

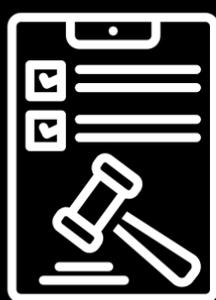
COURT ORDERS

VERSUS

PARENTING PLANS



Final and authoritative. Court orders are difficult to change once made (per *Rice v Asplund*).

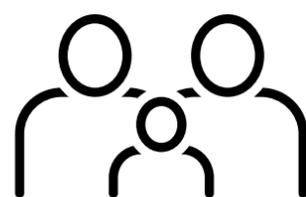


Enforceable ✓
Court orders are enforceable by law. Any breach of parenting orders comes with the threat of legal sanction.

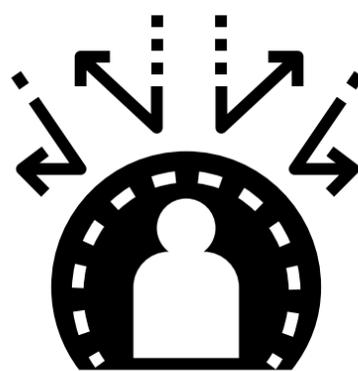


Delayed ✗
Applications and proceedings in the Family Court can take 2-3 years until final orders are made.

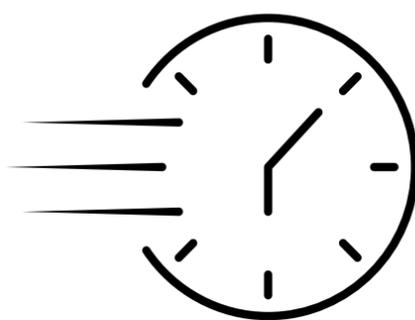
Appropriate in matters of family violence. The enforceability and protections for parties provided in court proceedings make court orders more suitable for serious circumstances



Flexible and cooperative. Parenting plans are easily reviewed or renegotiated



Unenforceable ✗
Parenting plans require ongoing commitment by all parties.



Efficient ✓
If all parties are cooperative, parenting plans can be drafted and negotiated in a matter of weeks,

Allows for the consideration of more aspects of family life. Parenting plans give parents the freedom to decide what is included in the plan and for what reason,