

WISCONSIN FAMILY LAW STATUTES

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- **Divorce**
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 - [767.01](#) Jurisdiction
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 - [Chapter 822](#) Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act (UCCJEA)

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[2005 Wis. Act 130](#)

Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act (UCCJEA)

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- **Marriage**

[Chapter 765](#)

[767.18](#)

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[Divorce versus legal separation](#) (explained on page 5)

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Actions to affirm marriage

Annulment

Grounds for divorce and legal separation

Determination of marital children

Presumption as to whether a child is marital or non-marital

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[802.12\(1\)\(e\)](#)

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Definition of mediation

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Inadmissibility of mediation communications

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Custody of non-marital child

Determination of paternity

Determination of marital children

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Summons

Paternity procedures

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Paternity hearings and records; confidentiality

Dismiss if adjudication not in child's best interest

Testimony and evidence relating to paternity

Paternity judgment

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Presumption as to whether a child is marital or non-marital

Presumption of paternity based on acknowledgment

Presumption of paternity based on marriage of the parties

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Property Division

Court-approved stipulation

- **Relocation**

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Moving the child's residence within or outside the state

- **Revision of Orders**

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Revision of support and maintenance orders

Revision of legal custody and physical placement orders

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- **Spousal Support**

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[767.225](#)

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Maintenance payments

Temporary orders for support of spouse and children; suit money; attorney fees

Property division

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- **Summons**
[801.09 - 801.13](#)
- **Temporary Orders**
[Involves temporary order in a family law action *not* a restraining order]
[767.225](#)
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- **Termination of Parental Rights**
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- **Visitation**
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See the document entitled Finding Wisconsin Statutes on the Internet, found in this section, for more detailed instructions.

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