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To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Custody Rights of Unmarried Mother Under Ohio Law

The following is for information purposes only and is not in any way to be considered legal advice:

Ohio Revise Code 3109.042 Custody Rights of Unmarried Mother States:

An unmarried female who gives birth to a child is the sole residential parent and legal custodian of the child until a court of competent jurisdiction issues an order designating another person as the residential parent and legal custodian. A court designating the residential parent and legal custodian of a child described in this section shall treat the mother and father as standing upon an equality when making the designation. [emphasis added]