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MEDIA ALERT

BREAKING NEWS

*Peace at Last? Britney & K-Fed Reach an Agreement
in their Child Custody Case*

SAN DIEGO, July 18, 2008 – People Magazine and Yahoo Entertainment News are reporting that the custody battle between Britney Spears and ex-husband Kevin Federline is over. In fact, People Magazine states that K-Fed, as he's been dubbed by the media, had longtime attorney, Mark Vincent Kaplan tell E! News that the divorced duo has reached a settlement in their long-gestating custody case.

According to the agreement, Britney, in an unexpected move, has agreed to sole legal custody and physical custody rights of their sons to Kevin. Britney will have visitation rights of Sean Preston and Jayden James.

The case had initially been set to go to trial next month, but both parties had been hoping to settle it beforehand – and in fact, they have. It appears that their agreement to settle child custody and visitation issues was successful saving them from going to court. The arrangement has yet to be divulged and the court still has to approve it. Both parties are reportedly in court this morning.

What's Next?

If the court agrees to their settlement, what's next for Britney? Moms across the nation are probably all asking the same question, "How could she give up custody of her sons?" Whether she did it in the best interest of Sean Preston and Jayden James, or no longer wanted the responsibility of children is debatable. But if she wants to regain custody later on, can she?

Can Custody Or Visitation Be Modified?

Visitation schedules and custody arrangements can be modified if the court finds that it is in the best interests of the child. In some cases, you may need to show that there has been some change of circumstances sufficient to warrant a change in custody and/or visitation. This stops parties from filing for a modification just because they are not happy with the previous order and nothing has changed to warrant new orders. However, each case is different, and an attorney must be consulted to determine if you have sufficient basis in which to request a modification from the court.

Other Questions to Explore:

- If K-Fed is granted sole legal custody, will all decisions regarding the boys be made by him and him alone?
- What does this arrangement mean for Britney? Will she get to see her children? If so, how much? What jurisdiction do the courts have when enforcing this arrangement? Does she have to go back to court?
- What impact does Britney's mental health issues have on this future custody and visitation?

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Attorneys at Yelman & Associates, a San Diego-based family law firm, routinely work on high-conflict child custody cases.

WHO: Yelman & Associates

WHAT: Child Custody Arrangements In Light Of The Britney & K-Fed Case

WHEN: Immediately & Ongoing

WHERE: In-studio, On-location or By phone

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About Yelman & Associates

Yelman & Associates, founded in 1995, has a strong reputation for experience and skill in handling California divorce, separation and annulment cases involving child custody and visitation, child and spousal support, division of community property, protection of separate property and interstate custody matters.

Yelman & Associates five Family Law attorneys also handle stepparent adoptions, paternity actions, prepare prenuptial and marital agreements, handle domestic violence / civil harassment / stalking matters and Registered Domestic Partnerships for clients with cases based in San Diego County. They also assist clients located outside of California with cases pending or initiated in San Diego, California.

Attorneys at Yelman and Associates have served as San Diego County Family Law Attorneys, are members of the San Diego County Bar Association Family Law Section, and are members in good standing with the State Bar of California. Charles Wesley Kim, Jr. has been appointed by the Court to serve as Minor's Counsel in high conflict cases, serves on the San Diego Stalking Strike Force and is a former Adjunct Professor of Law. For more information, visit www.yelman.com.

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