

It's easier to hurt than to heal.

I am married to a man who received a judgment of alimony for life from the State of Connecticut.

In the time that I have been married to him I have I have observed the following about the family court system of Connecticut;

The family court seems to treat divorce as a crime. In which there is a victim who needs to compensated (in many cases more than civil crimes) and a perpetrator who needs to pay or be punished.

Awarding lifetime alimony awards do not bring closure, but rather a lifetime of litigation and antagonism that adversely affect all past and future relationships for all parties (friends, family members, children, and all those who come in contact with either spouse of a divorce).

Future intimate relationships of both spouses are inadvertently discouraged.

For my husband the financial needs of his second family (my children and me) are not acknowledged by family court. Which is particularly distressing since we have two young children that are an expensive undertaking. (My husband and I have entertained getting a divorce, believing that it may be the only way to get the family court to acknowledge my husband's need to support his family.)

And my husband's ex spouse is discouraged from any meaningful and beneficial relationships for the sake of protecting future income.

But the most discouraging observation is that the family court seems to be designed to profit from the hurt rather than be a source for healing.

I support HB-6927, but look forward to a day when you can institute real reform. My children's life depends upon it.

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