

TESTIMONY BEFORE THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE -
PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED BILL HB-6267 - AN ACT
CREATING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC HEALTH'S INVOLVEMENT IN THE FAMILY COURT
SYSTEM

Public Health Committee
Room 3000, Legislative Office Building
Hartford, CT 06106

Friday February 20, 2015

Dear Members:

Good morning, my name is Hector Morera and I am here to speak in support of HB 6267, An Act Creating A Task Force To Study the Department of Public Health's Involvement In The Family Court System.

First, I would like to thank Rep. (Dr.) Srinivasan for sponsoring this bill, the co-chairs Sen. Gerratana and Rep. Ritter for placing this bill before the committee and for all members of the committee for voting to place the bill for Public Hearing and affording me the opportunity to speak before you today.

I would like to refer you to attached sample with possible language for the final bill to assist the committee. I emailed this language to the committee previously. It is modeled after previously enacted legislation creating a Task Force to study other Family Court issues.

On August 9, 2013 (560 days ago) my children were stolen from me during an Ex Parte pleading filed in Family Court. I was placed on supervised visitation despite NO proof of abuse or neglect against the children, NO substance abuse on my part, NO DCF or police involvement or criminal charges whatsoever. The basis of the accusations was false allegations by a Guardian Ad Litem allegedly supported by my daughter's mental health professional, Ms. Kian Jacobs of Ellington, CT.

Ms. Jacobs is not my mental health professional. She has never done any industry standard testing on me. For her to opine on my mental state without performing any such testing is inappropriate to say the least. In addition, she is a clinical social worker. Determination of someone's mental health fitness really falls under the realm of a psychologist and/or psychiatrist. I disproved those lies by hiring mental health professionals, an expensive endeavor. Because I work in New York City, I used professionals in NYC. My ex-wife's lawyer and the GAL complained about my use of professionals from NYC. I contend the real basis of their complaint is that a professional from NYC can not be coerced or intimidated with threats of economic boycott to make impartial statements against a party.

Making false allegations of a disability (mental or physical) and subsequently discriminating against a party based on those false allegations of a disability (i.e. perceived disability) is a violation of the 2008 ADA, specifically passed in part by Congress to address the court's lack of enforcement of this discrimination. An ADA complaint was filed with the US Department of Justice in regards to this matter. In addition, I spoke to the Judiciary Committee on February 19, 2014 about this issue. A copy of my testimony from that date is attached for your review.

In July 2014, I filed a complaint with the DPH and my insurance (Cigna) provider's investigative unit located in Hartford against Ms. Jacobs alleged misconduct. Despite numerous calls to the investigative unit, my insurance provider mysteriously refuses to return my calls about the status of the complaint. In addition, DPH refused to investigate my complaint saying that they could not obtain any records from Ms. Jacobs as I am not the custodial parent. I dispute this claim as I know of numerous other complaints filed with the DPH which the DPH chose to investigate on behalf of the non-custodial parent. In addition, the June, 2012 Memorandum of Decision of my divorce provides a court order that Ms. Jacobs must provide myself copies of any of her records. I contend the DPH was negatively influenced by external influences to drop my complaint.

One may argue that Ms. Jacobs was an innocent victim caught up in a contentious divorce and had no choice but to defer to an

influential GAL and my ex's lawyer to allegedly act impartially towards myself. Regardless of the reasons behind Ms. Jacob's alleged misconduct, it is indicative of a problem that should be addressed by establishment of some standards/guidelines/statutes to minimize the possibility of this occurring during divorce proceedings. If mental health professionals are being manipulated by influential industry lawyers, as it appears is the case, this practice must come to an immediate halt.

In summary, there are many different types of professionals involved during the divorce process. Some of the professionals do not fall under the purview of the Judicial Branch. The mental health professionals involved fall under the purview of the Department of Public Health.

As there are many complaints of alleged misconduct as evidenced by the number of signatures on the attached petition, it behooves the DPH to establish some requirements that these professionals follow already established industry standards and they educate the public about these standards to which they must adhere when providing services to a party in a divorce.

We are not asking the DPH to establish industry standards that already exist. We are asking that the DPH enact some requirements that mental health professionals involved in Family Court matters adhere to these already established standards and to address some issues with the complaint process for these professionals as outlined in the attached petition.

Thank you for your time.

Hector Morera
119B House St.
Glastonbury, CT

List of Attachments

1. Sample language for possible inclusion in final bill.
2. DPH response letter to complaint against Ms. Jacobs.
3. Public Testimony provided by Hector Morera before the Judiciary Committee on February 19, 2014.
4. Redacted complaint to DPH in regards to Ms. Kian Jacobs
5. Petition asking the Legislature to Reform the Complaint Procedure for Mental Health Professionals in CT

Raised Bill No. ????

Special Act No. 15-??

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S INVESTIGATION AND HEARING PROCESS AND IT'S ROLE IN PROVIDING OVERSIGHT OF MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS IN CUSTODY MATTERS WITHIN THE FAMILY COURT SYSTEM

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. (*Effective from passage*)

- (a) There is established a task force to study (1) the current process by which the Department of Public Health (DPH) addresses and responds to complaints from the public of professionals with a focus on mental health service providers who are licensed through the DPH, (2) the role of DPH in monitoring the use of mental health professionals in custody matters within the Connecticut Family Court system (3) the role of DPH in establishing minimum guidelines for the use of mental health professionals in custody matters within the Connecticut Family Court system
- (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:
 - (1) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives, who shall be a practicing attorney with significant experience with the use of mental health professionals for child custody matters in state courts;
 - (2) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, who shall be an employee of the Department of Public Health with extensive first hand experience of the role of the Office of Local Health Administrators within the DPH Regulatory Services in establishing and enforcing public health policy;
 - (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of Representatives, who shall be a licensed mental health professional with expertise in child custody forensic evaluations;
 - (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who shall be an employee of the Department of Public Health with extensive first hand knowledge of the DPH Practitioner Licensing & Investigations;
 - (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives, who shall be a mental health professional with expertise in working with family systems;
 - (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who shall be a mental health advocate from a private non-profit such as NAMI or NCD with expertise in mental health issues and industry standard of care for such issues;

- (7) One appointed by the chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the Department of Public Health, who shall be a member of said joint standing committee; and
- (8) One appointed by the chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children, one of whom shall be a member of said joint standing committee.
- (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivisions (1) to (8), inclusive, of subsection (b) of this section may be a member of the General Assembly.
- (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be filled by the appointing authority.
- (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later than forty-five days after the effective date of this section.
- (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the Department of Public Health shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.
- (g) Prior to submitting a report on its findings, the task force shall schedule a public hearing at which members of the public may provide testimony in regards to the charge of the task force. The task force must provide a minimum of 2 weeks notice to the public before said hearing.
- (h) Not later than February 1, 2016, the task force shall submit a report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the Department of Public Health, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or February 1, 2016, whichever is later.

Approved ??, 2015



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

September 04, 2014

HECTOR MORERA
119B HOUSE STREET
GLASTONBURY, CT 06033

Re: Petition No. 2014-706
Kian Jacobs, LCSW

Dear Mr. MORERA:

Your petition concerning care and services provided by Kian Jacobs, LCSW, has been received by the Practitioner Licensing and Investigations Section and has been reviewed.

The Practitioner Licensing and Investigations Section of the Department of Public Health is responsible for investigating complaints regarding care and services provided by healthcare providers, which we regulate pursuant to the Connecticut General Statutes, the Public Health Code of the State of Connecticut and/or the Code of Federal Regulations.

Please note that many custody issues raised in your complaint are not within the jurisdiction of this Department to investigate. They are best addressed in Court and/or through your attorneys. The Department is unable to provide legal advice and/or interfere with custody Court proceedings. The Department is unable to enforce a court order (to produce records of your daughter.)

Please note that "Access to medical records" Connecticut General Statutes Section 20-7c does not apply to any information relative to any psychiatric or psychological problems or conditions [CGS §20-7c(f)].

In addition, the Department is unaware of any complaints against this individual involving you and/or your family.

If you wish to discuss this issue further, I can be reached at (860) 509-7552.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jolanta M. Gawinski".

Jolanta M. Gawinski, RN
Health Program Supervisor
Practitioner Licensing and Investigations Section



Phone: (860) 509-7552
Telephone Device for the Deaf (860) 509-7191
410 Capitol Avenue - MS # 12HSR
P.O. Box 340308 Hartford, CT 06134
An Equal Opportunity Employer

TESTIMONY FOR JUDICIARY COMMITTEE PUBLIC HEARING

Joint Committee on Judiciary
Room 2500, Legislative Office Building
Hartford, CT 06106

Friday February 19, 2014

Dear Judiciary Committee Members:

Good morning and thank you for affording me the opportunity to speak before you today. This is the 4th time I have testified since January 9, 2014 about the issues concerning the Family Courts. I refer you to my written testimony from January 9 and February 14 public hearings which were submitted to the judiciary previously.

I am here to speak in general about some of the failings of the court system as allowed by Family Court judges and which have been brought to the attention of the Judiciary numerous times in the past by various parties. Many of these concerns are outlined in Federal lawsuits filed against the Connecticut judiciary. It is incumbent that the Judiciary committee look into the seriousness of the allegations made in these lawsuits and the many complaints made to the US Department of Justice.

For example, despite the Judicial Branch's claim to be ADA compliant, ADA violations are rampant in the Connecticut Judiciary. One form of ADA violation is the rampant violations of the Prong 3 test of the ADA by the Connecticut Family Court. Judges routinely exceed their authority by diagnosing a party with a false mental illness despite testimony to the contrary. The persons who are falsely accused are otherwise productive members of society. They are engineers, lawyers, teachers, etc. who contribute daily to our society as a whole by volunteering at church, PTO, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, etc. But when they walk into a Family Court, they are deemed unfit due to so-called hidden mental illness with which the court deems suitable to diagnose the party.

In my case in particular, on August 9, 2013 the GAL in my case falsely accused me of having a mental illness. This required that I

pay for a psychiatrist to evaluate me and produce a report and to pay for a mental health professional to testify on my behalf on August 29, 2013. Yet despite the testimony provided to the contrary, both the GAL and judge insisted that I be evaluated by one of their "friends" if I am to ever see my children again. The GAL's and judge's statements are in writing and irrefutable. I will gladly provide you any documentation you require.

In another particular case with an egregious abuse of ADA protection by a CT judge, it is my understanding after reading the 2012 judgment written by Judge Munro, Ms. Susan Skipp was falsely accused of having an undiagnosed mental illness by Judge Munro. The judgment written by Judge Munro is seriously flawed. First and foremost is that Judge Munro is not a qualified mental health professional to make such determination. In addition, Judge Munro makes many spurious statements in her judgment to support her false allegations. For instance, Judge Munro accused Ms. Skipp of harassing her ex-husband due to her undiagnosed mental illness as evidenced by Ms. Skipp allegedly sending 20+ emails per day for approximately 13 months to her ex husband for an approximate total of 540 emails in that time. I understand that judges are not hired for their math skills. But anyone can easily see that a total of 540 emails over approximately 400 days is NOT 20+ emails per day. It is approximately 1.3 emails per day. This is a very normal amount when children are involved and two parents living in separate households are trying to coordinate issues with the children. Never mind that it is nowhere near Judge Munro's estimate of 20+ emails per day. Yet, Judge Munro used this clearly false allegation and many others to support her claim that Ms. Skipp has an undiagnosed mental illness. Ms. Skipp was a teacher that was courageous enough to work in prisons/ detention centers, places most people would avoid. She was recognized by the Judiciary CSSD for her efforts. None of these facts were taken into account in judgments in Ms. Skipp's case.

This gross abuse of judicial discretion is upheld in the Appellate Courts as they defer to the original judge as the better trier of fact without taking into consideration compelling evidence to the contrary. In a recent case in Ohio, the Appellate court ruled that the original trier of fact did not take into account all of the evidence heard to

refute false allegations and remanded the case back to the trial court. I firmly believe that the CT Appellate courts follow suit.

Many feel that there is collusion between the various vendors used by the court system in these types of situations as some members of the court have relationships with these vendors and appear to profit off the use of these vendors.

In addition, no uniform standards are in place for protecting those accused of having a mental illness. Judges who are not qualified to make these decisions routinely impose restrictions solely on their discretion without any standards in place on the appropriate use of these restrictions. This leaves the affected party unsure on how to proceed as the application of these restrictions are haphazard at best.

In summary, we need better mechanisms in place to ensure that entire judiciary enforces the ADA rules uniformly, ends the illegal discrimination against parties, ensures that the rules of the court are uniformly enforced and that the employees of the court are free to perform their duties without undue influence from outside stakeholders such as attorneys.

Thank you for your time.

Hector Morera
119B House St.
Glastonbury, CT

Please fill out and return to:

State of Connecticut
Department of Public Health
Practitioner Investigations Unit
410 Capitol Ave., MS #12HSR
P.O. Box. 340308
Hartford, CT 06134-0308

Petitioner / Complainant	
Name: Hector Morera	DOB: June 11, 1967
Address: [REDACTED]	
Telephone Numbers: Home/Cell: [REDACTED]	Work: [REDACTED]
Relationship to patient complained about: self parent spouse <u>son/daughter</u> Other* (please explain)	
<small>*If legal Guardian please provide court documents</small>	

Patient information (complete this section if Patient is not the same as Petitioner)	
Name: [REDACTED] E. Morera	
Address: [REDACTED]	
Telephone Numbers: N/A	DOB: [REDACTED]

Respondent/Healthcare Provider (subject of the complaint)	
Name: Kian Jacobs	
Practice Address: 175 West Rd, Ellington, CT, 06029	
Profession/specialty (i.e. physician/cardiology, dentist/general) Mental health / licensed clinical social worker	
Telephone Number: 860-	

PLEASE INDICATE NATURE OF YOUR COMPLAINT

- | | | |
|--|--|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quality of Care | <input type="checkbox"/> Unlicensed practice | <input type="checkbox"/> Unsanitary conditions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Substance abuse | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Failure to release patient records | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sexual contact with patient | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insurance fraud | |

I, Hector Morera, father of [REDACTED], hereinafter referred to as Daughter and [REDACTED], hereinafter referred to as Son, am concerned for the emotional and psychological well-being of my children. This complaint deals with the negligent quality of care I feel my Daughter, is receiving from her therapist, Ms. Kian Jacobs whose primary offices are located at 175 West Rd, Ellington, CT, 06029. Under Ms. Jacobs care, from March 2013 to present, my Daughter, D.O.B. [REDACTED] has gone from having a relationship with her father to being scared of her father.

It is my understanding that a third party in the summer of 2013 who had peripheral knowledge of my divorce case filed numerous complaints with the DPH concerning Ms. Jacobs and a number of other individuals. This was done without my consent or knowledge. I am not privy to the contents of those complaints. However, I am not disputing the validity of those complaints. Nor should this complaint be viewed in light of those complaints as the third party who filed those complaints, is not privy to all of the information of my case. This complaint must be reviewed as an entirely separate complaint with supporting documents.

I do not believe in filing complaints. I prefer to negotiate and come to a settlement. My correspondence with Ms. Jacobs in Attachment B will show that I have tried to reach out to her but she refuses to address the concerns for the well-being of my Daughter. I file this complaint reluctantly as I feel since I can no longer afford legal representation, that my children will be subjected to emotional abuse to alienate them from their father if I do not pursue all avenues for relief.

Brief History

It is my contention that my ex-wife Stephenie Thurber has a psychiatric illness combined with untreated psychological abuse as a child which is detrimental to the well-being of our children. It is important to note that I am not making a complaint that her alleged illness makes her unfit to perform her functions as a physician (I had an informal conversation with a representative of the DPH about this issue in 2011) but that it causes her to engage in psychological abuse of the children. I further contend that for some reason the responsible parties involved in my divorce refused to inform the court of these issues. These concerns are discussed in depth in a motion I filed on April 18, 2011 (Please refer to Attachment B 1. c.)

I have testified on behalf of Family Court Reform numerous times, expressing my concern for the well-being of my children and my contentions that the Guardian ad Litem (GAL) in my case used her influence to suppress information from the courts concerning Stephenie Thurber's psychiatric illness and it's detrimental effect on the well-being of the children. Please refer to Table 1 for a list of testimony provided. I contend my ex-wife is retaliating against my public testimony with the assistance of Ms.

Kian Jacobs. Especially with my March 31, 2014 testimony in which I played an audio tape which I contend shows my wife engaging in emotional abuse of my then 7 year old daughter. I proffered this recording to show the kind of evidence that GAL's would routinely suppress from divorce cases to the detriment of the Best Interests of the Child.

Since I filed for divorce in October 2009, my ex-wife has been shopping around for a mental health care provider for our children for which I contend she can manipulate for her benefit, not the benefit of the children. First it was Dr. Michael Pines in 2010 and then Dr. Melissa Dos Santos in 2012.

Dr. Estelle Pesiach who was my therapist in 2010, diagnosed my daughter's behavior as severe displacement. Dr. Peisach died right before my divorce trial. Ms. Evelyn Vega, my current therapist disputes all of these allegations.

After my ex-wife failed to manipulate these two individuals, she put them under the care of a person located in Ellington, 25 miles from the children's home town of Glastonbury, Ms. Kian Jacobs. She was allowed to do so as she was awarded sole custody. I contend this was in retaliation for my contacting DCF in early 2012 to ask them to intervene in the alleged psychological abuse of my daughter by her mother. See Attachment A for Court Orders and Attachment B for motions I filed trying to inform the court of my concern for my children's emotional well-being. Ms. Jacobs was provided copies of these items.

Since Spring 2013, Stephenie Thurber has placed our daughter under the care of Kian Jacobs. I have reached out to Ms. Jacobs numerous times in an attempt to ensure my daughter receives the proper treatment that she needs. Ms. Jacobs has refused to follow the industry standard of care with respect to a child in custody matters.

Under Ms. Jacobs care, my daughter has gone from having a relationship with her father to being scared of her father. Nothing I have done in the past year warrants my daughter's response.

Basis of Complaint

It is my contention that Ms. Jacobs is engaging in unethical conduct as follows:

- a. Making false statements against my person;
- b. Providing false diagnosis against my person without performing any industry recognized evaluation of my person. In addition, as she is my daughter's therapist, not mine, she is not in a position to provide a diagnosis against my person. This is a violation of Prong 3 of ADA of making false diagnosis

against a person. The US DOJ is investigating ADA violations in Family Court of CT.

- c. Not properly treating my daughter; by aiding in the alienation of my daughter from her father in retaliation for the acts committed by a third party in 2013 who reported her conduct to DPH without my knowledge.
- d. Failure to comply with June 18, 2012 court order requiring her to produce medical records of my daughter.
- e. Having inappropriate conversations with my ex-wife's attorney. Yet she refuses to provide me copies of all records.

These items are discussed in depth as follows:

- a. False Statements against my person include the following:
 - 1. Ms. Jacobs has categorized a voice mail I left her on June 13, 2013 as rambling and threatening. However, Ms. Jacobs has yet to produce a copy of the recording of this voice to substantiate her complaint against my person. I have repeatedly asked that she produce a copy of this voice mail. She has refused to do so. I acknowledge that in that voice mail, I told her that she is required to provide me copies of her records per the June 18, 2012 court order and informed her that failure to do so would lead to a complaint with the DPH. But in no way, shape or form would I characterize my voice mail as inappropriate.
 - 2. On June 5, 2013, in what I feel is retribution for my voice mail from June 3, 2013, Ms. Jacobs made allegations that I went to her office on June 3, 2013 to harass her for 2 hours. Ms. Jacobs however did not call the police over that 2 hour period. I requested numerous subpoenas of the court for individuals who would verify I was not near her office at the time. The court refused to grant those subpoenas. But Ms. Jacobs subsequently refused to testify under oath about this incident. I complained to the judiciary Committee on February 14, 2014 that judges routinely abuse their authority and deny self-represented parties who are opposed by a lawyer subpoenas they need to defend themselves in court. My testimony can be viewed at the following link
 - 3. Similarly, on June 5, 2013, Ms. Jacobs also accused me of engaging in inappropriate behavior at a field trip in which I chaperoned on April 15, 2013 at my daughter's school which was at the time Buttonball Lane

School in Glastonbury. My daughter's 4th grade teacher can confirm that I did not engage in any inappropriate behavior during this field trip. My ex wife complained to the school about my presence beforehand placing the school in a very awkward position. My ex-wife's conduct was inappropriate. Ms Jacob's is enabling Stephenie Thurber's severe psychiatric illness.

4. In July 2013, Ms. Jacobs made racially charged statements against my person to my therapist Ms. Evelyn Vega after the third party complained to the DPH about her.
 5. August 2013, Ms. Jacobs allegedly made allegations of emotional instability against my person. These allegations were included in a fraudulent affidavit filed by the GAL in my case which led to me being placed on supervised visitation.
- b. Providing false diagnosis against my person without performing any industry recognized evaluation of my person. In addition, as she is my daughter's therapist, not mine, she is not in the position to provide a diagnosis against my person. This is a violation of every industry standard for a medical provider providing diagnoses against individuals they are not treating. This is a violation of Prong 3 of ADA of making false diagnosis against a person. The US DOJ is investigating ADA violations in Family Court of CT.

Ms. Jacobs is allegedly sending correspondence to the parties involved in my current reunification alleging that I am a threat to the well-being of the children and should not be allowed to see the children.

- c. Not properly treating my daughter; by aiding in the alienation of my daughter from her father in retaliation for the acts committed by a third party in 2013 who reported her conduct to DPH without my knowledge.

It is my contention that rather than treating my daughter for the severe displacement behavior from which she is suffering. Ms. Jacobs is encouraging my daughter to hate her father.

Ms. Jacobs refuses to acknowledge several issues as follows:

- i. Stephenie Thurber has a severe psychiatric illness in which a normal father-child relationship is a threat to her emotional stability so she will engage in alienation of parental affection to destroy the normal parent child relationship. In addition, she exercises unhealthy control over all

aspects of the children's lives. Please refer to Attachment D. Please also listen to the end of my March 31, 2014 testimony before the Judiciary Committee for playing of a recording in which I contend Stephenie Thurber is engaging in psychological abuse of my daughter. Ms. Jacobs refuses to include this evidence in her assessment of my daughter.

- ii. Ms. Jacobs refuses to obtain medical releases of the numerous mental health professionals that have treated Stephenie Thurber over the years and the impact her mental health has had on the children.

These include but not limited to the following:

- a. Dr. Diana Chacon (Psychologist - Hoboken, New Jersey)
- b. Dr. John Tsiouris (Psychiatrist - Bayridge, NY)
- c. Darren Tennenbaum (Social Worker - Dayville, CT)
- d. Dr. Andrea Coyle (Psychologist - Putnam, CT)
- e. Dr. Robert Lusier (Psychiatrist - Glastonbury, CT)
- f. Dr. Robert Nulsen (UCONN Health Center – treated Stephenie Thurber for infertility but noted her deteriorated mental state at the time)
- g. Dr. Mindy Rosenbloom (Psychiatrist – Barrington, RI)
- h. Dr. Leslie Feil (Psychologist - Barrington, RI)

This list is clearly indicative of long standing mental health issues with Stephenie Thurber and as Ms. Jacobs falsely claims that my alleged mental health is impacting the children, it would follow that Ms. Jacobs is required to also look closely at Stephenie Thurber's mental health and its impact on the children. Ms. Jacobs has failed to do so. It should be noted that I have completely released all my medical records to all parties in my case. Yet, Stephenie Thurber and Kian Jacobs have repeatedly refused to release their records to the court.

- iii. Ms. Jacobs refuses to pursue collateral sources for the allegations which I am told she is making against me. Ms. Jacobs has not spoken to any of the following persons:
 - a. Former principal of Buttonball Lane School (BBL) in Glastonbury – I volunteered extensively at my daughter's school and received a personal note of gratitude at my daughter's 5th grade graduation ceremony in June 2013 from the principal

- b. Former Girl Scouts Troop Leader (from Kindergarten to 2nd grade) in Glastonbury
- c. Former Girl Scouts Troop Leader (from 2th Grade to 5th Grade) in Glastonbury – I have been the Glastonbury Service Unit Treasurer for years now.
- d. Former Director of CCD in Glastonbury – I used to volunteer at the church as a CCD instructor myself so they are familiar with my involvement.
- e. Former daughter's psychologist in Glastonbury – I attempted to get my daughter the treatment she needed from this psychologist
- f. Former pediatrician in Glastonbury – The pediatrician in Glastonbury noted Stephenie Thurber's deteriorated emotional state in 2008-2009. Subsequently Stephenie Thurber moved the children to a pediatrician who was her former patient and 25 miles away from their home town.
- g. Former dance instructor in Glastonbury – My daughter's dance instructor reached to my ex-wife and asked her if I could take. A week later my ex-wife took my daughter out of
- h. Former bowling coach in Newington
- i. Parents of Former friends of my daughter from Glastonbury – I have supervised numerous play dates with my daughter and her friends in the past
- j. Former BBL PTO President in Glastonbury – I have been a very active member in the PTO to my daughter's benefit

I contend that all these parties are "Former" persons in my daughter's life because each one posed a threat to Stephenie Thurber's emotional stability as they knew of my long and beneficial, active involvement in our children's lives. This is typical conduct of an alienator. It is my contention that Ms. Jacobs is facilitating the alienation of my daughter by not acknowledging these entities in the treatment of my daughter. It is my contention that Stephenie Thurber is intentionally ruining relationships between children who were once friends with my daughter and whose parents are aware of my involvement in the

children's lives simply to remove all remnants of her father from her life. This is very serious. I do not make these allegations lightly. I believe the overwhelming evidence which Ms. Jacobs has conveniently ignored is leading to emotional harm to my daughter.

- iv. Ms. Jacobs has completely ignored all of the photos and video I have prior to this alienation which completely contradicts statements that Ms. Jacobs is making against my person and her treatment of my daughter.
- d. Failure to comply with June 18, 2012 court order requiring her to produce medical records of my daughter. As noted in my correspondence in Attachment B, Ms. Jacobs has repeatedly refused to comply with court order and Connecticut General Statutes which allow me access to those files.
- e. Having inappropriate conversations with my ex-wife's attorney. My ex-wife's attorney's is not a mandated reporter of child abuse. Her role is to advocate for her client, not the best interest of the children. Ms. Jacobs should not be discussing anything with Attorney Ceil Gersten. This is inappropriate and affects her impartiality. The APA has standards concerning evaluation of children in legal matters such as custody disputes. Ms. Jacobs has not followed those, nor any recognized standards.

Summary

I am not asking the DPH to rule on the errors I allege occurred in my divorce process. I offer this information to provide a complete picture that led to my daughter receiving the alleged mistreatment by Ms. Jacobs, information which Ms. Jacobs is obligated to take into consideration when treating my daughter in accordance with APA standards for therapy. The evidence is clear.

- a. My daughter once had a good relationship with me but now after receiving treatment from Ms. Jacobs is allegedly fearful of her father. See Attachment D
- b. My ex-wife has severe psychiatric and psychological problems which Ms. Jacobs has conveniently and intentionally ignored in her treatment of my daughter. See Attachment C.
- c. Ms. Jacobs has made unsubstantiated allegations many of which are beyond her scope of service against my person.

I am available to provide additional information at your request. For instance, the October 10, 2013 transcript enclosed falsely states that my son has issues at school. This was based on a false statement made by GAL who is under investigation by the Statewide Grievance Committee for Attorneys. I have copies of my son's report card

prior to October 2013 which shows he was well liked in and well behaved in school. There are many other discrepancies in the court orders. I am not asking the DPH to intervene in my court issues. I merely am informing you that I have evidence to dispute most of the claims made in those orders. If Ms. Jacob's uses any statements in the court orders as facts, I am prepared to dispute them. The GAL on my case did not allow me to admit evidence contradicting her testimony which leads to my daughter now be alienated from her father. Alienation is a form of psychological abuse which is covered by C.G.S. 46b-120.

In addition I have enclosed documents which I contend illustrate a pattern of misconduct on Ms. Jacobs' part and highlight that her conduct in my daughter's case is not isolated. Please refer to Appendix E for prior complaint in Massachusetts and Appendix F for prior complaint in Connecticut.

I would like to reiterate again, I am not seeking this complaint in retribution. I am just trying to make sure my daughter gets the care she needs. I am willing to cease pursuing this complaint if Ms. Jacobs stops treating my daughter. My daughter is being used as a pawn by adults who are engaging in unethical conduct.

*Testimony Provided by Hector Morera concerning issues with Family Court	
#	Description / Link to Internet Site
1	http://www.cga.ct.gov/JUD/ldcc/Testimony/January%209/Morera,%20Hector.pdf
2	http://www.ctn.state.ct.us/webstream.asp?odID=9782&odTitle=Task%20Force%20to%20Study%20Legal%20Disputes%20Involving%20the%20Care%20%26%20Custody%20of%20Minor%20Children%20January%209th%20Public%20Hearing&caption=true (Time 8:24:00)
3	http://www.cga.ct.gov/2014/JUDdata/Tmy/2014ZZ-00000-R000214-Morera,%20Hecter-TMY.PDF
4	http://www.cga.ct.gov/2014/JUDdata/Tmy/2014ZZ-00000-R000219-Hector%20Morera-TMY.PDF
5	http://www.cga.ct.gov/2014/JUDdata/Tmy/2014SB-00494-R000331-Hector%20Morera-TMY.PDF
6	<p>http://www.ctn.state.ct.us/webstream.asp?odID=10094&odTitle=Judiciary%20Committee%20Public%20Hearing%20on%20Guardian%20Ad%20Litem%20C%20Child%20Support%20and%20Alimony%20Bills%20&caption=true (Time: 10:51:00)</p> <p>Please listen to audiotape playback at end of my testimony. Ms. Jacobs refuses to acknowledge this information in her treatment of my daughter. This is an example of the psychological abuse I contend to which my daughter is subjected and for which Ms. Jacobs is concealing.</p>
7	http://www.ctn.state.ct.us/ctnplayer.asp?odID=10140 (Time 00:29:00)

- These are being provided to show the extent to which my daughter has been subjected to extensive trauma during the divorce process for which I contend Ms. Jacobs is currently contributing by encouraging my daughter to hate her father.

Names of any prior and/or subsequent treating practitioners:

Name: **AnaBela dos Santos** Telephone: (860) 652-7669
Address: Glastonbury Youth and Family Services
2155 Main Street, P.O. Box 6523
Glastonbury, CT 06033

Name: **Melissa Santos** Telephone: 860.545.8080
Address: Connecticut Children's Medical Center
282 Washington Street, Hartford, CT 06106

Name: Telephone:

Address:

Witnesses:

Full Name: **Evelyn Vega** Telephone: (917) 301-5265
Address: 24 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10011

Name: Telephone:

Address:

Attach copies of any supporting documents, such as photographs, records, correspondence, etc.
Fill out the attached Consent for Release of Medical Records.
Sign and date below. **Signature must be notarized.**

Petitioner's Signature

Dated this

day of 20

Signed and sworn before me this

day of 20

Notary Public

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
CONSENT FOR RELEASE OF MEDICAL RECORDS**

Petition No.

Birth Date: _____

Patient's Address: _____

This is to certify that I hereby give my consent to, and authorize:

Kian Jacobs

(Name of Person/Facility/Organization)

to release a copy of all information and medical records in their possession, including psychiatric, psychological, alcohol and/or drug related treatment records consisting of but not limited to the following:

1. Presence in treatment (dates of admission and discharge).
2. Diagnosis, brief description of progress and prognosis.
3. Medical history and physical.
4. Intake sheet
5. .Psychosocial assessment
6. .Treatment plan.
7. Discharge summary.
8. Aftercare plan.

of , _____
(Name of Patient)

to the Practitioner Licensing and Investigations Section, of the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, MS# 12HSR, P.O. Box 340308, Hartford, CT 06134-0308. This information is to be used in connection with any investigation or hearing conducted by the Department of Public Health in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes §19a-14(a)(10) and (11). I understand that I may revoke this consent at any time by notifying the above authorized person in writing, except to the extent that action has been taken in reliance on my consent. I understand that the medical record to be released may contain information pertaining to psychiatric, drug and/or alcohol abuse diagnosis and treatment, and may also contain confidential HIV (AIDS) related information. Please honor a mechanically reproduced copy of this release. This authorization expires one year from the date of the last signature.

Signature of Patient or Legal Representative

Date Signed

Father

Relationship to Patient

Signature of Witness

Date Signed

Petition to Reform Complaint Procedure for Mental Health
Professionals in CT



This petition will be delivered to:

- Connecticut General Assembly
- CGA Public Health Committee
- CGA Judiciary Committee
- CT Department of Public Health
- Dr. Jewel Mullen Commissioner DPH
- Gov. Dannel Malloy

**Reform Complaint Procedure for Mental
Health Professionals in CT**

Petition to Reform Complaint Procedure for Mental Health Professionals in CT

We are petitioning the respondents to create a Task Force to study the current process employed by the DPH in the review of complaints against mental health professionals in the State of CT and to allow public input in the review of this process and in development of any recommendations for improvement.

There are many issues with the current complaint process including but not limited to the following:

1. DPH will routinely dismiss a complaint made by a non-custodial parent saying that the CGS does not give non-cusotdial parents access to mental health records. However, that is not the case. It is within the DPH's purview to subpoena those records if a legitimate concern has been raised.
2. Once the DPH has accepted a complaint for further investigation, it will languish waiting for an outside consultant to perform the necessary standard of care review. Many complaints will languish for years.
3. Also, when an outside consultant is obtained to perform the investigation, these outside consultants are, in many instances, colleagues of the professional who is being investigated. It is reasonable to question whether the consultant can perform an objective investigation under those circumstances.
4. Persons entrenched in the industry and make their livelihood from family court are involved in the complaint process and similarly calls into question the objectivity of reviews.

This past year many persons testified about issues in the Family Court system of CT. The focus was mainly on the role of GAL's. However, these GAL's needed the assistance of mental health professionals in many instances. These mental health professionals routinely did not follow industry standards in the performance of their duties.

Misconduct in the mental health profession with respect to family court cases has been brought to the attention of the legislature in numerous testimonies given at public hearings. This has prompted some affected persons to pursue criminal investigations, and Federal and Malpractice Lawsuits in others.

This misconduct is not exclusive to Connecticut. Divorce Corp, the movie clearly illustrated how pervasive this problem is nationwide. At least one website has sprouted to help educate the public of the abuses occurring. Please visit the following link ...

<http://shrinksgonewild.com/>

The inherent difficulties of making accurate assessments and analysis of situations is not being minimized. This is compounded by the uncertainties associated with assessing the emotional well-being of an individual under adverse conditions associated with contentious divorces and custody battles.

Petition to Reform Complaint Procedure for Mental Health Professionals in CT

However, there are clear cut industry standards of care for the mental health assessment of adults and children, especially in divorce situations. These professionals routinely take advantage of the public's ignorance of the process and industry standard of care of such evaluations and assessments to engage in negligent conduct. In one case, the trained mental health professional involved testified under oath that he can perform an assessment in under 3 minutes. There are no 3 minute diagnosis standards.

These standards may include but not limited to the following :

1. DSM-V
2. American Psychological Association Standards such as:
 - a. Guidelines for Child Custody Evaluations in Family Law Proceedings;
 - b. Guidelines for Psychological Evaluations in Child Protection Matters;
 - c. Guidelines for Assessment of and and Intervention with Persons with Disabilities;
 - d. Family Evaluation in Custody Litigation: Reducing Risks of Ethical Infractions and Malpractice;
3. and others ...

Many times, these so-called assessments do not reference the standards with which they are supposed to use to make a true and accurate assessment.

Several advocates for Family Court reform have brought to the attention of the legislature in past testimony the need to include in the current Practice Book that will put into place safeguards against the abuse of mental health professionals in Family Courts. However, an impartial and honest process for processing complaints against these professionals must exist to ensure quality care is provided.

We therefore ask the respondent parties to reform the complaint process within the DPH to allow for a timely, accurate and impartial assessment of violations of industry standard of care in all disciplinary procedures. It is crucial that a message be sent to mental health professionals, that although their charge is a difficult one, slip shod or negligent conduct is not acceptable.

Although there are many instances of misconduct by certain mental health professionals, much like recent GAL reform, it is important to note that this petition isn't an indictment of every professional but those who chose to engage in unethical behavior. Many choose to avoid cases involving the court system to avoid being placed in a position in which their impartiality may be compromised.

Thank you.

Hector Morera

Glastonbury, CT

Recipient: Connecticut General Assembly, CGA Public Health Committee, CT Department of Public Health, and Dr. Jewel Mullen Commissioner DPH

Letter: Greetings,

Modify Complaint Procedure for Mental Health Professionals in CT

Signatures

Name	Location	Date
Hector Morera	Glastonbury, CT, United States	2014-06-29
Daniel Swoverland	Wethersfield, CT, United States	2014-06-29
Danette McEvoy	Wolcott, CT, United States	2014-06-29
Photios Dalamagas	Avon, CT, United States	2014-06-29
Scott Buden	Newington, CT, United States	2014-06-29
Donna Autuori	Easton, CT, United States	2014-06-29
elisa lederer	miami beach, FL, United States	2014-06-29
Dianne Hart	Fairfield, CT, United States	2014-06-29
Kristen Seymour	Fairfield, CT, United States	2014-06-29
Vic Perez	Oxnard, CA, United States	2014-06-29
Martha Swoverland	Berlin, CT, United States	2014-06-30
Veronica King	New Haven, CT, United States	2014-07-01
jennifer verraneault	East Haven, CT, United States	2014-07-18
Concerned Citizen	New City, NY, United States	2014-08-28
eric stevens	simsbury, CT, United States	2014-10-13
Joan Kloth-Zanard	Southbury, CT, United States	2014-10-13
Andrea Cota Eigner	Cromwell, CT, United States	2014-10-13
Susan Skipp	Litchfield, CT, United States	2014-10-14
Peter Szymonik	Glastonbury, CT, United States	2014-10-14
Monica Peters	Vernon, CT, United States	2014-10-14
Dawn Carlson	S. Glastonbury, CT, United States	2014-10-14
Colleen Doyle Buden	newington, CT, United States	2014-10-14
Lisa Ortiz	Newington, CT, United States	2014-10-14
Dan swoverland	Berlin, CT, United States	2014-10-14
Lisa Roberge	Berlin, CT, United States	2014-10-14
anne manusky	Easton, CT, United States	2014-10-14
Karen Zarick	bristol, CT, United States	2014-10-14
Louise Smith	Plainville, CT, United States	2014-10-14
Wendy Zarick	Bristol, CT, United States	2014-10-14
greg roberts	Bernards, NJ, United States	2014-10-14

Name	Location	Date
Marisa Ringel	Southport, CT, United States	2014-10-16
Colleen Kerwick	Avon, CT, United States	2014-10-19
jill lavoie	Berlin, CT, United States	2014-10-19
A Lopez	Dallas, TX, United States	2014-10-21
Carl Holmberg	Stamford, CT, United States	2014-10-21
Denise Guerrero	Valatie, NY, United States	2014-10-21
Peter Sticesen	Berlin, CT, United States	2014-10-21
Kathryn Immohr	Stamford, CT, United States	2014-10-21
jessica niederwerfer	enfield, CT, United States	2014-10-21
Judy Quinlan	Shrewsbury, MA, United States	2014-10-21
Derek Grant	Rocky Hill, CT, United States	2014-10-21
Paul Boyne	Herndon, VA, United States	2014-10-21
Richard Loveday	Piedmont, SC, United States	2014-10-21
Elizabeth Franck	Newington, CT, United States	2014-10-21
Tayren Ben-Abraham	Valley City, ND, United States	2014-10-21
susan cobleigh	west hartford, CT, United States	2014-10-21
Edward sullivan	Essex, CT, United States	2014-10-21
debra Dunbar Talwalkar	Darien, CT, United States	2014-10-21
William Parenti	Simsbury, CT, United States	2014-10-21
Doug Morrow	Harwinton, CT, United States	2014-10-21
Jesse Nardini	Southington, CT, United States	2014-10-22
Lauren Lamouille	Stamford, CT, United States	2014-10-23
Theresa Matava	Unionville, CT, United States	2014-10-23
Theresa Watson	South Glastonbury, CT, United States	2014-10-26
Kathy Parenti	West Hartford, CT, United States	2014-11-04
marla jaramillo	vallejo, CA, United States	2014-11-20
Lynne Witowski	Rocky Hill, CT, United States	2014-11-21

Name	Location	Date
melissa harris	Wethersfield, CT, United States	2015-01-09
Joel Valentine	Westbrook, CT, United States	2015-01-09
Amy Stavans	Denver, CO, United States	2015-01-12
Daniel Swoverland	Berlin, CT, United States	2015-01-12
Edward Cleveland	Terryville, CT, United States	2015-01-12
Joaephine Ouellette	Enfield, CT, United States	2015-01-12
melissa harris	Wethersfield, CT, United States	2015-01-13
Laurie Goodwin	Simsbury, CT, United States	2015-01-13
Dorothy Ward	Southport, CT, United States	2015-01-13
Sarah Roberts	Woodstock, CT, United States	2015-01-13
Any Bodelin	Groton, CT, United States	2015-01-13
karen bernetti	southington, CT, United States	2015-01-13
Kimberley Scot	Unionville, CT, United States	2015-01-13
David Ke	West Hartford, CT, United States	2015-01-13
Lindsay Marcus	Weston, CT, United States	2015-01-13
angela borths	Portland, OR, United States	2015-01-13
Melissa McCormick Hajdasz	Farmington, CT, United States	2015-01-13
Geoffrey Sprague	Beaufort, SC, United States	2015-01-13
Paul Norton	pequabuck, CT, United States	2015-01-13
kimberly arnett	east hartford, CT, United States	2015-01-13
Dorothy Hill	Manhasset, NY, United States	2015-01-13
Marlene Debek	Bridgeport, CT, United States	2015-01-13
Luciana Rossi	, , Italy	2015-01-13
Lori Martin	Riverside, CA, United States	2015-01-13
William Spencer	Willington, CT, United States	2015-01-13
jonathan baker	Avon, CT, United States	2015-01-13
susan ferrante	west hartford, CT, United States	2015-01-13
Peter Tierinni	Bristol, CT, United States	2015-01-13
Elizabeth Richter	Canton, CT, United States	2015-01-13
Wendy Perez	Pawcatuck, CT, United States	2015-01-13
Rhona Ceppos	Milford, CT, United States	2015-01-13
Kerry Sabella	Prospect, CT, United States	2015-01-13
Andrea Eigner	Cromwell, CT, United States	2015-01-14
Michelle Tolmoff	Torrington, CT, United States	2015-01-14

Name	Location	Date
Dean Krupa	Middletown, CT, United States	2015-01-14
keith piaseczny	ny, NY, United States	2015-01-14

Recipient: Connecticut General Assembly, CGA Public Health Committee, CT Department of Public Health, and Dr. Jewel Mullen Commissioner DPH

Letter: Greetings,

Modify Complaint Procedure for Mental Health Professionals in CT

Comments

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Kristen Seymour	Fairfield, CT	2014-06-29	We must make a change out of the dark ages in the CT Family Court system and catch up with all the other states!
Donna Autuori	Easton, United States	2014-07-19	An unethical, inexperienced and corrupt doctor who was in my ex-husband's pocket during our divorce is currently under investigation by the CT Department of Health for the harm he caused to my children and I.....five professionals went against him in court including the three doctors he himself referred to. As a psychiatrist/doctor, Dr. Eric Nicholson of Norwalk, took an oath to cause no harm but violated that oath per the very doctors he referred to.
Eric Stevens	Simsbury, CT	2014-10-13	seeking justice based upon justice and not money.
Scott Buden	Newington, United States	2014-10-14	<p>My family was victimized by Dr. Stephanie Stein-Leite who colluded with The Children's Law Center GAL Parul Patel to traffic my step-children to their father in a bought and paid for decision. Her report was critiqued by Dr. Donald Hiebel, PH.D., DABPS--> The examiner makes the mistake in the opposite direction with Mr. Bushey, ignoring the significance of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1)his scores showed significant thought dysfunction (p.52). 2)his "very high score" may indicate paranoid delusions. 3)his score on Aberrant Experiences showed unusual thought processes. 4)His "Psychoticism" score indicates unusual thought processes and thought disorder. 5)Based on his score on Behavior/Externalizing Dysfunction he is likely to have a history of acting out an externalizing behavior that has gotten him into trouble. 6)Also got high score on Juvenile Conduct problems. <p>How can Dr. Stein-Leite leave such important facts out of her report? Because she receives work from her AFCC business partners (Judge Holly Wetstone, The Children's Law Center, etc.) and has a vested interest to construct a report which supports the GAL's earlier observations. Where is the relief for families who have been victimized by unethical and criminal behavior? The DPH is suppose to protect individuals from this type of abuse but rarely due.</p>
Susan Skipp	Litchfield, United States	2014-10-14	Because my children were trafficked assisted by Sidney Horowitz Phd and Howard Krieger Phd. This is the tool used because they is who gives "evidence" the state of connecticut is protecting these criminals.
Monica Peters	Vernon, United States	2014-10-14	<p>Megan Campbell-Marsh out of South Windsor wrote a report stating that my son was better off not seeing me more often. Her findings were based on a stale report that was 3+ years old, as well as from false statements made by my ex about my son's unwillingness to see me more often. Dr. Marsh did not bother to call me, the mother of the child to ask what my point of view was. She did not call my son's pediatrician, teachers, school psychologist, court-appointed GAL (who was active on the case at the time), or family members. She wrote up a medical recommendation based on ONE person's words. It's time these "professionals" stop working to feeding into the Family Court criminal behavior and start favoring the best interest of the patient they are supposed to be protecting. - Elias's mom</p>

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Colleen Bushey	Newington, CT	2014-10-14	My x husband admitted on recording that he bought and paid for Dr. Stephanie Stein - Leite's psychological report which begged the Court to pull the children from me. Her report was shot down by 2 other Psychiatrists who stated it was the crappiest report they ever read, who came up with the exact opposite in their re-evaluation. Dr. Stephanie Stein Leite is a criminal, along with the CT Children's Law Ctr. The bought and paid for decision from the CT Children's Law Ctr Atty Parul Patel, Atty. Justin Rakish Kelly and Dr. Stein-Leite. Parents of CT need relief from these criminals.
Dan swoverland	Berlin, CT	2014-10-14	my child was a victim of mental health professionals abuse. I filed a complaint with Dph which was validated but later dropped without merit.
Wendy Zarick	Bristol, CT	2014-10-14	to Stop the corruption in CT courts
Greg Roberts	New York, NY	2014-10-14	Kids are not profit center.
Marisa Ringel	Southport, United States	2014-10-16	There are mental health practitioners in this state that are billing for services that they don't have the skill or training to perform but taking the money anyway. There needs to be a valid complaint process to protect the public from getting harmed and shammed by some of these mental health care providers especially in family court matters as it is the children that are damaged here most of all.
Colleen Kerwick	Avon, United States	2014-10-19	The Family Court System is broken.In the UK all of these so called experts were abolished as causing more harm than good to the children in dispute.
Richard Loveday	Piedmont, SC	2014-10-21	This embarrassing & unscrupulous situation needs to be rectified ASAP!
Peter Szymonik	Glastonbury, CT	2014-10-21	The blatant corruption that has been going on for far too long in this state is now being exposed for what it really is using the power of social media and as thousands of parents are working together to demand far better of our Judiciary and elected leaders. This is just the start. This will not end until the use of all of these so called "court appointed experts" is banned in this state, just as the country of England called for an immediate halt to their use earlier this year as that country reformed and overhauled all of its "family" courts,
kathleen parenti	west hartford, CT	2014-11-04	I witnessed the unfair and biased practices of several supposed mental health u professionals and have completely lost faith in this disgraceful system.
Lynne Witowski	Rocky Hill, CT	2014-11-21	I and my son were the victims of such negligence and misconduct by a "mental health professional". I never filed a complaint for fear that I would lose custody of my child. I complained about the unethical behavior of said mental health professional to my attorney. His response was that he was not going to make a formal complaint against a "well -respected" child psychologist. I was forced to file bankruptcy because of the excessive charges from the GAL and the court ordered psychologist.

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Joel Valentine	Woodstock, CT	2015-01-09	I have been abuse by the Connecticut Judicial Sysrtem
Dan Swoverland	Berlin, CT	2015-01-12	I filed a valid complaint against a therapist which was quickly dismissed without merit!
Paul Norton	Plymouth, CT	2015-01-13	Accountability
Dorothy Hill	Manhasset, NY	2015-01-13	It is very important that there is a structured analysis of these fraud cases with full accountability. We have seen similar cases in Suffolk & Nassau Counties NY as well as in Maine, NJ, TX and other states. We need to go national and clean up this corruption as well as theft of protective parents' assets!
Marlene Debek	Bridgeport, CT	2015-01-13	<p>December 29, 2014, The Connecticut Law Tribune published the following comment from Connecticut's Chief Justice: "I am proud to say that Connecticut attorneys and judges have distinguished themselves through their willingness to volunteer their time to serve on Judicial Branch committees dedicated to improving the court system."</p> <p>Is the Chief Justice not aware that victims of corruption in the state's family courts have been left with no choice but to work at their own expense to investigate, document, expose and do something about all of the blatant the corruption in Connecticut's family courts which Connecticut judges and attorneys serving on committees should have done something about years ago?</p> <p>About twenty judges, attorneys and evaluators are owners and members of a private corporation which secures no-bid state contracts and operates with judicial authority in Connecticut family courts. Federal law and common sense says they can't do that. Yet, Connecticut attorneys and judges volunteering to serve on committees apparently allow it.</p> <p>Too many family court vendors make a fortune by purposefully mishandling child custody cases. Family court evaluators are supposed to meet parents and children before writing reports. They don't always. Judicial branch committees apparently don't require it and they apparently allow a Connecticut family court psychiatrist to diagnose patients' mental health just by looking at them. None of that is anything to be proud of.</p> <p>It would have been much more helpful and praise worthy if The Connecticut Law Tribune would have published this petition instead.</p>
Peter Tierinni	Bristol, CT	2015-01-13	The state and family courts suck
Elizabeth Richter	Canton, CT	2015-01-13	Mental Health Professionals need to be held accountable when they are working with the CT Judicial Branch in family court.
Wendy Perez	Pawcatuck, CT	2015-01-13	I am signing because I am HORRIFIED at how the legal system in our state has zero, zero regard for the welfare of children. In a time when every expert will tell you that BOTH parents are CRUCIAL in ensuring that our kids have the best chance at life, the Courts are working to destroy families. Shameful! I have to wonder what the motivation is for such evil, evil action.
keith piaseczny	ny, NY	2015-01-14	I support what will be in the best interests of families.

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Cheryl Martone	Westbrook, CT	2015-01-16	<p>I have been lied about, put down and violated for too long by the unprofessionals in the mental health industry for many years because they thought they could make lots of money off my child and I. I complained about them to the wrong places because, the OCA and DCF did nothing about the false reports. There are many scholars in my family whom I have experience with, one being my great Uncle Louis who was the Dean of psychology at Miami U. when I was growing up and he related to me in the 70's, when DSM I first was out, he said there will be more, that all the diagnosis' are fake as there is no scientific backing for them and it is all for billing codes, billable hours by that psychiatric industry be able legally bill and has bizarre experiments on humans. My niece who is a research scientist/bio-chemist, proclaimed that most psycho drugs side effects cause death and/or make people suicidal, this is very inhumane and it needs to be stopped. It is why I investigate this industry and other professions surrounding it. Last May2014 I tried to get a simple mental health evaluation from Bridges Inc. and they botched it up and lied about me on their report when I never saw a doctor, only their undergrad SW who said I was taping her, when I only asked permission to tape and never taped her, and the psychodrama queen puts it on a report I was taping her when I was not. They tried to label me because I said I thought the Judge who heard my case, was a domestic terrorist because she said some real evil things to me. I want the mental health unprofessionals brought up on charges who make false reports and cause harm to innocent clients. The abuse by the psychiatric industry has to be stopped by Legislation as we will hold them accountable as well. God bless our children.</p>