

ASSERTION OF GRANDPARENTS' RIGHTS

FOCUS OF THE COURT WILL ALWAYS BE THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CHILD
(SOMETIMES A SHOWING OF ENDANGERMENT IS REQUIRED)

Least intrusive

Provides some protection
Very little control
Subject to revocation

Delegation of Guardianship
Under §15-14-105

Limited to visitation
Visitation not necessarily
limited in scope

Grandparent visitation
Under §19-1-117,
-117.5, and -117.7

Full determination of Parental Rights
May be opposed by either parent
Affords best balance overall
Potentially lengthy process
Consent subject to change

Uncontested APR
Under §14-10-123 & -123.3

Contested APR
Under §14-10-123 & -123.3

Full determination of Parental Rights
May be opposed by either parent
Likely appointment of counsel
DSS is in control
Possible Termination of
Parental Rights

D&N Action
Under §19-3-101 et al
with appointment of
grandparents pursuant to
19-3-508 & 19-3-605

Most intrusive