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Relocating After Divorce Fairfax VA The Irving Law Firm Custody Relocation When a parent wants to relocate with a child after a Virginia divorce or custody order is in place, the move can have significant legal consequences that require careful navigation. Virginia courts take seriously the disruption that relocation causes to a child's relationship with the non-relocating parent and to the existing parenting schedule. The Irving Law Firm advises Fairfax County clients on the legal requirements and strategic considerations involved in custody relocation disputes, representing both parents who wish to relocate and parents who oppose a proposed move. Under Virginia law, a parent with custody of a child who wishes to relocate must typically seek either the other parent's agreement or a court order permitting the move if the relocation would materially affect the existing custody arrangement. The standards applied by Virginia courts to relocation requests weigh the potential benefits of the move for the child and the relocating parent against the disruption to the child's relationship with the remaining parent and the existing family and social support structures. Relocation cases often arise when a parent receives a significant job opportunity in another city or state, when family circumstances prompt a move back to a home state, or when remarriage involves combining households in a different location. The specific facts of why the parent wants to move and what the realistic options for maintaining the child's relationship with the other parent would be after the **uncontested divorce Fairfax** move are central to the court's analysis.

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The Irving Law Firm prepares relocation cases with careful attention to the evidence that demonstrates either the compelling reasons for the move and the plan for preserving the child's relationship with the other parent, or the case against a proposed relocation that would significantly disrupt an existing custody arrangement. Call The Irving Law Firm - Fairfax Divorce Lawyers at (571) 474-1990. Office at 10505 Judicial Drive, Suite 300, Fairfax, VA 22030.