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Sent: Sunday, March 30, 2014 8:47 PM
To: 'JUD.Testimony@cga.ct.gov'
Subject: Trouble with GALs in the Norwich Courthouse

Hello,

I am 42 years old and I could not attend this important hearing in person due to medical/health reasons. Prior to the divorce, I never had any legal issues in my life. I served on various local Boards of Directors, was an active member of Rotary International, and volunteered for Special Olympics.

My ex-wife filed for divorce in several years ago. At that time, she made it clear that she would not stop with custody hearings until I was out of our child's life - unfortunately she has made good on such a promise. Other than her anger for me, I have no idea why. Our child was one year old when we separated. Throughout 7 years of accusations, I was harangued by my ex thru the courts and/or law enforcement almost daily over a variety of allegations, despite there never once being a witness to such "events". I was also made to take 15 various drug tests, most hair and hair body tests, during this time due to further haranguing by my ex-wife. Obviously the tests all came back negative for drug use.

Throughout our case, we had 3 different GALs - each one should feel shame for how they practice law on behalf of children. However, one's action were beyond reproach! They used their position as my son's GAL to foster a sexual relationship with my son's mother, who then in turn had the GAL/boyfriend negatively influence our case so that I'd never see my son again.

In 2011, this particular GAL was assigned to us. The fact that this attorney used his leverage as the GAL in our case to commence a sexual relationship with the mother of his client was so easy to see that even the child complained about him. This conclusion has been noted not just by me and my child, but by other law professionals in the region, therapists, and others who have been made aware of this situation. As a quick recap of events, during our time together pertaining to my child, the GAL explained to me that he had a special relationship with the judge in our case. He discussed at length their history and how they came to be very good friends.

At one point, he asked me to allow him to participate in a profitable financial opportunity I had and that, if I included him, the judge would ensure no one would ever take my child from me. Based on this corrupting request, I asked him if it were a 'conflict of interest' for him to act as our GAL based on his relationship with the judge. He said no. Near the end of his representation, he would ask very detailed questions about my marriage and my ex-wife, questions that got me wondering what his true motives were. In fact, on one occasion (the first meeting about the profitable financial opportunity), he took the time to state publicly that he was interested in having a sexual relationship with my ex-wife. Our child would complain that he was always over the house, that he would call everyday, and buy presents for the mom. The GAL wasn't calling me daily nor buying me gifts or stopping by my home all the time.

Obviously, the GAL must have put the same 'you scratch my back, I scratch yours' feelers out to my ex-wife, who is a physically attractive single woman and someone who would stop at nothing to take my child from me. In the fall of 2012, he mentioned that he was resigning as our GAL due to a 'huge career opportunity in New York City'. I asked if it made sense for him to wait to resign after this opportunity was confirmed before he abandoned his

practice and he replied no. I found this to be a very strange move by someone who is supposed to be of above-average intelligence. This occurred right around the time another Norwich attorney temporarily lost his license to practice law in CT because he was found to have started a sexual relationship with his female client in a non-family based civil matter during the case. About 4 months later, I discovered that he and my ex-wife were dating. An attorney I know confirmed they had been dating since about the time he resigned.

Thereafter, in the late spring of 2013, which I suspect was about 6 months into their relationship, we were before his good friend, the judge, again over custody issues involving my child. Sure enough, the judge took my child away from me entirely. This was despite my requests to enter into the case numerous key facts which he refused, most important among them being that my child had spent significant time with me (access was Wed PM and every other weekends) since they were 2 years old and never once had even a scratch on their person, let alone suffering any physical or mental problems under my custody!!! The judge also ignored the fact that my child had told the new GAL that mom was telling lies about Dad (me) to try to keep us apart, that Dad is a great guy, and that they thought Mom was 'kinda crazy'.

The judge also disavowed a drug test that was voluntarily taken by me the week before the hearing. I do not recall why he disavowed my child's important words but he disavowed the drug test and its negative results because 'he did not order them into the hearing at hand' - I took that to mean that the evidence did not support his findings. The judge then described an incredible path I would need to take in order to get my child back in my life, which was a set of impossible tasks for me. The orders included that I spend 6 months in a mental rehab facility, even though he had no education or professional training to mandate as much. I went to such a facility for an interview for potential admission - based on various tests and interview, I was denied entrance into a 6-month rehab program by a licensed and practiced admission specialist who is far more qualified than the judge to make such determinations about my mental welfare.

Just to be sure that I would not actually get my child back, the judge then basically handed his gavel to my ex-wife. He ordered that if I were to successfully overcome his first obstacle, I would then have to submit myself to any given '4 month window in which my ex-wife would need to be satisfied that I was mentally of good health'. Again, my ex-wife is in no way a trained therapist and has no personal or professional skills to make such determinations. Furthermore, we do not speak and she is clearly incentivized to NOT see my child and me get back together. In several emails I sent requesting the parameters of this 4 month exercise, I received no return correspondence of any kind.

Normally, under such conditions, I would have legal counsel file a motion to modify the judge's orders, because I could not fulfill the his orders, because it was proven that he is not properly qualified to make such decisions, and that the ex-wife is not willing to participate in the judge's mandate to supervise over a 4-month period of her choice. Unfortunately, I was told by a practicing attorney in divorce law at the Norwich Superior Courthouse that I would not be able to find any attorney willing to represent me because my case would require the attorney expose the deceitful tactics and poisonous relationship of a local practicing attorney and a local Superior Court Judge. After interviewing several attorneys, his advice rang true - no one was willing to potentially damage their career by exposing the outrageous acts of two fellow attorneys they would have to deal with going forward in their career. In fact, his advice was so correct that, in my grievance of the former GAL before the local Bar, I included his statements to me about the GAL dating my ex-wife and he wrote a detailed letter to the Bar on the former GAL's behalf that I was lying throughout my entire grievance. Obviously my grievance was denied!!!

The Norwich Superior Courthouse is so full of deceitful and favor mongering 'friends' acting as officers of the law that I could not even successfully grieve a previous GAL who clearly violated my rights to privacy afforded me by HIPAA laws. She was our first GAL and resigned from the case due to medical matters several year after this incident. She was caught red-handed forging a request for access to my medical records. The doctor's office she sent the fake document to had their attorney's analyze the written request due to imperfections on the document. The experts for the representing attorneys confirmed with 100% confidence that the GAL had altered the document. Upon hearing this, the doctor's office called me to inquire and I denied I had ordered such request, which confirmed the GAL had violated HIPAA laws. I filed a grievance to the local Bar about the HIPAA violation, which happened to be led by her law partner at the time. Sure enough, despite all the evidence, her law partner managed to deny my grievance - I couldn't believe this was actually allowed! The current GAL is no better than the others as my father and I overheard her make racial and gender slurs to a client she was supposedly representing! It just amazes me how these GALs abuse their powers that are supposed to benefit the children they represent!

Back to the worst GAL, my ex-wife finally got her wish - I am stuck. In this matter, there are no winners, just losers. My child and his family on my side loses. My child is a good, decent, kind-hearted child and my family are good, decent people but we have not seen the child in a very long time. Personally, I last spent quality time with the child at Christmastime 2012 and I have not physically seen them since their 7th birthday. In fact, the only reason I got to see them at that time was that they demanded that all they wanted for their birthday was to see Dad. Since I've last seen my child, I have had to fight off thoughts of suicide on a weekly basis. I pray to God daily that he take me away from this life and onto the ever after. Unfortunately for me, I am not 'programmed' like some fathers who can walk away from their child(ren) without any feelings of consequence whatsoever. I am now a hollow man, I have nothing left to offer the world around me. I feel as if my child has passed, I only have fond memories of the time together that we did have. Hope of someday seeing my child again is the only reason I fight off my suicidal thoughts. I'm sure my child is not faring much better, because we really loved one another and shared a very special bond I've not had with anyone else. Their mother did confirm to my family that they are very upset and in therapy over all of this.

As I or most people of common sense see it, my child's childhood and my life were sacrificed by the sexual desires of a very sad man and the hatred of a very angry, and sick woman. I pray that I am the only parent in the world who has had to deal with such matters yet I fear that I am not. I beg you to not let any other child's life be ruined because of the personal desires of a court-appointed GAL. I beg you to look into situations like mine so that children do not have to spend their childhoods without a loving parent simply because of the angst of the other parent and the self-serving motives of GALs, who are supposed to help these children, not use them as pawns to further whatever personal and/or professional goals which they seek.

Again, I apologize for not being able to attend this important hearing in person however, please feel free to reach me @ 860.xxx.xxxx should you wish to further discuss this matter.

Regards,
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