with his children, the third-party supervisor will provide a report to the Court, and then we can make any adjustments to the schedule at that point. I think having an unbiased third-party supervisor who is approved by the Court, who does this for a living and will provide a written report, will allow us a lot more guidance towards settling this matter short of a trial.

THE COURT: And I can't disagree with that.

DIARBAKERLY vs. RIFORD/RIFORD vs. DIARBAKERLY - 06/18/2018 1 Anything, Ms. Herrington, that -- objection to 2 that, or you're in agreement with that? 3 MS. HERRINGTON: We are in agreement with the 4 schedule that was negotiated, based upon Jeannie Kratt's 5 availability. 6 THE COURT: So Mr. Margulis, are you okay with 7 having Mr. Cafarella start on the temporary order? 8 MR. MARGULIS: Yes. 9 THE COURT: And you sound like there's one more 10 thing you want to address. 11 MR. MARGULIS: Not knowing -- assuming the best 12 case scenario, that Jeannie Kratt is available every time 13 we need her services, that's great. But for practical 14 purposes, either today or subsequently, we might want to 15 consider a backup person if it ever becomes necessary. 16 For purposes of the order I was going to throw 17 out there wherever we use Jeannie Kratt's name if we can 18 add in there something that says and/or a mutually agreed 19 upon person, or somebody at Mr. Cafarella's discretion or 20 somebody with her same credentials. 21 THE COURT: That's fine with me. We'll add that 22 in. 23 MR. CAFARELLA: I spoke with Jeannie Kratt and 24 she will be the third-party supervisor. She's committed 25 to a certain number of specific days, Judge.

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The idea is that dad will have access with his children generally every other weekend for a Saturday and Sunday, six hours per day. Now, there will be times that Jeannie Kratt may have to modify that, to move a Saturday to a Friday or a Sunday to a Monday, so we would like a provision in the order that says these times will be modified as agreed and arranged by Jeannie Kratt directly with the parties.

THE COURT: Okay.

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MR. CAFARELLA: The specific times will be coordinated by Jeannie Kratt and the parties.

THE COURT: So we're going to go with basic alternate weekends to commence this weekend, or we don't know?

MR. CAFARELLA: I have specific weekends because this weekend she's not available. She's available the next two weekends so there will be back-to-back weekends, and from there it will be alternating.

MR. MARGULIS: I think we said effective June 30th because my client was here this past weekend --

MR. CAFARELLA: She's available on the 23rd and 24th so if your client is available to exercise access next weekend.

MR. MARGULIS: Sure.

MR. CAFARELLA: I'll give you the dates. June

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23rd and 24th, June 30th and July 1st, July 14th and 15th,
July 28 and July 29th.

It's my hope that our next return date could be somewhere right afterwards so that if we're changing the posture of this access we can do so at that time, or if we need to pick new dates we can pick new access dates.

THE COURT: We'll hold it in abeyance. We'll do a pretrial conference date with Ms. DeWitt and calendar the motion with me if it needs to be addressed by me. If you can resolve it by yourself you don't have to come in front of me. You can give Ms. DeWitt the new provisions for the order and we can do the temporary order here.

MR. CAFARELLA: With regard to Jeannie Kratt, her rate is seventy-five dollars per hour. It's my understanding that at this time the petitioner, Mr. Diarbakerly, is going to pay that cost without prejudice for later application by Mr. Diarbakerly.

Any incidental costs of the supervision will also be borne by Mr. Diarbakerly. For example, if they go for access and take the children to a movie he has to pay her entry to the movie or any other event he has to pay --

THE COURT: Ms. Kratt's?

MR. CAFARELLA: Yes. I also need both parties' phone numbers for Ms. Kratt. And I do have her business address, if the Court wants it. J-E-A-N-N-I-E, K-R-A-T-T.

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Her phone number for the Court and for the parties is

359-6141. And her business address is 43 Court Street,

mezzanine level, Buffalo, New York, 14202.

And if I can have Mr. Diarbakerly's phone number.

MR. MARGULIS: 617-721-1377.

THE COURT: And Ms. Riford?

MS. HERRINGTON: 716-213-8928.

MR. CAFARELLA: Judge, of course this access order shall be subject to such other and additional times as the parties may separately agree and arrange.

THE COURT: Okay.

MS. HERRINGTON: Your Honor, may I address a couple of issues? And if we can go off the record for specific specifications. We are dealing with an infant here, a small child who is not even one who is still breastfeeding and does nap so I want to make sure that the same accommodations that the parties have been making for Mason would continue and he would be brought back home for nap time; that's what the parties have been doing.

THE COURT: Okay. I don't know how --

MS. HERRINGTON: Generally in the middle of a visit. I know that mom ensures he's fed and will last a few hours for the visit, and then he's brought back home, picked up and transported home for his nap time. Olivia

DIARBAKERLY vs. RIFORD/RIFORD vs. DIARBAKERLY - 06/18/2018 is older and can last, generally speaking, the duration of the visit. But since Mason is still exclusively breastfed and naps at specific times --

THE COURT: So the six-hour span on Saturdays and Sundays is going to be long enough for the child?

MS. HERRINGTON: Well, he won't last the six-hour visit. So generally what the parties have been doing is a couple, two, three hours in -- he feeds every two hours. It's something we could certainly arrange with Ms. Kratt. I just wanted to make the Court aware so no one was raising objections with the baby going home to nap or eat.

THE COURT: Was there something you wanted to say, Mr. Margulis?

MR. MARGULIS: Yes, Judge. I wanted to talk about the order before we move on to other issues.

THE COURT: Go back to the order and then back to this.

MR. MARGULIS: So I just wanted to add to what Mr. Cafarella stated on the record. In addition to the terms that he accurately expressed I believe when we were with Ms. DeWitt we also talked about, without accusations here, we also talked about the need for the parties potentially to communicate, and they typically communicate by text message.

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Because of problems that have arisen with not getting responses when you think you're going to we discussed in chambers, and I believe everybody has agreed, that with respect to their communication via text messaging that each party would endeavor to respond to any text messages from the other within a two-hour window.

THE COURT: Okay.

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MR. MARGULIS: I believe it was agreed that would be included in the order.

THE COURT: That would be about the children and transportation?

MR. MARGULIS: Correct.

THE COURT: And access?

MR. MARGULIS: Yes, ma'am.

THE COURT: Okay.

MR. MARGULIS: And I think that was the only thing that we wanted to add to that.

And then as far as the -- I don't know enough yet about how they have accommodated the baby's napping and feeding schedule. I don't know if they can just give him a bottle. I don't know enough of the facts from my client yet in that regard so I don't know that he has been taking the child home after a couple hours so he can nap and going back and picking the child back up again.

THE COURT: Can you weigh in on this,

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Mr. Cafarella?

MR. CAFARELLA: I don't know. I can let Ms. Kratt know so that she can coordinate, if need be.

THE COURT: This wasn't talked about yet?

MR. CAFARELLA: No.

THE COURT: Do you want to talk about this on the record, or go off the record and talk about the dynamics of this? I think that puts a wrench into the whole understanding, not bringing up the issue of the breastfeeding issue, which I completely acknowledge and understand.

If the child is this young that the child can't go a six-hour period without being fed we either shorten the time spans -- but yet you have that supervisor in place so I don't know how that will work.

MS. HERRINGTON: The way that the parties have been doing it, Olivia does remain for the duration of the visit while Mason is picked up -- mom picks up Mason for feeding time and he continues with his nap. He does not return for the visit, given that he's napping.

THE COURT: Okay. That puts -- a six-hour period, you're saying every two hours so he would be picked up within two hours of his visitation and doesn't return for the rest of the access?

MS. HERRINGTON: Correct.

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THE COURT: Off the record.

(Discussion off the record.)

THE COURT: So we were just having an off-the-record discussion with regard to the younger child being so young, the child is napping, like an infant, and feeding like an infant. So we're going to leave that up to -- it is the intention of the parties that access would start with both children, if at all possible, and that at some point in the access the younger child, Mason, would break off from the access to be picked up by mom so that he can feed and/or nap, if that should follow the feeding, as it naturally does, to the most extent.

I've also asked that Ms. Riford consider, if she can in the most respectful manner and with privacy issues taken into account, if she can do the picking up, feed the child close in vicinity to where Mr. Diarbakerly is, and if the child could be returned I would like that to always be an open option and be considered.

I believe both parties can each out to Ms. Kratt about that and let her monitor if that situation is being taken advantage of, or not. If it's being done in such a respectful manner that both parents understand it, then I'm sure Ms. Kratt's knowing -- she's been through this and will be able to understand the situation as being utilized properly. So just putting those thoughts on the

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Also, Mr. Margulis, there's one more thing you had?

MR. MARGULIS: I wanted to add language.

Mr. Cafarella suggested there would be additional times or these times would be modified as agreed with the parties and Ms. Kratt. I would ask that the order reflect language that to the extent either parties' consent is required in any regard that it not be unreasonably withheld.

THE COURT: That pretty much covers it though, right?

MR. MARGULIS: Yes.

one, try to go over this. Right now what we are going to commence with temporarily -- this will resolve the motion for today's purposes only. The motion will remain on the calendar for future requests and/or changes or amendments to the access order that we're putting on the record today, so it will not be a settled motion, it will be a continued motion.

We are going to have father shall receive access with the children alternate weekends for six-hour spans of time that will probably occur on Saturday and Sunday.

Jeannie Kratt, who is a certified MSW, she is

DIARBAKERLY vs. RIFORD/RIFORD vs. DIARBAKERLY - 06/18/2018 going to be the third-party supervisor. The access that is being put into place is a guide to what we think is going to traditionally happen on particular weekends that Ms. Kratt is available, however, these dates and times can be modified based on Ms. Kratt's availability, and that modification will occur as the parties can agree and arrange with Ms. Kratt's involvement in terms of changing that timeframe based on her availability.

This will be effective immediately. The weekends that we already know some kind of availability are June 23rd and 24th, June 30th and July 1st, July 14th and 15th, July 28th and July 29th. And it has already been put on the record Ms. Kratt's business information and contact information.

She is also -- her rate is seventy-five dollars an hour. And temporarily, as of today's temporary order, and this can be addressed futuristically, is that father is paying one hundred percent cost of this third-party supervisory access. Any incidental costs that father incurs for that access will be borne by him one hundred percent, meaning Ms. Kratt or any third-party supervisor agreed to between the parties, that dad will pay for the cost of that access. If they're going to the movies, he pays for the movie ticket, anything to that respect. And also putting on there that the supervisor can also be

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And then there are additional times that the parties can agree and arrange with the third-party supervisor. The changes and/or modification to any of this access order will have to be consented to by the parties and consented to by the third-party supervisor.

There's going to be a provision in the order that will also say that consent shall not be unreasonably withheld by either party.

The parties are also going to respond to each other -- this will be a provision in the order as well -- by text message only. Text messages will only involve access, transportation, or anything with respect to the children only. Each party will respond to the other party within two hours of a received text message to answer whatever it is that's being asked, as long as it reasonably refers to anything that has to do with access and the children.

Does that cover everything?

MR. CAFARELLA: I believe so, Judge.

MR. MARGULIS: I just wanted to -- could we go
-- I'm trying to make things better for everyone as far as
the text messaging issue. Can we have a window of time
between nine a.m. and six p.m. so no one says I sent you a
message at two in the morning? Can we have a window of no

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MR. MARGULIS: And I just would -- I want the

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1	record to reflect that the Court be aware with regard to
2	those dates that you recited into the record my client
3	does, in fact, intend to affirmatively exercise his access
4	on each of those dates so there's no confusion down the
5	road as to whether he was intending to do so or not. He
6	is absolutely intending to do so.
7	THE COURT: It is definitely reflected on the
8	record. So he is intending doing all those dates?
9	MR. MARGULIS: Yes, Your Honor.
10	THE COURT: And
11	MS. HERRINGTON: I'm sorry, could I address one
12	further clarification regarding the transportation of the
13	children? I assume that those arrangements will also be
14	coordinated with Ms. Kratt, but that any transportation
15	the father should not be transporting the children
16	unsupervised either.
17	THE COURT: Was that I'm kind of lost where
18	that was an issue, but yeah. So the transportation has
19	been mom alone?
20	MS. HERRINGTON: That's correct. Mom or mom's
21	family members because mom cannot have contact with dad.
22	MR. MARGULIS: I think that's implied in the
23	definition of supervised.
24	MS. HERRINGTON: I wanted to clarify again so we

are not rehashing so it's on the record and encompassed

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THE COURT: So dad not be the transporter of the children whatsoever.

And we have no registry results. So I guess when you're saying mom and dad can't talk, is there an order of protection between the parties or something?

MR. MARGULIS: No.

THE COURT: Okay.

MS. HERRINGTON: There is a pending --

THE COURT: Is there a pending criminal matter? Where is the pending criminal matter? I'm assuming IDV may take this. No. So it's here. That's okay.

MS. HERRINGTON: In Niagara County, correct.

THE COURT: All right.

MR. MARGULIS: Final point.

THE COURT: Do you want to just try your case?

MR. MARGULIS: I call Judge DeLabio as my first witness. This was something discussed with your law clerk but we didn't address it here. My client reminded me.

When my client comes in from Boston, he drives; it's a six, seven hour-drive. He brings a family member with him. It's my understanding that there should be no impediment to my client's ability to bring a family member with him who may wish to be present during these periods of access. Mr. Cafarella doesn't oppose it. I don't

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MR. CAFARELLA: I have no objection, Judge, of course subject to veto power of Ms. Kratt. But I will let her know that as long as nobody as objects to it here there's no prohibition.

THE COURT: What you need to clarify with Ms.

Kratt is that she has veto power over it. If she feels she can't make a full assessment because there's a family member interfering with the access -- her reason to do this is to see his interaction with the children so she can report to myself and the lawyers. Not that I want that to be an impediment.

As long as Ms. Kratt feels there's no interference or anything getting in her way of doing this report and this observation I'm going to leave it to her to decide whether or not this family member should be a part of this. That's what she's here for.

What was the other thing, Mr. Cafarella, I was thinking about that Ms. -- you were going to report to her about something that she has to decide, something on her own or be involved with.

MR. CAFARELLA: I did mention she will schedule

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THE COURT: And she's -- you have to clarify with her the breastfeeding issue with the child, Mason.

MR. CAFARELLA: Yes.

THE COURT: So she needs to understand that she will -- after you explain this to her -- I'll leave it to you to explain to her the issue with a family member being involved and the feeding of Mason. She's got to kind of work with Ms. Riford to figure out how that can occur smoothly and easily without impeding his access, but also without impeding the children's regular lifestyle, which is to feed and go to bed because the child is under a year old.

MR. CAFARELLA: I'll draft an e-mail and copy counsel on it and give her the background and have her weigh in.

THE COURT: They're free to weigh in too.

MR. CAFARELLA: Of course.

THE COURT: I think we're done. So we have the temporary order in place, motion is continued, not resolved. Results, there are none. And we are going to pick hearing dates and pretrial dates.

So the pretrial, I'm going to say come back in four weeks. Our court is also going to communicate with

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Dr. Tyrell to interview the grandparents, that I would

like both parties or just the paternal grandparents -
communicate with your family, sir, that they need to make

those appointments. If they can't make the appointments,

they have to call Mr. Margulis right away. I'll let you,

Mr. Margulis, handle the contacting, who has to be

contacted to reschedule. It's been too much of a

confusion and I just lost two hearing dates.

MR. MARGULIS: Maybe Jason can fill me in.

THE COURT: Mr. Cafarella is more familiar with the whole $\mbox{Dr.}$ Tyrell situation.

Off the record.

(Discussion off the record.)

THE COURT: The next court appearance that you will all have is July 25th at ten thirty in the morning.

That will be a pretrial conference with Debbie

Walker-DeWitt, my law clerk. Also, that day will be that motion. That will be rescheduled for that day in case you need any tweaking. But that can be resolved with Ms.

DeWitt as long as there's an agreement between the parties.

With respect to the new hearing dates, they will be September 7th and 14th, both beginning at one thirty in the afternoon. Those are both Fridays. They attach to the weekend so dad's traveling is not as cumbersome. I

think that's it. I hereby certify that the foregoing 23 pages are a true and accurate transcription to the best of my ability, of the stenographic notes taken by me on June 18, 2018 in the matter of Peter Mark Diarbakerly vs. Katie Lynn Riford, and Katie Lynn Riford vs. Peter Mark Diarbakerly, held before the HONORABLE ERIN P. DeLABIO, Niagara County Family Court Judge. Caroly Kerr CAROLYN KERR, RPR OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER