CHILD CUSTODY EVALUATION FC 3111 VS

MINOR INTERVIEW FC 3042

	Child Custody Evaluation	Minor Interview
Time	A report is submitted to the court in several months	A report is submitted 10 days after the interview
Questionnaire	Both parties need to submit a questionnaire before the case is assigned to an investigator	No questionnaires needed
Collateral Information	Collateral information is provided in the reports, including background information	No collateral information or background information is provided in the report
Interviews	Parties, witnesses, minors, etc. are interviewed	Only minors ages 8 and up are interviewed, depending on the maturity level of the minor (parties/parents are not interviewed)
Appointments	Investigator schedules the appointments with parties interviewed, appointments can be rescheduled	Judicial Court Assistants <i>must</i> schedule the interview on Odyssey (Tuesdays or Wednesdays @ 3:30); appointments cannot be rescheduled (parties need to explain to the judicial officer why they could not attend the appointment)
Minors	Multiple minors can be interviewed	No more than 3 minors can be interviewed per case/appointment
Home & Field Visits	Home and field visits are completed	No home or field visits are completed
Report Recommendations	Recommendations are provided in full child custody evaluations	No recommendations are provided
Minor's Preference	Minor's preference may be assessed	Minor's preference may be assessed or the sole focus of the report
Specific vs Broad	The order may request broad or specific information on a certain areas	The interview is specific as to certain areas, broad information or assessment is not completed
Fee	\$90 per hour and other fees apply, parties can request reduction of fees depending on income	No fees for interview