

Bethenny Frankel and Jason Hoppy Settle Custody Dispute



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The smoke has cleared and everything is settled between Bethenny Frankel and Jason Hoppy ... at least for now. According to UsMagazine.com, the estranged couple has come to an agreement in divorce court, involving the custody battle for daughter Bryn. Hoppy's attorney, Bernard Clair, released a confirmation statement saying, "My client is delighted that this custody dispute has been resolved; that his co-parenting status has been acknowledged; that the parties' child will have the benefit of being raised by both parents; and most importantly, that his daughter will no longer be at the mercy of a high-profile courtroom battle."

What are some ways to shield your child from divorce proceedings?

Cupid's Advice:

Every divorce that involves children leads to questions revolving what is best for him or her. Whatever decision you and your ex make, you want to keep your child's best interest in mind, which includes not exposing them to the messy divorce proceedings. Cupid has some tips to help you achieve this:

1. Have respect and decency: The best way to not taint the image your child may have of the other parent is to avoid bashing, at all costs. Your child is already coping with the separation and any unnecessary arguing in their presence will only make matters worse. However, if you and your ex are respecting each other, your child will do the same.

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2. Be honest: Do not keep your child completely out of the loop with what is going on between the two of you. If he or she has question involving the separation, answer it honestly to the best of your ability. As stated before, maintain that respect and reassure them that you and your ex will always be their parents.

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3. Do not play the blame game: This means absolutely not pointing fingers. Your child is in a very vulnerable state (just like you) and will possibly believe anything negative you may tell them about the other parent. Remember what is most important –being a parent and protecting your child from any danger, including those harsh words you may want to say.

What are some ways to shield your child from divorce proceedings? Share your thoughts below.