

Melissa Etheridge's Custody Battle



Melissa Etheridge is singing a different tune these days as she and her ex, Tammy Lynn Michaels, are facing off in a custody battle. According to [RadarOnline](#), Michaels filed for full custody of the couple's 3-year old twins last week. The couple broke up after nearly nine years together, when Etheridge filed to officially dissolve their partnership earlier this month, citing irreconcilable differences. The singer asked for joint custody of the children, and that the court not award any financial support to Michaels. The actress has been verbal about her feelings concerning the issue.

What should you know before you engage in a custody battle?

Cupid's Advice:

A custody battle may be one of the biggest fights of your life. Let Cupid help:

- 1. Why the fight?** Are you engaging in a custody battle for legitimate reasons, or are you fighting just to make your ex suffer? Regardless of what happens, you're both parents to the child, and his or her best interests should be put first.
- 2. Remain civil:** As difficult as it may be, remain polite when it comes to the kids. You don't want the court to see you as a person who can't control their feelings.
- 3. Become a record keeper:** Prove you are a good parent. Record all activities you do with the child, as well as any problems you have with your ex.