

## **WISCONSIN FAMILY LAW STATUTES**

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- **Adoption**

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***See 48.81 to 48.975 for information on adoption of minors***

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- **Child Support**

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- **Civil Procedure – Commencement of Action and Venue**

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- **Custody**

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| <a href="#">48.435</a>            | Custody of children                                             |
| <a href="#">767.41</a>            | Custody and physical placement                                  |
| <a href="#">767.43</a>            | Visitation rights of certain persons                            |
| <a href="#">948.31</a>            | Interference with custody by parent or others                   |
| <a href="#">Chapter 822</a>       | Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction Act (UCCJA)                  |
| <a href="#">2005 Wis. Act 130</a> | Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act (UCCJEA) |
| <a href="#">28 U.S.C. 1738A</a>   | Full faith and credit given to child custody                    |

- **Divorce**

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| <a href="#">Chapter 767</a> | Action Affecting the Family                        |
| <a href="#">767.001(1f)</a> | Definition of divorce                              |
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| <a href="#">767.323</a>     | Suspension of proceedings to effect reconciliation |
| <a href="#">767.12(2)</a>   | Definition of irretrievable breakdown              |
| <a href="#">767.61</a>      | Property division                                  |

- **Family Court Services**

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- **Family Support**

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| <a href="#">767.531</a>     | Family support                        |
| <a href="#">Chapter 769</a> | Uniform Interstate Family Support Act |

- **Full Faith and Credit**  
[28 U.S.C. 1738A](#) Full faith and credit given to child custody  
[28 U.S.C. 1738B](#) Full faith and credit for child support orders
- **Guardian Ad Litem for Minor Children**  
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- **Marriage**  
[Chapter 765](#) Marriage  
[767.313](#) Annulment  
[767.18](#) Actions to affirm marriage
- **Mediation**  
[802.12\(1\)\(e\)](#) Definition of mediation for alternative dispute resolution  
[767.405\(1\)\(a\)](#) Definition of mediation for family court services  
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- **Paternity**  
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- **Revision of Orders**  
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- **Spousal Support**  
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See the document entitled Finding Wisconsin Statutes on the Internet, found in this section, for more detailed instructions.