

Dear Sir, Madam,

Substantial and significant time in section 65DAA needs to be amended to be more precise by saying that **substantial and significant time** is around 120 days per year. That way a parenting plan can be created that covers a whole year and that allows the flexibility to create a plan that can account for all possible different circumstances. It is far easier to devise a plan over a whole year with the finer details of a parenting plan being given the flexibility allowable to make them work. A year should be either based on a school year or the calendar year.

To make changes as vague as the ones proposed gives the Judges who make the current decisions on contact too much of an opportunity not to change their current decision making processes. What a person does to make a living is often a big part of what they conceive themselves to be. For a Judge to change from their current decision making processes would be for them to almost admit that they have been wrong or that for them to change their decision making processes would be them to now do something wrong. That is why **substantial and significant time** needs to be more precisely defined to allow it to be more accurately implemented by Judges and whoever else will be involved in making parenting plans.

We at the Non Custodial Parents Party want a rebuttable presumption of 50/50 parenting of around 180 days parenting time each per year.

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