

**SUPREME COURT OF NOVA SCOTIA**  
**(FAMILY DIVISION)**

**Citation:** *Barnhart v. Hawes*, 2017 NSSC 249

**Date:** 20170921

**Docket:** SFHMCA-098713

**Registry:** Halifax

**Between:**

William Lee Hawes

Applicant

v.

Odette Marie Barnhart

Respondent

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**Judge:** Justice Beryl A. MacDonald

**Heard:** June 30 and July 4, 2017

**Keywords:** Family, Custody, Parenting Plan, Parenting Schedule

**Legislation:** *Parenting and Support Act*, R.S.N.S. 1989, c.160

**Summary:** The Father and the Mother of a 6 year old child are not married to one another. The Father is an American citizen who lives and is employed in the United States. He has a very irregular work schedule that complicated the development of a parenting schedule. Although the parties were able to make plans that permitted the development of the relationship between the Father and the child, the parents relationship deteriorated. They both were unable to make realistic plans for contact between the Father and the child. The Mother became uncooperative and at times obstructed the Father's attempts to have parenting time. The Mother's allegations about the Father's abuses and deficiencies were not proven. It was in the child's best interest to develop his relationship with the Father and a detailed parenting plan and schedule was provided to the parties.

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