

DENY THE REAPPOINTMENT OF CHIEF JUSTICE CHASE ROGERS

I used to champion Connecticut. Born here in Bridgeport Hospital over sixty years ago, I grew up in Milford. I attended public schools, then proudly attended U-Conn for a very good price and earned my BS magna cum laude there. My Great Depression era, second generation American Mother Dolores Gray and I together created and opened our retail business, Natures' Way Health Foods from scratch in Stratford in 1971 and through decades of hard hard 60-80 hour / seven day work weeks, grew it from nothing up into a multi- million dollar enterprise as we EARNED a sizeable estate of assets, of properties and financial assets.

My mother, born to hard working but very poor blue collar parents became a multi- millionaire through her own hard work and enterprising spirit here in the land of opportunity that was America, here in the State that was the State of Opportunity, Connecticut.

I relished in the history of my home state of CT, the Constitution State, home of Yankee initiative and ingenuity, home of the American Industrial Revolution, with world centers here of the brass and clock and hat industries...

I loved listening to my father Joseph on our regular Sunday afternoon driving tours of Bridgeport, tell and retell the glorious stories of his beloved Bridgeport, the "Arsenal of Democracy," the city from which he enlisted into the US Army the day after Pearl Harbor was bombed, the city he returned to after surviving his service in the Pacific Theater. According to Dad, the reason the good guys prevailed in WW II was grounded in the fantastic munitions production machine of the great city of Bridgeport.....

Yes beautiful Connecticut, industrious Connecticut, nationally regarded as a success story in testament to the virtues of hard work industriousness and Yankee smarts, known for being the state of American values; the state where one could, through conscientious hard work, **EARN** a good living. We were known to be the richest state in America, the Gold Coast was known nationwide to be the richest county in America.

That was then, this is now. I do not champion Connecticut any more, in fact I loathe this putrid festering pit which is now known throughout the land for the unbridled greed and rapaciousness and theft and graft being committed by our politicians, by our legislatures and by our courts.

Now we are infamously known throughout all of America as Corrupticut.

We are pointed at as the state whose amoral legislature operates in degenerate opportunistic corruption and self-serving lawlessness in flagrant disregard for the laws of the land as so contained in our Constitution.

We are known as the state whose courts are a fetid and festering cesspool of depraved debauched corruption, of predatory rape and pillage and plunder; whose kangaroo courts are irredeemably corrupt rackets comprised of vicious marauding, complicit, thieving profiteers who wear black robes or wear the mantle of commissioner of the court under title of attorney of law, and who enable themselves in total and absolute power through their granting to themselves of total "**Judicial Immunity**" from accountability and total power for commission of their criminal unjust self-enrichment through their self-granted vehicle of empowerment of "**Judicial Discretion.**"

We are known for charade courts which operate in unbridled disregard for rule of law, rules of procedure, rules of due process; which operate as imperial dictatorships run by ruthless predatory tyrants serving unjust enrichment of themselves and their cronies as they go through the pretense of operating a judicial system....

CORRUPTICUT is nationally ranked as having the most corrupt and predatory probate/elder law racket of all fifty states, we are ranked number one of all fifty states from which its residences are fleeing to relocate into other states, we are ranked dead last of all fifty states in which to retire.

How did we get to such a low and filthy level of degeneracy? Certainly Connecticut, rich rich Connecticut, has always had an underbelly, no place is exempt. Certainly the culture of our times is context; values have eroded overall. But why is Connecticut so so so very bad, why is Connecticut so dark and so dirty, why is Connecticut so fallen so very far from being the land of milk and honey? How did things become so rotten in the state of Connecticut?

I can speak from our own experience of the past eight years. My Mother's and my experience of this horrific state of affairs began as we were installed into the Probate / Elder Law Racket of Connecticut in summer of 2009 by the Stratford Town Attorney / private practice elder law attorney and now CT **Senator Kevin Kelly** and his close political crony, the four- decade- reigning TYRANT KING of Stratford Probate Court, **"King" F Paul Kurmay.**

Having lived our long lives following the rules, having worked and EARNED every penny we had, having lived the morality of Christian ethics and integrity, we were innocent lambs, completely ripe and succulent for slaughter.

We had absolutely no idea that the PROBATE / ELDER LAW/ NURSING HOME RACKET OF CONNECTICUT even existed, that ELDER INDUSTRY Machine of Connecticut was such a completely lawless predatory omnipotent racket of conspirators whose entire function is to enable themselves to transfer the lifelong assets earned by our elderly into their own pockets under their self-created empowerment through manipulation of color of law.

We did not know that this gang of these well-dressed well-spoken Racketeers is no better than a gang of violent street gangsters, that this Racket engages in HUMAN TRAFFICKING no less vile and ruthless than the sex trafficking pimps who imprison young powerless children and subject them to the hell of constant rape

This is what the **"monsters"** of the PROBATE / ELDER LAW/ RACKET OF CONNECTICUT have done to my Mother she defines you as such. This is what your colleagues and you have done to my Mother as this Medically Diagnosed as **"Mentally and Psychologically Capable and Competent"** Florida Resident/Domiciliary, this woman whose residence in Florida was in her own purchased and paid for Home, where she has a Florida driver's license and Florida registered car and insurance, where she voted as a Florida resident until being abducted while visiting her Stratford CT home and has since been involuntarily probate court imprisoned here in Connecticut in the house of her violent abductor, the disowned Milford CT son against whom she had gotten an attorney- created Order of Protection and whom she called a **"monster"** to whom she was **"No longer your mother."**

Through the crafty maneuverings and machinations of you and your colleagues, any person who happens to be in Connecticut whether resident or visitor, can be through a predatory probate judge and his/her fellow conspirators, override medical diagnosis of mental competency and through **"the Judge's discretion"**, declare that person "incompetent," can strip them of all of their Civil Rights, can imprison them in involuntary captivity in the prison (i.e. facility, nursing home, jailers residence, etc of their choice) and seize all of their life-long accumulated assets so as to pay themselves for their services of doing this to the target victim.

This is as exactly what they have done to my Mother and this pack of vicious vile predators is taking \$700,000.00 per year of the money she and I have earned through our 145 years of life to put into their own pockets as payment for these services.

They have stolen our homes and all their lifelong contents everything down to the walls, \$250,000.00 worth of heirlooms and treasures, and all lifetimes' personal belongings of irreplaceable value; everything of our history, everything from Mom's wedding dress to my college diplomas to Dad's war awards, all was seized and ostensibly sold if of monetary value, dumped in the garbage. Mom lay on her knees in the driveway begging, crying as Conservator Katrina Camera gloated "Your ship has sailed" and called the police to remove Mom.

They have permanently imprisoned my mother in solitary confinement in the house of the violent Milford abductor, the lifelong "parasite who has never worked a day in his life" son where she has less rights than a death row criminal; she is not allowed to make any contact to or see me and she is not allowed any contact from me, the beloved daughter from whose loving co-habitation she has been so viciously ripped.

The predators have seized our homes and put them to sale, they have worked for six years toward their overtly stated their goal of having me is out on the street homeless and penniless and they have accomplished this. My own Mother seeks death to escape them. They have imprisoned me for attempting to save my Mother who told me that she would kill herself if forced to stay in this captivity of this "monster" disowned son. They have brought me to near death from their abuse. As they seek to "finish me off" and having done all of these things to accomplish this, my death at their hands cannot be unexpected.

And they are taking \$700,000.00 per year of our hard earned money as payment to themselves to do this to us

They have inflicted such pain and suffering upon us as to be incomprehensible, unimaginable to any person who hears of this and cannot fathom it could possibly be so in America. I would think the same except for having been engulfed, imprisoned in this unbearable unrelenting nightmare of these past six years.

How does this relate to Chase Rogers? From my own immediate experience and knowledge, I can inform you of what I witnessed in the Connecticut Probate Assembly meetings that are held every few years by the PROBATE RACKET OF CT to review and renew the PROBATE RULEBOOK. This self-created set of rules is created by the probate court that is not a judicial court in Connecticut, which means that they do not have any of the supposed hierarchy system of check and balances governing judicial courts, yet the so called judges of probate still enjoy total judicial immunity from accountability for their actions. This means that they and their cronies, the elder law attorneys and Guardians and Conservators which these judges appoint, all "at the judge's discretion" all with total immutable power under "judicial discretion" and the nursing homes in which they imprison the target victims, all enjoy the cover of the "judicial immunity" of these self-empowering omnipotent probate judges. Once they decide to take you and your assets, you are powerless.

As the only non-participating person in Connecticut who chose to attend these probate assembly rulebook meetings, I was horrified to listen hour after hour as they parsed each word carefully in the old book so as to make sure the new book not only kept them in such power, but that they would further expand their power in being able to further diminish any rights or powers of resistance to their egregiously predatory actions.

As of course these meetings are not audio recorded but only documented by the "minutes" composed by the reporter Mr. Biklen, there is no one but me that can testify as to the abject evil and mal-intent that entirely defines the probate court of CT. However, as relates to the total culture of corruption that has been so cultivated and propagated by our CHIEF JUSTICE CHASE ROGERS, this is exemplified in the boasting reassurances made during these meetings.

This is to be understood within knowing the process by which the self-created, self-serving rules of CT probate become law, in that after this band of chosen judges and elder attorney spend over 1000 hours of tax paid money attending these sessions for creation of the CT probate rules, they then present the finished product to the Supreme Court of CT for approval into law.

In one chilling session during which one participating attorney tentatively spoke up questioning the extremity of a particularly egregious and unconstitutional move they were making, this attorney and the whole group were reassured by Mr. Knierim and Mr. Biklen that not only did they have Supreme Court Justice Zarella as their particular point man for guaranteeing that Rogers et al would unanimously push it through, but Biklen assured them that it did not matter what they put in, that the Supreme Court was essentially going to rubber stamp whatever they presented. And that is exactly what happened.

Our judiciary and our legislature are way too filthy and corrupt that getting Chase Rogers out will solve the problem, but indeed she needs to be gotten out for any hope of cleansing to begin.

Jay V. Gray

"We feared getting cancer. Now we fear getting appointed a guardian /conservator by the Courts"

The Innate Governmental Conflicts Present in Guardianship / Conservatorship

Probate Court

Here is an industry of guardians and conservators and lawyers who manipulate the "protection system" and exploit their positions to loot the very estates they are sworn to protect.

*A powerful, unrestrained, well connected and moneyed group of **For Profit Guardians/ Conservators** and the lawyers that protect them has ignored and subverted the laws designed to protect us all and have taken advantage of a non-existent Court monitoring system to wreak terrible harm on "Wards" and their families while they enrich themselves with exorbitant fees and horrifically abusive tactics.*

Archaic self-serving, self-created guardianship laws give these predators total power-- including owning another person -- over innocent vulnerable citizens in our society.

Instead of helping the frail among us, they use the power of the law to strip away precious Civil Rights and plunder estates, isolate families who get in the way, and in the process destroy lives. They use the very laws that were first created with intention to help people to instead destroy innocent people and their families.

ANYONE AT ANY AGE CAN BE DEEMED "INCAPACITATED" -- even seemingly healthy independent adults--and involuntarily become "a ward of the state."

The prime purpose of Government is the protection of its citizens--that is what laws are for. When our Judicial system ignores those laws to permit discrimination against our most vulnerable citizens in favor of enriching court cronies, we suffer with a failed, illegitimate government.

*It is shocking to realize that this 21st Century Identity Theft and this **Human Trafficking** takes place within the complete cooperation and self-profiting of the very Courts and through Statutes that are supposed to protect our rights!*

It is a greed-based system that is unmonitored and out of control.

Victims of this abuse are so terrorized and are chronically, unrelentingly so stressed that the term "Legal Abuse Syndrome" has emerged to describe the trauma suffered in these horrible cases.

*We **must** take back our civil protections and Constitutional rights that are so threatened by the For Profit Guardianship /Conservatorship process.*

Goals are to:

- **Assure Due Process and adherence to the Constitutional and Statutory safeguards so routinely ignored in Probate court.**
- **Abolish the so called "Emergency Temporary Guardianship/ Conservatorship" which is gateway to guardianship and conservatorship horrors.**
- **Reform the process that designates and determines "incapacity" by upgrading qualifications, performance, transparency and accountability of the designating parties.**
- **Assure transparency in Guardianship and Conservatorship fees, records, estate administration and communication, especially with family members**
- **Establish effective monitoring and reporting systems to identify deviations from the intent of the Statutes.**
- **Remove the comprehensive self-serving blanket of "judicial immunity" and create accountability and means of redress for the perpetrators of these criminal activities being committed against the defenseless victims.**

GUARDIANSHIP / CONSERVATORSHIP OVER ELDERLY IS BIG BUSINESS.

PROBATE JUDGES AND ELDER LAW ATTORNEYS AND PROFESSIONAL GUARDIANS / CONSERVATORS ARE ROBBING OUR ELDERLY

In December, the Sarasota Herald-Tribune published a series of stories, "The Kindness of Strangers," exposing how the guardianship /conservatorship system ignores basic Constitutional rights.

The news organization documented instances where

Guardians removed seniors from their homes and seized, sold off their homes and all their belongings to cover the cost they were charging to the senior of "providing their services" of doing this to them!

Under current law, family members, nursing homes and other people and institutions can petition the court system to have someone declared incapacitated.

If the individual is then deemed incapacitated and there is not an appropriate family member to step in, he or she can end up a "ward of the court;" that being probate court.

In such instances, the ward's financial, medical and legal decisions and assets are all taken from them and controlled by strangers, under court "supervision."

The ELDER INDUSTRY is one of the most rapidly growing industries of the 21st century and Financial Elder Abuse is said to be the Number One Crime of the 21st century.

It's a huge growth industry one reason the number of professional guardians/conservators has soared in recent years. And it is an industry rampant with corruption and illegal maneuvering by those "in charge." Some aptly call it a form of racketeering.

Guardians /conservators, who *ostensibly* have a legal duty to inventory their wards' property and invest and manage the assets "as a prudent investor would," are paid for their services at a rate approved by the court, that being the appointing probate judges.

How do these probate judges profit? Kickbacks are one way; the judges appointing the conservator/guardians have received campaign contributions from those who benefit from the appointment.

Another is quid pro quo patronage and cronyism; the probate judges frequently own their own private practice law firms in the elder law industry.

Third is in the influence that probate judges and elder law attorneys wield in the state legislature as many are also directly involved in the specific committees and lobbying efforts of the state that keep the rights of the elderly controlled by these profiteers. The Elder Law Industry lobby is one of the most powerful lobbying groups in America...

Dr. Sam Sugar has a pretty clear picture of how he thought life would be after he retired to Miami from Skokie, Ill. The physician saw himself in a bathing suit on the beach spending time with his wife and grandchildren. He'd travel, read and have time for himself.

After his wealthy, widowed mother-in-law became a "ward of the state" -- with her affairs completely controlled by a coterie of lawyers, nurses and court-appointed guardians --

Sugar channeled his anger into political activism. Now he is on the verge of a breakthrough.

With Sugar and the organization he started, Americans Against Abusive Probate Guardianship, leading the charge, Florida lawmakers are overhauling state guardianship / conservatorship laws.

The changes are aimed at installing some checks and balances to ensure that guardians and conservators, who have considerable power once they are appointed to a case, are qualified and that their actions can be reviewed.

"We have accomplished something monumental," said Sugar, who has testified in Tallahassee on behalf of the overhaul.

Sugar, who lives in Aventura, spent countless hours researching the laws after he and his wife engaged with her siblings in a brutal years-long squabble over the well-being of his mother-in-law, Idelle Stern, also known by her Hebrew name Rebbetzin Chayale Stern.

As often happens in such situations, fingers were pointed in multiple directions.

Sugar claims the guardian and lawyers, in cahoots with the courts and his wife's siblings, siphoned millions of dollars from Stern's accounts while keeping her isolated from him and his wife.

The siblings and the guardian claimed that the Sugars moved to South Florida with designs on Stern's money, and that they were simply protecting Stern from exploitation.

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One of the few things not in dispute is **the guardianship / conservatorship process and associated litigation costs everyone a lot of money.**

Stern, whose late husband was a rabbi and successful investor, died in 2013, **leaving an estate drained** and a family utterly divided.

It is hardly an isolated case.

Sugar's story begins in 2010. He and his wife had moved to Florida. Stern, his mother-in-law, had her own apartment in Miami Beach and had round-the-clock care. The other siblings began to question whether the Sugars were exercising undue influence over Stern, whose husband died in 2004.

According to Sugar, on April 15, 2010, there was a knock on his door and he was told he had 24 hours to get to court. He said his mother-in-law was immediately assigned a "temporary" guardian.

He said that meant that

ALL of her life decisions -- things like the purchase of groceries, the selection of a doctor and the spending of her own money -- were now totally out of her choice and control.

He said he later would see invoices charged to the estate that disturbed him, everything from legal fees to bills for opening emails, opening envelopes, printing at dollars per page billing, etc.

At some point, the guardianship firm, Comprehensive Personal Care, sued the Sugars, claiming funds had been misappropriated by them.

Before she was placed into guardianship, his mother-in-law was a vital woman who loved to go shopping and visit with her friends,

After a while under court imposed guardianship, she was no longer Sugar said.

That is a common complaint among those who criticize the guardianship /conservatorship system -- isolation combined with medical intervention can accelerate a ward's decline.

"She was forced to be a prisoner," Sugar said. "She couldn't play bingo; she couldn't even go and buy an ice cream."

However, Robert Stok, attorney for the out-of-town siblings, said in Stern's case "guardianship worked." He questioned the motives behind Sugar's push for new legislation.

"The court had to protect her money," he said. "If someone is unsuccessful in court, they want to circumvent the system by changing the law."

Liz Messianu, an attorney who represented the guardian in the Stern case, said she could not comment on specifics, citing settlement agreements. She did say, generally, that if there are accusations of wrongdoing against a guardian, a petition to remove the guardian can be filed under current law.

Sugar, meantime, learned others faced similar frustrations navigating the guardianship conservatorship process.

It often begins, he said, with a family dispute, followed by accusations of wrongdoing, a filing in court, declaration of guardianship and then a lengthy fight to stop **the process of depleting the ward's life savings.**

"Somewhere there is a playbook," he said.

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Thus was born the group Americans Against Abusive Probate Guardianship. He found an ally in Lidya Abramovici, also of Aventura.

Five years ago, Abramovici's mother, Perla Brief de Abramovici, was visiting South Florida from Venezuela when, the daughter says, a second daughter **sought to have their mother declared incapacitated.**

She was assigned a guardian, though her assets were offshore and she was not a U.S. citizen.

Because her mother was from another country, Abramovici felt the court was overstepping its bounds. She left the country with Perla, who was in her mid-90s. Once there, she recorded an interview between her mother and a doctor. In the lengthy clip posted on YouTube, Perla Brief de Abramovici appears **sharp and lucid,** answering questions easily in Spanish and reminiscing about her Romanian childhood.

Eighteen months later, mother and daughter returned to the United States. Lidya, a U.S. citizen, said she felt compelled to return because of a judge's order.

Perla Brief de Abramovici, widow of a well-to-do bank director and merchant, died in 2012. She wanted to be buried by her husband in Venezuela, her daughter said, but the money was gone. She was interred in Miami. The experience left Lidya Abramovici, who works in real estate, determined to change the system.

"We know there has been a concerted effort to dissipate assets to the benefit of professional guardians and their attorneys," Abramovici said. "We cannot turn back now."

Sugar took his fight to Tallahassee last year and made some inroads. He is truly seeing the fruits of his labor this year. Lawmakers in the Florida House and Senate, having heard horror stories about guardianships /conservatorships run amok, are working on various measures to change the way guardians are appointed -- and clarify the responsibilities they have to their wards. HB 5 is the proposal that would require guardians to be appointed on a rotating basis.

It would also specify
guardians / conservators must act in good faith, and explicitly prohibit the abuse, exploitation or neglect of a ward.

"As a personal injury attorney, I deal with guardians all the time," said State Rep. José Javier Rodríguez, a Miami Democrat who is co-sponsoring the bill. "I see the potential for abuse."

The bill allows judges to refer contested guardianship matters to mediation in order to cut back on litigation costs. And it speeds the process for terminating a guardianship for someone who is no longer incapacitated. The measure has won the support of two committees in the House. The Senate Judiciary Committee advanced a similar proposal (SB 318) earlier this month.

"It's an important issue," said Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Miguel Diaz de la Portilla, R-Miami. "There have been *numerous cases of abuse* and we're working to address those concerns."

A separate bill by state Sen. Nancy Detert, R-Venice, seeks to increase oversight by establishing a new Office of Public and Professional Guardians and requiring the registration of professional guardians (SB 1226). The office would review allegations of fraud and abuse, and have the authority to conduct investigations and take disciplinary action when necessary.

Detert called the bill her "top priority."

"Those little cracks in the law are allowing these cockroaches to climb through and take advantage of people who are elderly,"

she said, before her proposal was approved by a unanimous vote of the Senate Children, Families, and Elder Affairs Committee. The House version of the proposal (HB 1225) is also gaining traction.

Others say state officials would be better off by enforcing the rules that already exist.

"You can have all of the bills in the world, but unless there is enforcement, the judges and the attorneys who are predators are going to keep doing what they are doing,"

said Theresa Giffen Pizzarello, a Sarasota resident who spent tens of thousands of dollars battling her parents' guardian in court. "They need to enforce the laws that are already in place."

Sugar says being put through the guardianship ringer has taken a heavy toll on him and his wife. He said they have no relationship with her family and they blame the stress for ultimately killing her mother, who died in 2013.

"She never did anything wrong" he said. "Her only crime was to age here."

Elder abuse a serious problem

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More than two-thirds of elder abuse perpetrators are family members of the victim, typically serving in a "caregiver" role.

There are many forms of elder abuse:

- **Passive neglect is**

an unintentional failure to fulfill a caretaker obligation, or infliction of distress without conscious or willful intent.

- **Psychological abuse is**

infliction of mental anguish by name-calling, insulting, ignoring, humiliating, frightening, threatening, isolating, etc.

- **Material / Financial abuse is**

the illegal or improper use of an elder's funds, property, or assets;
the improper use of conservatorship, guardianship, or power of attorney

Examples include:

cashing an elderly person's checks without permission;
forging an older person's signature;
misusing or stealing an older person's money or possessions;
coercing or deceiving an older person into signing any document (e.g., contracts or will);

- **Active abuse is**

intentional failure to fulfill caregiver obligations;
infliction of physical or emotional stress or injury;
abandonment; denial of food, medication, personal hygiene, etc.

- **Physical abuse is**

infliction of physical pain or injury of any type for any reason.