

SENATE BILL 675 - SUPPORT
Child Custody – Cases Involving Child Abuse or Domestic Violence – Training for Judges and Child’s Counsel
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Thank you Chairman Smith, Vice Chair Waldstreicher, and members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee. The purpose of this letter is to urge the Committee for a favorable report for **Senate Bill 675** entitled **Child Custody – Cases Involving Child Abuse or Domestic Violence – Training for Judges and Child’s Counsel**.

Until addiction presented its self in my family’s life, everything seemed normal. Not perfect but normal. After over 4 years of addiction issues, multiple rehabs, I filed for divorce. The risk to our three kids, Maddie Katie and Blake, were too high. Among many other events, the last straw was when my ex-wife asked the kids to blow in to the car breathalyzer so she could drive.

What started as a simple divorce in my eyes was turned upside down by a court system which seems to not understand or are aware of attorney tactics and tactics of court support.

My kids lives were turned upside down when the evaluator, who was recommended by my ex-wife’s counsel, brought parental alienation in to the divorce equation. Parenteral Alienation was the beginning of the end for me as a parent and the end for my kids lives they knew.

- Parental Alienation known as PAS is a rejected science in phycology (the founder committed suicide)
- PAS continues to linger and is also presented in other reformulations (Warshack, Kelly, etc.)
- The basic principle is: Regardless of data/facts, one parent is solely responsible for the demise of the relationship with the kids and the other parent.
- Because of the fractured relationship with one parent the situation, regardless of data/facts, the estranged parent receives everything and the preferred parent is removed. Possibly indefinitely.
- Estrangement, abuse, the children living and witnessing addiction, etc. is removed from the equation and blame is placed on the “protective parent”
- In my case, the estranged parent is allowed to break orders, laws, and lie in court. PAS has been the protector of these wrong doings.

- If the courts and children’s counsel were better trained, I am hopeful the system will be able to see through unproved theories, the “legal games” being played for a “win in divorce”; and move towards acting in the “best interest of the child or children”.
 - From my interaction with others across the country and my own horrible situation, PAS and its many reformulations are used as a tool and usually in “high conflict” divorces. A tool for a win. A tool for money. A tool for destruction. Because when people are in the know outside the 4 walls of court, no one can understand 1) what is going on and 2) how it is happening.
 - The judge who presided over my case, ordered the extreme PAS/Reformulated measures recommended by the evaluator (found to be bias) and removed me from my children’s lives. It did not create a relationship with my ex (a finding by the judge) and the children desires to be with me became higher.
 - In my case, the PAS and reformulated theories are presented to an accepting court which has allowed (not all items listed):
 - Kids to be moved and enrolled in a new school system against a court order
 - My ex-wife lying in court about a situation which removed the children from me. Later when evidence uncovered the wrong, the judge quickly closed the divorce case and recused himself
 - Pushed away new abuse claims the kids made; The kids are muted and called liars.
 - Kids are moved out of state with zero done by the kid’s attorney or the court system. There was no notice, 100% against state law.
 - Allows a paramour allowed to sleep in the house, against a court order.
 - And Many more....
 - The kids council’s billing showed she called the highly conversional Family Bridges program and Randy Rand who had his license stripped.
 - The kid’s council also called Dr. Richard Warshak who currently seems to be the main figure carrying the PAS flag.
 - Presenting Warshak’s own document (CR23 PAS controversies) provided no help. In his own document he states the following which is the basis of my specific divorce case:
 - Alienation may be justified in cases where a child is physically or sexually abused; witnesses domestic violence, frightening displays of rage, or the aftermath of violence; or suffers severe emotional abuse, neglect, abandonment, or very poor treatment by a chronically angry, rigidly punitive, extremely self-centered, or substance-abusing parent (25, 34, 35)

I don’t write this to help my case, my kids live have already been heavily impacted (ruined) by unproven and flawed theory. I write this to help prevent other kids from having to live through the horrible pain

of divorce caused when flawed or unaccepted theories enter the court room and label a parent for cause, not because there is data and facts to back up the conclusion.

Please force judges and kids counsel to be trained. All professions have to have training to stay on top of their game, judges, kid's counsel, and court support are no different.

On caveat: Training should only be with main stream accepted practices and principals.

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