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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this on behalf of my brother-in-law, Ken Krajewski and his two children, Alex and Antonio Krajewski,

I was a court-appointed supervisor, supervising Saturday visits for Ken and his two children, Alex and Antonio, who were 6 and 11. On the very first visit, his ex, Sherry Sylvain lied to us and the Guardian ad Litem, Mary Bergamini. Ken and I went to pick the children up at their grandmother's in Manchester as planned and they were not there. . (Their grandmother told us she didn't know where they were.) We called their mother, Sherry on her cell phone. She stated she took the children to New York. By doing so, she was breaking the court-appointed visitation, for which Judge Epstein said, " if anyone breaks this agreement, there will be jail time." We proceeded to put a call in to Mary Bergamini, who in turn tried to contact Sherry. She got in touch with Sherry and received the same story. Being it was opening day of baseball, and given the fact Antonio was on a baseball team, Ken and I did a little investigating. We scouted the baseball fields in Manchester, and low and behold we found Sherry, Alex, Antonio and their Grandmother at an opening game! A call was made to Mary Bergamini, the GAL, she stated, " I can't believe I've been bamboozled." She contacted Sherry, caught her in a lie and made arrangements for a visitation following the game, which Sherry created a scene over in front of the children in public. My brother-in-law brought this up at the next court hearing, for which I was present, and there were no consequences for Sherry, and no noteworthy comments made by the Gal. This was just the beginning of many lies to come from Sherry, and many acts of neglect and failure to represent the children on the part of Mary Bergamini, who was appointed to represent the children! It is frightening, as well as heart wrenching to even begin to think about how many other children's lives she destroyed, and how many other children she failed.

Mary Bergamini witnessed the children running in to their Dad's arms and hanging off of their Dad, as did I. She witnessed many displays of affection between Ken and his children, but never once brought this up in court! Why? I witnessed Alex and Antonio go from hugging their Dad, running into his arms every time they saw him, sitting on his lap and cuddling with him, to being skittish around him and his family when in front of their mother, such as at his daughter's basketball games. The change in the children was incredible, for they had such a loving relationship with their Dad and his family. They actually walked down the school halls at the games with their heads down and would not make eye contact with family members. Why? What hold did their mother have over them? This was brought to the attention of the Gal, but again, no mention was made in court by her??

The children's mother was evicted from apartments repeatedly. She lied to get herself on section 8, which I found out from her former landlord and through housing court documents that I got, because she accused me, while in family court one day, of being the reason she was evicted from her apartment in Vernon. Eventually, after being evicted so much, and lack of working, she managed to get herself on some sort of support through the State Of Ct., whereby she and the children were housed in a rather dumpy hotel for

over a year until they could get into some kind of housing. (Great system isn't it?) I bet you would loathe at the fact this is where your children were living and you couldn't see them. I should mention, the hotel part came in to play after she got custody of the children through her myriad of lies, which I witnessed in court, but again, there was no accountability for Sherry, only Ken. Must have been because he had an attorney and Sherry didn't!? I should also mention that Mary Bergamini knew Sherry was evicted several times and also knew about domestic violence events for which Ken produced police reports in court, but again, no accountability. And, again, Mary Bergamini wasn't concerned this could be detrimental to the children, living in this environment, whereby the mother has several live-in boyfriends that treat her indifferent. Seems unhealthy to me, but I consider myself to be just a caring and loving mother of four boys, who happens to think she has a lot of common sense, along with high morals.

Another example of GAL neglect was when the children participated in a gift wrap fundraiser at their catholic school, Assumption School in Manchester. Sherry neglected turn in over \$300.00 her children raised selling gift wrap. This was brought to the attention of the court and to the GAL, via a letter written by the Assumption School principal, again no concerns or accountability? Sherry also lied to get her daughter free tuition at East Catholic High School.

In an effort to gain sympathy from the judge, Sherry reportedly said she had an inoperable brain tumor and was receiving treatment at Sloane Kettering Institute in N.Y. This was taken for face value by the judge and the Gal. Wouldn't you think if your children's mother had an inoperable brain tumor and was receiving treatment at a cancer center, that it would be imperative their Dad remain a constant in their lives? The answer is apparently not, in the family court system in Ct. It appears to me Dad's in jail get better treatment than those who are involved with the family court system in Ct. Why is such an effort made to keep a convict in a relationship with his children when he has committed a crime, yet a loving father whose only crime is wanting to be a father for his children and be present in their lives is denied and seems to have little to no rights?

Had I not been present at all but one court hearing for the case of Sherry Sylvain vs. Kenneth Krajewski custody battle, I would believe someone was lying to me, but given the fact I was present and witnessed the myriad of lies presented by Sherry Sylvain and the lousy job the GAL did in representing the children, as well as the judges who seemed to have cared less about keeping the kids in a relationship with their Dad, I can truly say after several years later, I am still in shock and disbelief this happened and is considered just and fair, for it is the children who pay the price. The family courts in Ct. are just one big joke and feeding frenzy to keep the government going. None of what I witnessed in court made sense, including one judge who laughed at Ken, and said, " when I say jump, you say how high," and then proceeded to laugh, snicker at the bailiff, stand up and throw his chair to the bench! Yes, that is family court in Ct.!!! Sickening to say the least. How can such destruction be allowed? This is incomprehensible!

Mary Bergamini, the Guardian ad Litem appointed to represent my niece and nephew, clearly did not represent the children in their best interest, for clearly you would have to be a terrible father and have some pretty bad things you have done in your life to have

your children taken from you. This is not true in the family court system. I have educated myself by reading many an article and listened to the plight of many a Dad who are not present in their children's lives due to lying, vindictive and scorned women who apparently have more hatred for their exes than they do love for their children. Parental Alienation is real. I have personally witnessed it and something needs to be done about it. These women should be held accountable and justice should be served! I witnessed a loving, nurturing father, who grew up in a very loving, big Italian family, a former Marine who served his country, and someone with no criminal record what so ever, not even a speeding ticket, loose his children and become a statistic to the family court system!! If this were you and these were your children I spoke about, how would you feel? Would you continue to fight for your children, the rights of other children and their fathers, and fight for reform and justice, or would you throw in the towel, give up, or maybe even commit suicide as some fathers have done, because they just couldn't live without their children?? Ask yourself??

I can be reached at 860-643-87217, should you wish to discuss the above mentioned content with me.

Sincerely,

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