

## No need to Claus a scene at Christmas!

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**While Christmas is one of the most joyous times of the year, it can be challenging for separated families. Family Lawyer Vandana Chitroda at RIAA Barker Gillette takes a closer look.**

Compromises must take place so that children can spend the Christmas holidays with both parents. Often there can be disagreements about which parent the children should spend Christmas Day with. However, parents have equal status in the eyes of the law, and as such, the best outcome for children is for them to spend equal time with each parent at Christmas.

This arrangement can become more complex when one parent wishes to take the children abroad. They must ideally obtain the other parent's consent, and for certain countries, consent is mandatory. And bear in mind additional measures imposed by the Covid-19 pandemic.

It is crucial to try and agree on arrangements as early as possible so that the court can make decisions in time for Christmas if required. Where no agreement stands between parents, legal advice should be sought to seek an agreement or court order permitting travel.

Family lawyers, Vandana Chitroda and William Roberts-Phelps are both members of Resolution and are committed to assisting clients in bringing their disputes to an amicable conclusion in a non-confrontational way.

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