

House Bill No. 8865, 1155 and backing up of need for reform and taskforce.

Further statements that should be included in people's 3 minutes Testimony. Use them all of just one of them.

THE WAY OUR GAL/AMC SYSTEM IS CURRENTLY UTILIZING, WHICH IS IN ESSENCE AN ALL BOYS NETWORK, NEUTRAL GAL'S AND AMC'S ARE RARELY APPOINTED IN CONTESTED CASES INVOLVING SUCH SOPHISTICATED ISSUES AS PARENTAL ALIENATION.

THE DISPARITY AND UNEQUAL RULINGS BY JUDGES EVEN IN THE SAME JURISDICTION, SITTING ON THE SAME FLOOR, LENDS ITSELF TO UNEVEN JUSTICE.

RIGHT NOW PRO-SE'S CONSTITUTE APPROXIMATELY 80% OF THE DOCKET IN CASES, OUTSIDE OF STAMFORD, AND ARE TREATED DIFFERENTLY AND WITH LESS RESPECT THAN PARTIES WHO ARE REPRESENTED BY LAWYERS.

CUSTODY CASES ARE OFTEN TIME WELL-DECIDED IN THE SPECIALTY CUSTODY COURT IN MIDDLETOWN BUT IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS ARE DECIDED BY JUDGES WITH LITTLE IF ANY TRAINING IN SOPHISTICATED CUSTODY MATTERS.

JUDGES TEND TO APPOINT THE SAME MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS IN CASE AFTER CASE WITHOUT INQUIRING ABOUT THEIR RELATIONSHIPS, IF ANY, WITH THE LAWYER INVOLVED IN THE CASE. THE SAME HOLDS TRUE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF AMC'S AND GAL'S. MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS ARE BETTER SUITED IN OUR SYSTEM TO BE GAL'S THAN ATTORNEYS, YET ATTORNEYS ARE OFTEN APPOINTED AS GAL'S.