

## Family & Children Interactive Worksheet

1. **MARION** and **ALFREDO** are not married and no longer together. They are arguing over custody of their 1-year-old baby Allie. Marion decided to go to court to solve the custody fight. No court cases open. Which court would she go to?
2. Marion has an old felony grand theft conviction from 9 years ago that was reduced to a misdemeanor and then expunged. Will the court judge see the 9-year old conviction in deciding where to place Allie? Why or why not?
3. If judge can see felony, how will affect Marion's request for custody-- what is the legal standard the judge will use?

**CANDACE** is a 28 year-old woman with one child, a daughter who is staying under a guardianship with Candace's mother. Candace did not sign her parental rights to her daughter away, but worries that they were terminated because of her mother's court-ordered guardianship. Candace has a history of drug abuse and has been convicted of petty theft, for which she completed a diversion program. She knows that there was a Child Protective Services (CPS) case open for her daughter that has been closed, but doesn't know which court she should ask for followup. She would like custody of her daughter back, or if not that, then at least visitation.

1. What court should Candace go to if she wants custody or visitation?
2. Were Candace's parental rights terminated by mere fact of the guardianship?
3. What standard will the judge use in determining if Candace should have custody?
4. What court should Candace go to if she wants to find the "court order" for the CPS case?