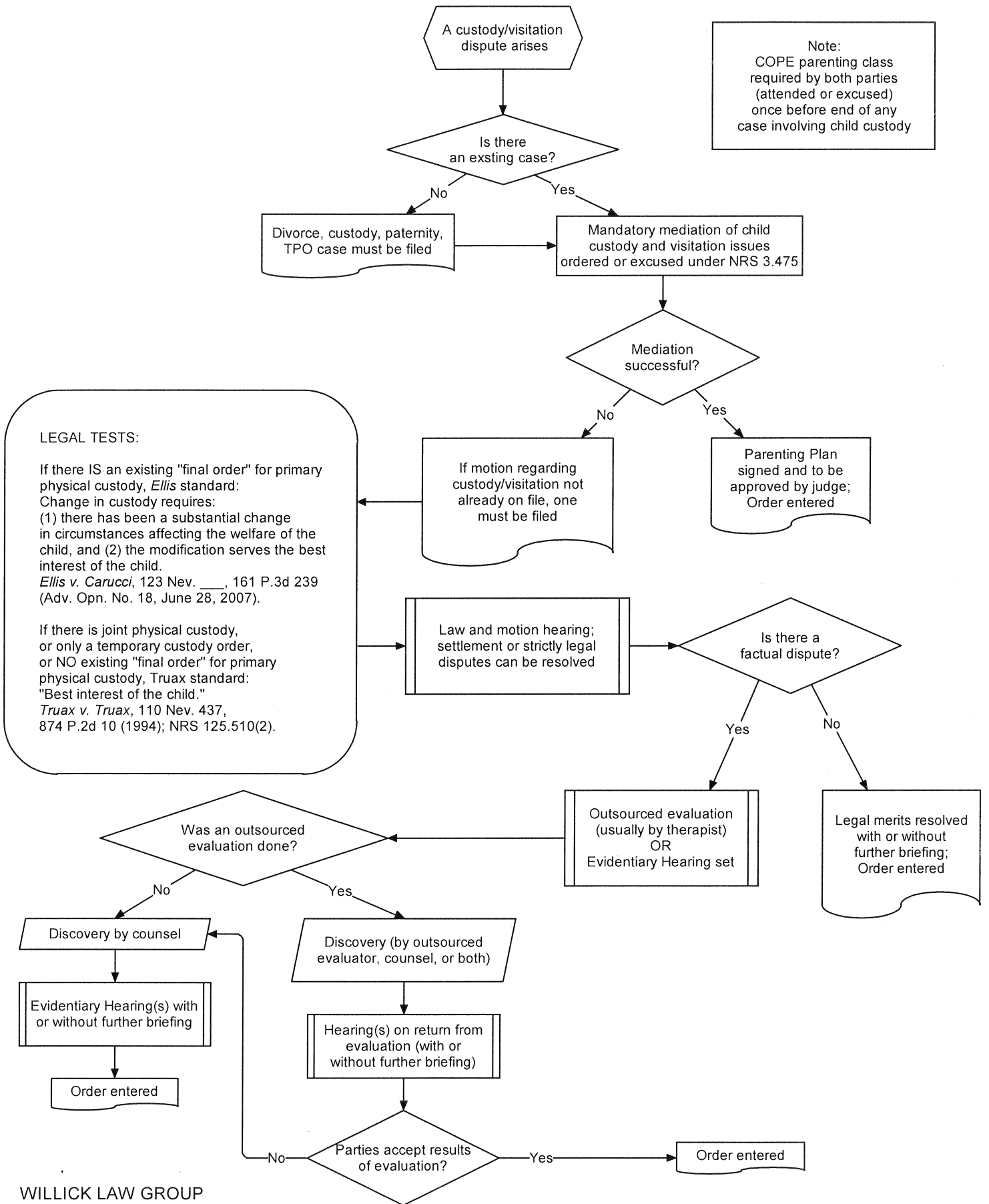


CUSTODY CASE STEPS, TESTS, AND PROCEDURES



Note:
COPE parenting class required by both parties (attended or excused) once before end of any case involving child custody

LEGAL TESTS:

If there IS an existing "final order" for primary physical custody, *Ellis* standard:
Change in custody requires:
(1) there has been a substantial change in circumstances affecting the welfare of the child, and (2) the modification serves the best interest of the child.
Ellis v. Carucci, 123 Nev. ___, 161 P.3d 239 (Adv. Opn. No. 18, June 28, 2007).

If there is joint physical custody, or only a temporary custody order, or NO existing "final order" for primary physical custody, *Truax* standard:
"Best interest of the child."
Truax v. Truax, 110 Nev. 437, 874 P.2d 10 (1994); NRS 125.510(2).