

00:46:45 AW: I bet you could.

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00:46:47 WS: Oh, yeah.

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00:46:48 AW: All right.

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00:46:49 WS: I just, you know -- yeah, I think that's it.

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00:46:51 AW: Okay. Transcriber, we're going to end at this time. The

00:46:55 time is approximately 1016 hours, and we'll be off the record.

00:46:59 Thank you.

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00:30:36 AW: Okay. Have you spoke with the chief judge about this issue,  
 00:30:44 this case?  
 00:30:44 RH: No.  
 00:30:45 AW: Okay.  
 00:30:49 RH: The only communication I have with her was how do I handle  
 00:30:53 this motion to disqualify? Ms. Silva recently filed a motion  
 00:30:57 to disqualify -- well, I take that back. She didn't file it.  
 00:31:00 She served me with it, and I asked the chief judge, what do I  
 00:31:05 do because I need to serve an affidavit in response to that?  
 00:31:10 AW: Are you going to disqualify yourself from the case?  
 00:31:14 RH: I filed an affidavit. The way a motion to disqualify works  
 00:31:24 is the party files the motion, and you have so many days to  
 00:31:28 file your affidavit in opposition to it. The reason I  
 00:31:31 contacted the chief judge just about the motion was what do I  
 00:31:34 do because she didn't file the motion? So if I have been  
 00:31:39 served and I serve my affidavit, it's served without a motion  
 00:31:42 being there. So I later saw where she filed an affidavit to  
 00:31:50 disqualify me. She didn't file the motion that she served me  
 00:31:54 with so because of the procedural --  
 00:31:57 AW: Right, per the statute.  
 00:31:58 RH: -- mistakes that she made, I asked the chief judge, what do  
 00:32:03 you do I with my affidavit?  
 00:32:04 AW: So what's the ultimate outcome? Are you going to stay on the  
 00:32:07 case?  
 00:32:07 RH: That's up to the chief judge.  
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00:32:09 AW: That's who makes the decision?

00:32:11 RH: Yes.

00:32:12 AW: Why does she want you disqualified?

00:32:15 RH: Well, she has an affidavit. If you want to read it, it has

00:32:19 several things on there.

00:32:20 AW: Okay. Can I get a copy of that?

00:32:22 RH: Yeah.

00:32:22 AW: Okay. Okay. Last question. Some of these articles and

00:32:36 media and stuff paint you as a being biased against women and

00:32:43 proponent of father's rights. Do you have any response to

00:32:46 that?

00:32:49 RH: Yeah. That's a political issue, I think. People like to say

00:32:55 things. That doesn't mean it's true.

00:32:59 AW: Okay. Do you have anything that you would like to put on the

00:33:04 record?

00:33:06 RH: Well, I would invite you to review the entire case because if

00:33:14 you take a snippet of a hearing and you view that without

00:33:20 looking at the entire case and the history, then you can't

00:33:27 make a fair assessment of what occurred on one particular

00:33:31 day.

00:33:35 AW: Okay. So that hearing that you had on the 15th, you

00:33:39 described it as an exchange hearing, correct?

00:33:42 RH: It was an exchange in my courtroom. Again, because short of

00:33:48 a pickup order and having the police take her, I had no way

00:33:53 to give the dad the child.

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00:33:56 AW: When was the mother notified that this was going to happen?

00:34:01 RH: It's in the court record.

00:34:03 AW: Was it in -- was it a hearing that you had?

00:34:08 RH: I told --

00:34:09 AW: Or was it a minute order?

00:34:10 RH: I told her at a hearing that if the child didn't go with dad

00:34:14 on the weekends, she would spend the entire summer with dad.

00:34:19 And then I issued a minute order when I got the Donna's house

00:34:22 report that the child was not going on the weekends.

00:34:25 AW: And that would probably be the minute order where you ordered

00:34:28 her to bring the child to court.

00:34:30 RH: Correct.

00:34:31 AW: June 8.

00:34:32 RH: Correct.

00:34:32 AW: And then you also had an order to show cause that was dated

00:34:36 the date before, June 14th, I believe. And she was served

00:34:40 with that?

00:34:41 RH: I don't recall.

00:34:45 AW: Let me just look and see if I have a copy of that.

00:35:12 RH: Oh, I guess I did issue an order to show cause. I thought

00:35:17 the attorney didn't prepare it. That was my mistake. So I

00:35:19 did issue an order to show cause why she couldn't be held in

00:35:23 contempt for failure to facilitate visitation, it looks like.

00:35:29 But we never had a contempt hearing after this where I issued

00:35:35 sanctions for contempt.

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00:35:37 AW: Okay. So you never had a hearing, a contempt hearing for it.  
 00:35:49 And then the June 15th, that was the court minutes from that  
 00:35:55 hearing and where you issued the court order that the -- due  
 00:36:05 to mom's failure to facilitate visitation and compel the  
 00:36:09 child to visit with dad, the Court ordering dad shall have  
 00:36:11 temporary sole custody and sole physical custody. Dad's  
 00:36:16 child support obligation to mom shall cease immediately. Mom  
 00:36:19 shall have an obligation to pay child support to dad at a  
 00:36:22 statutory medium rate of a hundred dollars per month based on  
 00:36:26 mom's income. Dad shall enroll minor in the public school in  
 00:36:28 the school zone of his residence. Mom shall have no contact  
 00:36:32 with the minor. How come mom couldn't have any contact with  
 00:36:37 the minor?  
 00:36:38 RH: Because she's a pathogenic parent. And in order to allow  
 00:36:44 there to be time -- pathogenic parenting is a whole course  
 00:36:49 that you can take.  
 00:36:50 AW: Right.  
 00:36:51 RH: Okay? And from the information that I have and the advice I  
 00:36:55 got from the judges up here, is when you make that transfer,  
 00:37:01 you stop contact with the pathogenic parent, the one who is  
 00:37:05 causing the problems, and it basically puts them in a  
 00:37:13 situation where the bonding starts with the dad and the  
 00:37:15 child. Otherwise, mom is going to be calling on a constant  
 00:37:20 basis, and she's going to be sabotaging the relationship  
 00:37:23 between dad and the child that they're trying to establish  
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00:37:26 now on their own grounds because she's undermining dad's  
00:37:31 rights all along. She's undermining his relationship with  
00:37:34 the child. And if I were to allow contact during that period  
00:37:38 of time, she would continue to undermine and sabotage their  
00:37:43 relationship.

00:37:47 AW: Okay. Here's -- I think this is a minute order from  
00:37:50 July 28th, 2016, where plaintiff, which is the mom, appeared  
00:37:57 in Court with attorney Weatherford. Does that...

00:38:10 RH: This was an order to show cause on the math testing and on  
00:38:14 the HELOC, I believe.

00:38:17 AW: And that's H-E-L-O-C? What is the HELOC?

00:38:22 RH: Home equity line of credit. Stating which location. Order  
00:38:27 to show cause was issued to proceed with the math testing  
00:38:33 issue. She was, yeah, found in contempt for failing to have  
00:38:40 the child math tested at a facility of defendant's choosing,  
00:38:45 which I had ordered about a year before that. I sanctioned  
00:38:48 her \$500 for that and attorney's fees, looks like. And then  
00:38:59 I set the HELOC order to show cause for an evidentiary  
00:39:04 hearing because, by her own testimony, she admitted she did  
00:39:08 not have the child math tested at a facility of defendant's  
00:39:12 choosing. She did what she wanted. She had first a one-page  
00:39:18 test done that had five questions on it. And then after  
00:39:22 months, she said she went to a school teacher, but the  
00:39:25 initial order was always that dad can choose a place to have  
00:39:29 the child tested because the child is home schooled, but he  
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00:39:33 had to pay for it. And he had advised her he wanted her to  
 00:39:37 take the child to Sylvan, and she just wouldn't do it. So I  
 00:39:43 didn't need a full evidentiary hearing on that. The HELOC, I  
 00:39:47 did set an evidentiary hearing for October, and that's when  
 00:39:51 they appeared and made their stipulations, I believe.  
 00:39:53 AW: So you didn't need to have an evidentiary hearing on the  
 00:40:01 contempt charge, correct?  
 00:40:02 RH: For math because she admitted to it.  
 00:40:05 AW: Okay. Did you need to -- an evidentiary hearing on the  
 00:40:10 custody issue about her not allowing the visitation or no?  
 00:40:15 RH: No. I didn't need that. That was obvious.  
 00:40:28 AW: So you made the detailed findings of fact to support this was  
 00:40:34 basically the information that you received, correct?  
 00:40:37 RH: The therapist report, Donna's house report, her own  
 00:40:42 admissions that visitation wasn't happening. And there was  
 00:40:46 no risk to the child. She's -- she continues to claim that  
 00:40:51 the father is a risk to the child, but the child's own  
 00:40:54 individual therapist said the father is no risk. Annie  
 00:40:58 reported to Keisha Weiford the father has never abused her,  
 00:41:03 and Keisha Weiford reported there's no evidence of any abuse  
 00:41:07 by the father, so there's -- and that there's no basis for  
 00:41:10 them not to have a relationship.  
 00:41:12 AW: Is the mother making any claims about any abuse?  
 00:41:15 RH: She says he's a reckless driver and that I don't care about  
 00:41:19 her child. She didn't want him to be able to drive. And I  
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00:41:22 asked him if he had any moving violations. He did not. And  
00:41:26 I have reports from the child and the therapist that there's  
00:41:29 no history of abuse. It's a different style of parenting.  
00:41:33 He's more authoritarian, and mom is very liberal and lax.  
00:41:39 There's no abuse happening. There's no reason why they can't  
00:41:41 have a relationship.  
00:41:43 AW: Okay. All right. Anything else, Your Honor?  
00:41:46 RH: Not unless you have another question.  
00:41:48 AW: I do not. Thank you very much for being patient.  
00:41:51 Transcriber, we're going to be off the record. The time is  
00:41:54 approximately 12:30. Thank you very much.

(Recording ended.)

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Case No.: Nevada Commission on Judicial Discipline  
2016-113

Recorded Interview of: Welthy Silva  
February 8th, 2017

IDENTITY OF SPEAKERS:

AW: Adam Wygnanski

WS: Welthy Silva

00:00:01 AW: All right, transcriber, today's date is Wednesday,  
00:00:03 February 8th, 2017. The time is approximately 9:29 a.m. This  
00:00:09 is investigator Adam Wygnanski with Spencer Investigations,  
00:00:14 Reno, Nevada, who are contracted by the State of Nevada  
00:00:18 Commission on Judicial Discipline. This will be a telephonic  
00:00:22 interview. For the record, can you please spell your first  
00:00:24 and last name?  
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00:00:26 WS: Yes. Welthy, W-e-l-t-h-y. Last name Silva, S-i-l-v-a.  
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00:00:33 AW: Okay. And a good address for you?  
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00:00:35 WS: 1433 Cottonwood Place, Las Vegas, Nevada 89104.  
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00:00:42 AW: Cottonwood. And what was the ZIP code again, 89 --  
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00:00:47 WS: 89104.  
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00:00:48 AW: Okay. And is this a good phone number for you?

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00:00:52 WS: It is my only phone number, yes.

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00:00:55 AW: Okay. And what is that?

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00:00:57 WS: 702-460-9438.

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00:01:01 AW: Perfect. And you're aware that this interview is being

00:01:04 recorded?

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00:01:05 WS: Yes.

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00:01:05 AW: And this is with your permission?

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00:01:07 WS: Yes, it is.

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00:01:08 AW: Okay. Just as a reminder, I just wanted to ask you to

00:01:12 please wait for the complete question to be asked before

00:01:16 answering. And I'll try -- I'll try and do the same thing

00:01:18 because it's obvious that it's hard for the transcriber to

00:01:23 pick up two voices talking at the same time. Okay?

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00:01:26 WS: Sure.



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00:01:27 AW: All right. This interview is in reference to a complaint  
00:01:30 that was received by the Nevada Commission on Judicial  
00:01:33 Discipline on September 6th, 2016. This case was assigned  
00:01:37 Case No. 2016-113. The complaint contains allegation of  
00:01:44 possible violations of Canon Rule 1 and Canon Rule 2,  
00:01:48 specifically 1.1, 1.2, 2.2, 2.6(A) and 2.AB. After the  
00:01:56 commission's review of the complaint against the respondent,  
00:01:59 the Commission on Judicial Discipline concluded that there was  
00:02:02 sufficient reason to conduct a follow-up investigation. All  
00:02:06 right. Welthy, what is your current employment?

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00:02:10 WS: I am a ballet teacher. I have a small ballet school  
00:02:14 downtown.

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00:02:15 AW: Okay. And what's that address?

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00:02:19 WS: 1408 South 3rd Street. Also Las Vegas, Nevada 89104.

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00:02:28 AW: Okay. And how long have you been at that, doing that, at  
00:02:30 that position?

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00:02:31 WS: Well, I have been teaching ballet for 13 -- let's see. I

00:02:38 started when my daughter was -- when I was pregnant with my

00:02:42 daughter, so she's 13 now. About 13 1/2 years.

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00:02:45 AW: And all of it in Las Vegas?

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00:02:48 WS: Yes.

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00:02:48 AW: Okay.

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00:02:50 WS: Before that I was a professional dancer in various shows

00:02:53 in Las Vegas and traveling the world.

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00:02:57 AW: I'll bet that was fun.

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00:02:59 WS: It was, yeah.

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00:03:02 AW: All right. You're familiar with the hearing that

00:03:05 occurred in Judge Hughes' courtroom on June 15th, 2016 --

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00:03:11 WS: Yes.

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00:03:12 AW: -- where you were apparently escorted away from the

00:03:16 courtroom?

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00:03:17 WS: Yes, that is right.

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00:03:18 AW: Okay. Who were you in the courtroom with initially on

00:03:20 that date?

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00:03:24 WS: Just it was myself and my daughter and Rena Hughes, and

00:03:31 there was a bailiff and a court clerk or court reporter and my

00:03:38 ex-husband, and he had two -- I believe three -- I believe

00:03:44 there was three attorneys with him.

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00:03:46 AW: Okay. And what is your daughter's name?

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00:03:48 WS: Annie.

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00:03:49 AW: Okay. And she --

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00:03:51 WS: Silva.

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00:03:52 AW: Okay. And she was 12 years old at the time?

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00:03:55 WS: She was 12 years old, yes.

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00:03:57 AW: Okay. Who -- who escorted you off the property and --

00:04:01 and why?

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00:04:03 WS: I don't know why. Well, I'll tell you, the beginning

00:04:10 was -- the very beginning was that I got a letter in the mail

00:04:14 the Friday before that hearing saying that I needed to bring

00:04:17 my daughter to court or I would be put in jail for 25 days.

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00:04:21 AW: Okay.

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00:04:22 WS: And there was no specific reasons for that, just -- okay.

00:04:25 And so I called her chambers and said, Look, I need to know

00:04:30 what this is about. I need to know, you know, to tell my

00:04:34 daughter, to say, okay, look, baby, you're going to -- you're

00:04:37 going to get a chance to go talk to the judge about what's

00:04:40 going on, you're -- you know, something like that, or they're

00:04:42 going to make you go with your father. Or whatever. I needed

00:04:46 something to be able to -- you know, it's not like, oh,

00:04:50 surprise, we're going to go to court today, Annie. You know?

00:04:52 Because there was no specifics in the letter. So I never got

00:04:55 a phone call or an answer back from that. So that day came,

00:05:00 and she was just -- my daughter was horrified. She was just

00:05:03 like, Oh, my God, Mom, they're not going to make me go with

00:05:04 him, right? They're not going to make me go. I said, Annie,

00:05:06 I have no idea, honey. We just have to go in there and tell

00:05:10 the truth.

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00:05:10 AW: Right.

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00:05:10 WS: That's all we can do.

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00:05:12 AW: Now, after I viewed courtroom recording, a video, your

00:05:17 daughter appeared to be present there in the courtroom by

00:05:20 herself. Did you know that?

00:05:21 WS: She was. Yes, I did know. So -- so we went to court.

00:05:24 We all went in, like all the people that I just said. We were

00:05:28 all in there. And about two seconds later it was like, okay,

00:05:34 everyone is going to leave, I'm -- Rena Hughes said: Everyone

00:05:36 is going to leave. I'm going talk to the child alone.

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00:05:39 AW: Okay.

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00:05:39 WS: Okay? I kissed my little girl. I said, You're okay,

00:05:44 you're fine, and I kissed her and I walked out. I was only in

00:05:50 the hallway outside the courtroom I would say two, three

00:05:54 minutes tops, and then the bailiff came out into the hallway

00:06:00 and said, I am to escort the mother off the property.

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00:06:05 AW: Okay.

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00:06:05 WS: And that was it. That was all I knew. I said, Well,

00:06:08 what -- what is going on? I don't -- and then I, you know,

00:06:10 what the hell is happening here?

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00:06:13 AW: Right. Now, when --

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00:06:16 WS: And my ex's attorneys were like, Well, we don't even know

00:06:19 what's happening. Which I don't believe, but whatever.

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00:06:20 AW: Okay. Now, when and how were you made aware that your

00:06:24 husband was going to have temporary custody of your daughter?

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00:06:28 WS: I called his attorneys about an hour -- an hour to two

00:06:35 hours later. I called his attorneys to find out what was

00:06:38 going on.

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00:06:39 AW: Okay.

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00:06:41 WS: And -- because when -- when I was asking before the

00:06:45     bailiff said -- you know, before he took me off the property,

00:06:48     I said, I need to know what's going on. When am I getting my

00:06:51     daughter back? What the hell? And his attorneys came over to

00:06:55     me. Because I didn't have one.

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00:06:56     AW: Right.

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00:06:57     WS: His attorneys came to me and said, Well, we don't really

00:06:58     know what's happening yet. You -- here's my phone number.

00:07:00     You can call me later and find out. So I --

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00:07:03     AW: Okay. And this was out in the hall? This was out --

00:07:06     this was out --

WS: Yes.

00:07:06     AW: -- in the hallway? Okay.

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00:07:07     WS: Yes.

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00:07:09     AW: So --

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00:07:09     WS: So I had her phone number. So then like an hour or so

00:07:13     later I called that number, and I said, So what's going --

00:07:18     what's going on? Am I supposed to go pick her up somewhere?

00:07:22 Is he bringing her back to me? What? You know, even at that

00:07:24 point I'm thinking, well, maybe she made her go to lunch with

00:07:27 him and then now I'm going to get her back, you know.

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00:07:30 AW: Right.

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00:07:30 WS: And -- and she goes, Oh, you're not getting her back. He

00:07:34 has sole legal and physical custody.

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00:07:37 AW: Okay.

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00:07:37 WS: I was shocked and speechless.

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00:07:43 AW: Okay. So you found --

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00:07:44 WS: That's how I found out.

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00:07:47 AW: You found this out through your ex-husband's attorneys.

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00:07:49 WS: Yes.

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00:07:49 AW: Okay. Did you know beforehand, did the Court let you

00:07:53 know that this hearing was an exchange hearing where your



00:07:57 daughter was going to be placed with the dad? Were you --

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00:08:01 WS: No. Definitely not.

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00:08:02 AW: Were you aware of that? Okay.

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00:08:04 WS: No, I was a not aware of that. Like I said, in that

00:08:07 letter that came Friday, it was basically like you just have

00:08:10 to bring your daughter to court or we're going to throw you in

00:08:12 jail for 25 days.

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00:08:13 AW: Okay.

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00:08:14 WS: That's what it said.

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00:08:15 AW: Now, it's also -- Welthy, it's also my understanding,

00:08:18 after I reviewed the court minutes and stuff, that you were

00:08:22 admonished several times by the judge that if you failed to

00:08:26 encourage or facilitate Annie's weekend visitations with her

00:08:30 father that Annie would spend the entire summer with her

00:08:33 father. Were you aware of that?

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00:08:34 WS: That is correct.

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00:08:35 AW: Is that right?

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00:08:36 WS: I am -- I am aware of that.

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00:08:38 AW: Okay.

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00:08:38 WS: There's a few things with that. I did very much

00:08:41 encourage and facilitate visitations. I took Annie to Donna's

00:08:48 House where the exchanges were to take place four different

00:08:52 times. I took her to the reunification therapy six times and

00:08:59 paid for some of it myself.

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00:09:00 AW: Right.

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00:09:04 WS: I do believe children. I also know the hell my daughter

00:09:09 has lived. But I did what I was to do through the court.

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00:09:17 AW: Okay. Now, the Court found that apparently this has been

00:09:22 going on for approximately a year where Annie did not have her

00:09:26 proper court-ordered visitation with her father. Is that

00:09:30 correct?

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00:09:30 WS: That is correct. Yes.

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00:09:32 AW: Okay. And what was the reasoning why that happened?

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00:09:35 WS: Because he is very mentally and emotionally abusive,

00:09:40 borders on -- borders on physical. But he's never been

00:09:43 physical with Annie. He just used to throw things at me in

00:09:47 the house.

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00:09:47 AW: Mm-hmm.

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00:09:48 WS: Put his hands around my neck once. And Rena Hughes

00:09:54 ignores all of that evidence. Not just me saying -- not just

00:09:59 me going in and saying things, but I have had witnesses, I

00:10:01 have had people write affidavits of what they have seen and

00:10:05 heard, and she has ignored all of that.

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00:10:09 AW: Okay.

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00:10:10 WS: And this is why my daughter did not want to go with him.

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00:10:13 AW: Okay. Now --

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00:10:15 WS: There are nine minutes missing -- I'm sorry.

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00:10:18 AW: That's okay. Go ahead.

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00:10:19 WS: There are nine minutes missing on this video. Like I

00:10:22 can't watch it myself. I cannot watch that horrible video.

00:10:26 Enough people have told me what's on it that I just -- I can't

00:10:28 do it.

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00:10:29 AW: Did you watch it?

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00:10:30 WS: But --

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00:10:30 AW: Did you watch it?

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00:10:31 WS: No, no. I did not. I did not watch it. And I -- I

00:10:35 don't believe that I can ever. I don't believe I can ever

00:10:38 watch it. Just people told me what it is. And I've read

00:10:45 transcripts of it. And it's -- it's horrible for me. So

00:10:51 there are nine minutes missing on the video. The -- a news

00:10:56 station figured that out. And I questioned my daughter about

00:10:59 it, because my sister called me, and she was livid. She's

00:11:02 like, Well, you have to find out what happened in those nine

00:11:05 minutes. So I ask Annie about it, and that is when -- she  
00:11:10 said, That must have been when I was telling the judge all the  
00:11:14 reasons that I did not want to go with -- with Papa. That she  
00:11:18 said, you know, I was telling her about the reckless driving,  
00:11:21 about how he's mean to me, about how he talks bad about you,  
00:11:25 about -- you know, just on and on, all the things that he's  
00:11:28 done. Right?  
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00:11:28 AW: Right.  
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00:11:29 WS: And she said that Rena pretty much was just like, well --  
00:11:32 you know, she just ignored her, just didn't -- didn't find any  
00:11:36 of those things relevant; that those were not good reasons for  
00:11:40 not wanting to go with her father. Like, okay, well,  
00:11:44 whatever. So that's -- she also said that Rena said -- which  
00:11:48 is a lie. I have found out through people that know Rena  
00:11:52 Hughes. She's like, Well, I have grandchildren and so I know  
00:11:55 best because I have grandchildren. And but she doesn't even  
00:11:59 have any children. How -- how could she have grandchildren?  
00:12:01 But, anyway, that's just one more lie that came out of that  
00:12:04 judge's mouth.  
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00:12:06 AW: How did this video -- just out of curiosity, how did this

00:12:08 video make it to the media and on YouTube? Do you know?

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00:12:12 WS: I do not know. The YouTube thing was -- I don't know how

00:12:17 that happened. I know that it was two days before my next

00:12:26 hearing that it was leaked on YouTube, or that's when my

00:12:32 mother called me, two days before my next hearing and said

00:12:36 that my ex-husband had called her and said, Do you know that

00:12:39 the video of Annie is on YouTube? And then my mother called

00:12:44 me. I think my mother thought I had done it. I said, Well,

00:12:48 I -- I didn't even know it was out there. I didn't do it. I

00:12:50 sure didn't do it. I haven't even seen the video myself.

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00:12:54 AW: Right.

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00:12:55 WS: Yeah, so I -- still I don't know.

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00:12:57 AW: Okay. In your complaint to the commission, Welthy, you

00:13:01 stated that Judge Hughes committed extreme abuse of discretion

00:13:06 and that overreaching of power took place. What did you mean

00:13:10 by that?

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00:13:11 WS: Well, she violated my Fourth Amendment constitutional

00:13:17 right, search and seizure of my daughter, for one thing.

00:13:24 There are so many NRS codes that I have found. You know, any  
00:13:29 history of -- the NRS code 125C, any history of parental abuse  
00:13:36 or neglect of -- of the child, that that person should not  
00:13:39 have custody. Well, she gave the abuser custody.  
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00:13:44 AW: Right.  
00:13:45  
00:13:48 WS: She threatens to change custody for all kinds of things.  
00:13:52 Like what you just -- even what you noticed, the admonishment  
00:13:57 of, you know, and if you don't facilitate visitations I will  
00:14:00 change custody. That is not -- the consideration had nothing  
00:14:03 to do with Annie's best interest there, did it? It was more a  
00:14:07 threat to me to try and get me to follow her orders. Well,  
00:14:12 you can't use change of custody to threaten the parent. I  
00:14:17 mean, that was in Sims versus Sims. The Supreme Court hearing  
00:14:23 Sims versus Sims, you know, a judge cannot use the change of  
00:14:27 custody as a sword to punish a parent. And that's what she's  
00:14:31 done over and over. She even threatened to change custody  
00:14:34 of -- with my ex-husband before. I heard that two years ago.  
00:14:38 I mean, this -- when you're dealing with the custody of a  
00:14:44 child, you need -- the sole consideration is the best interest  
00:14:47 of the child. It's not the best interest of the parents.  
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00:14:51 AW: Right.

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00:14:52 WS: I mean, these are laws.

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00:14:54 AW: Now, you also stated that all of your parental rights

00:14:57 were stripped without any evidence of abuse on your part.

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00:15:01 WS: That's true.

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00:15:02 AW: Would you agree that keeping your daughter away from her

00:15:06 father is a type of emotional abuse?

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00:15:09 WS: Keeping her away from him?

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00:15:12 AW: Uh-huh.

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00:15:12 WS: I did not keep her away from him. She chose not to go

00:15:16 with him.

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00:15:18 AW: Okay. But she was, what, 12 years old?

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00:15:21 WS: That's correct.

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00:15:22 AW: Okay.

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00:15:27 WS: You could also go the other -- the other extreme and say

00:15:30 that if I had forced her to go, that would have been abuse.

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00:15:34 AW: Okay.

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00:15:35 WS: Because he is abusive to her. And to force a child into

00:15:39 an abusive situation is now I'm a neglectful parent for

00:15:43 putting Annie in harm's way, aren't I?

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00:15:46 AW: Right. Now, I reviewed the reports from Keisha Weiford

00:15:52 and others, and there was nothing mentioned in there about any

00:15:55 kind of abuse by your ex. Is that --

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00:15:59 WS: Of course not. And Keisha Weiford is going to be under

00:16:02 investigation for this, and some other people have come to me

00:16:05 about her as well.

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00:16:06 AW: Okay. What about Claudia --

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00:16:08 WS: There was a little boy that was -- that was sexually

00:16:10 abused under Keisha Weiford's watch, and she never noticed it.

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00:16:14 AW: Okay. What about Claudia Schwarz?

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00:16:16 WS: We never went to Claudia Schwarz because it was \$4,000

00:16:20 each, and I don't have \$4,000.

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00:16:22 AW: Okay.

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00:16:26 WS: That's another thing. You know, this judge thinks to

00:16:30 advocate for my ex-husband. She awards him attorneys fees

00:16:35 when I don't even have an attorney.

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00:16:38 AW: Right.

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00:16:43 WS: I have no money. I have been completely bankrupt through

00:16:48 this.

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00:16:48 AW: Okay. What about the program coordinator from Donna's

00:16:52 House, an Amber Hutton? Does that ring a bell?

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00:16:56 WS: Yes. Yes, it does.

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00:16:58 AW: Okay. And -- and you -- did you bring Annie over there

00:17:02 for supervised exchanges?

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00:17:03 WS: Four different times.

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00:17:04 AW: Okay.

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00:17:06 WS: Actually two, two times. I personally took her two

00:17:09 times. The first time we walk in, and the guy says it will be

00:17:15 \$10 or whatever the little fee was.

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00:17:18 AW: Right.

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00:17:18 WS: I start to pull out my money, and my daughter said, Does

00:17:19 she have to pay if I'm not going? And he looked at her and he

00:17:23 looked at me, and then I said, Well, she doesn't want to go.

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00:17:29 AW: Right.

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00:17:29 WS: And so then he said, Okay, so -- then she started crying

00:17:33 at that point. And I said, Look -- he wanted to talk to her.

00:17:36 I said, Look, can you take her around the corner and talk to

00:17:39 her? I don't -- I'm so tired of being accused of, you know,

00:17:43 I'm the alienating parent, God help me.

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00:17:47 AW: Right.

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00:17:47 WS: I said, you know, this -- please, you go over there and

00:17:49 I'm going to go over here and then whatever. So he did that.

00:17:54 And a few minutes later they come back, and he said, She

00:17:58 doesn't have to go. And I said, Okay, so but, you know,

00:18:01 everything is documented here. I did what I was supposed to

00:18:05 do, right?

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00:18:05 AW: Right.

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00:18:06 WS: Anything else? And he goes, No, no, you're good. You

00:18:07 guys can go. And pretty much the same thing happened the

00:18:11 second time I took her.

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00:18:13 AW: Okay.

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00:18:14 WS: The third and forth time I had a mutual friend take Annie

00:18:19 to further facilitate the visitation. Okay?

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00:18:23 AW: Right.

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00:18:23 WS: So how are you going to blame me? I'm six miles down the  
00:18:28 road.

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00:18:28 AW: Okay.

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00:18:29 WS: For God's sake. So now same thing happened. Well, the  
00:18:33 third time my friend took her. And she, you know, said, No,  
00:18:39 I'm not going. I do not want to go with him. He's not good  
00:18:43 to me. And whatever she said to them. And I think Donna's  
00:18:47 House must have made a report. And then the fourth time that  
00:18:52 my -- that a friend took her, my ex-husband did not even show  
00:18:58 up. Her father was not even there.

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00:19:00 AW: Right.

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00:19:01 WS: So that was -- so that was what happened the fourth time.

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00:19:05 AW: Welthy, based upon -- now, is it your understanding that  
00:19:09 the temporary change of custody was done because you refused  
00:19:14 to comply with the Court's orders on visitation and math  
00:19:17 testing and that's why the custody was given? Is that your  
00:19:21 understanding?

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00:19:21 WS: Yes. I don't know why else would it be.

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00:19:24 AW: Okay. Now, you guys had a subsequent hearing that was

00:19:30 held on October 11, 2016.

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00:19:33 WS: Oh, yes.

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00:19:34 AW: Now, in between the June hearing and the October hearing,

00:19:39 was Annie in your ex-husband's custody?

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00:19:42 WS: Yes.

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00:19:45 AW: Okay.

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00:19:45 WS: I did not see or hear her voice for that whole time.

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00:19:50 AW: Okay. From June, from when she was taken in temporary

00:19:54 custody, until the October 11th hearing?

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00:19:57 WS: Yes.

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00:19:57 AW: Okay. During this hearing, you guys reached a temporary

00:20:02 stipulation?

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00:20:03 WS: Yeah, I would 100 percent say that it was a coerced  
00:20:09 stipulation.

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00:20:10 AW: Okay. Now, you have to explain that one to me.

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00:20:14 WS: I will be -- I will be happy too.

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00:20:15 AW: Okay.

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00:20:16 WS: So my -- I did have an attorney at that time.

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00:20:20 AW: Right.

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00:20:21 WS: Unbundled services, Robert Weatherford. And so we go in.

00:20:26 I had a, you know, great pretrial memorandum, whatever. It

00:20:31 was -- you know, we're thinking, okay, we're -- we're going to

00:20:32 get some -- some semblance of justice here. Not that I have a

00:20:37 whole lot of faith in Rena Hughes' court, but, you know, some

00:20:40 semblance of justice here. All of our evidence, I had two

00:20:42 witnesses waiting in the hall. And before we even go in, the

00:20:49 bailiff comes out and tells the attorneys, Look, Hughes wants

00:20:54 you guys to stipulate to some agreement, talk to each other

00:20:58 and stipulate to some agreement.

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00:21:00 AW: Okay.

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00:21:01 WS: And so they go in at that point. And I think she wanted

00:21:05 to talk to them or something. For some reason the attorneys

00:21:09 went in. Or certainly I remember my attorney going in and

00:21:13 speaking with her. But I was not present. I was still in the

00:21:16 hallway.

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00:21:16 AW: Okay.

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00:21:16 WS: He comes back out, and he tells me -- he said, Look,

00:21:20 Welthy, you knew we weren't going to get a fair hearing today.

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00:21:24 AW: Who said this? Your attorney?

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00:21:25 WS: My attorney, Robert Weatherford. He's like, Look, you

00:21:28 knew we weren't going to really get a fair hearing today. She

00:21:31 has said -- she's telling me right now that she knows about

00:21:35 the video being leaked. Two days before the video was on

00:21:40 YouTube. She said -- he said she said, Rena Hughes said: I

00:21:45 know about the video being leaked. And if we go forward with



00:21:50 this trial today, or evidentiary hearing today, I'm going to  
00:21:55 refuse to look at all of your evidence and Welthy will not get  
00:22:00 any more time with her daughter and she will be forced to sell  
00:22:05 her house.  
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00:22:08 AW: Okay.  
00:22:10  
00:22:10 WS: And I said, Well, whatever, Robert, just I don't care.  
00:22:15 Go ahead. Go ahead with the trial. I mean, then we'll do a  
00:22:18 writ or an appeal or something. And he said, Welthy, if we do  
00:22:21 a writ or appeal, it could be a year and a half to two years  
00:22:25 before you see your daughter. We just should take like  
00:22:28 whatever scraps they're going to give us today.  
00:22:31  
00:22:31 AW: Okay.  
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00:22:32 WS: And then maybe you can see your daughter a little bit.  
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00:22:35 AW: Right.  
00:22:36  
00:22:36 WS: You know? Even like next week you could see her a day or  
00:22:40 two or something. And so then at that time it's just like,  
00:22:44 well, Jesus Christ, of course I can't wait like a year to see

00:22:48 my daughter, so, okay, I'll take these scraps.

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00:22:51 AW: Right.

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00:22:53 WS: So that's what happened. And the next hour or so he and

00:22:56 my ex's attorney were in there talking about some kind of

00:23:00 stipulated agreement.

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00:23:02 AW: Okay. Without your presence?

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00:23:04 WS: Oh, without my presence. No, I was not present.

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00:23:08 AW: Okay.

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00:23:09 WS: I was sitting in the hallway with my two witnesses that

00:23:12 never got to testify.

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00:23:14 AW: Okay. Who were the witnesses?

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00:23:19 WS: Carolyn -- sorry. Caron Olsen. Caron Olsen, who has

00:23:23 known --

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00:23:24 AW: How do you spell her first name?

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00:23:26 WS: Caron is C-a-r-o-n; Olsen, O-l-s-e-n.

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00:23:33 AW: Okay.

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00:23:35 WS: And Meredith McGuire. Meredith McGuire was not actually

00:23:43 on the witness list, but she showed up just in case.

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00:23:47 AW: Okay. And how do you spell her name?

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00:23:49 WS: M-e-r-e-d-i-t-h McGuire. I believe it's McGuire.

00:23:55 M-c-G-u-i-r-e.

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00:23:59 AW: Okay. And what were these people going to testify to?

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00:24:03 WS: To the things that Annie had talked to them about without

00:24:09 me being present. Like Caron Olsen's children took ballet

00:24:15 from me for years. And she also knew Annie from preschool,

00:24:20 kindergarten. Her children went to the same school with

00:24:22 Annie. So she had known us for a long time. And she had had

00:24:26 several conversations with Annie, just with my daughter and

00:24:29 her would be in the lobby at the dance studio while I was in

00:24:33 the other room teaching ballet. So, you know, I wasn't even

00:24:35 present for these conversations. And these conversations that  
00:24:38 took place were primarily about my ex-husband's abuse towards  
00:24:44 Annie and how she felt, how she felt about him. And she also  
00:24:50 saw whenever he would come to the dance studio to pick her up  
00:24:53 on Saturdays how Annie's -- her mood, her whole character and  
00:24:59 personality just changed when she realized, oh, God, it's  
00:25:03 almost time for me to go with my father, and she would just --  
00:25:06 her -- she would just change into this other person. And  
00:25:08 Caron Olsen had witnessed all of that. She also knew that,  
00:25:14 you know, I was a good and honest person because I had taken  
00:25:17 care of her children and taught them ballet and all these  
00:25:21 things. My other witness who never came because I had -- I  
00:25:24 text him and said, look, they're not going to listen to any of  
00:25:27 my witnesses, so no reason for you to show up.  
00:25:28  
00:25:29 AW: Right.  
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00:25:29 WS: That was going to be Travis Edward, which he was not  
00:25:33 there because, like I say, well, no reason for you to come  
00:25:35 now. But he was going to come a little later.  
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00:25:37 AW: Okay. And what was he going to testify to?  
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00:25:40 WS: Let's see. He saw Annie leave the studio one day,  
00:25:47 because his daughter took ballet from me as well. He was  
00:25:51 outside of my studio one day when her father came to pick her  
00:25:55 up. And as they were leaving, he saw Annie in tears and how  
00:26:02 my ex was berating her, or whatever he was saying, you know,  
00:26:06 and not being -- not being very fatherly, not being like, oh,  
00:26:10 baby, it's okay, hug her, console her. No. He was just like  
00:26:15 making her cry more because she didn't want to go with him.  
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00:26:19 AW: Okay. What about -- what about Meredith McGuire? Was  
00:26:22 she going to testify to some of the same stuff?  
00:26:23  
00:26:24 WS: She was -- she was not actually -- I mean, she wasn't on  
00:26:26 the witness list. She just showed up, like I said, just to be  
00:26:30 a friend and in case we could use her. But, yeah, she has --  
00:26:36 she was going to testify to the same stuff, yeah, same things.  
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00:26:41 AW: Okay. Now --  
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00:26:42 WS: What she'd seen and heard from Annie.  
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00:26:45 AW: Okay. When you had this hearing, you were represented by  
00:26:48 the attorney, you were sworn in and you had your right to be

00:26:52 heard; correct?

00:26:53 WS: Well, there was no chance for me to talk.

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00:26:56 AW: Okay. Did you have a chance to speak to the Court

00:27:00 regarding your --

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00:27:01 WS: No.

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00:27:02 AW: -- on your behalf or your daughter's behalf?

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00:27:04 WS: No. In October 11th?

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00:27:06 AW: Yes.

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00:27:07 WS: No, I did not. In previous hearings, before --

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00:27:11 AW: Right.

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00:27:12 WS: -- Annie was given to her father, there was two hearings

00:27:16 that I represented myself because, you know, at some point I

00:27:20 didn't have any more money, so no more lawyers for me. So I

00:27:24 self-represented myself. And Rena Hughes actually told me as

00:27:29 I was speaking: I want you to sit down and shut your mouth.

00:27:34 Just like that.

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00:27:36 AW: Okay.

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00:27:37 WS: I would say that is not allowing me to speak. And I was

00:27:41 representing myself.

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00:27:44 AW: Okay. And --

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00:27:45 WS: And I have a video of that if you want me to send that

00:27:48 video to you.

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00:27:49 AW: Can you e-mail that?

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00:27:51 WS: I probably can. Let me write down. Okay, what's the

00:27:57 e-mail address?

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00:27:59 AW: It's awygnan --

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00:28:05 WS: Hang on. Hang on. I'm sorry.

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00:28:06 AW: No problem.

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00:28:07 WS: I chose the wrong pen here. Aw --

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00:28:10 AW: Ygnans --

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00:28:18 WS: Okay.

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00:28:19 AW: Ski.

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00:28:22 WS: Whoops, ski, okay.

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00:28:26 AW: @charter.net.

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00:28:27 WS: Charter --

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00:28:29 AW: .net.

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00:28:32 WS: Okay. Let me just read this back to you.

00:28:35 Awygnanski@charter.net.

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00:28:45 AW: That's it. Now, when she said --

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00:28:46 WS: Okay. Yeah, I'll be able to mail that.

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00:28:48 AW: When she said, I want you to sit down and shut your

00:28:50 mouth, what were you saying when she said that?

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00:28:55 WS: Oh, boy. Let's see. I would have to -- I would have to

00:28:58 look back --

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00:28:59 AW: Okay.

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00:29:00 WS: -- in that video to see what I was saying. That's all I

00:29:03 remember.

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00:29:03 AW: Okay. So the bottom line is on this October 11 hearing

00:29:06 for modification of custody is you agreed to everything

00:29:09 because of what your attorney advised you to do?

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00:29:15 WS: Exactly. Because he said, If you don't just take this,

00:29:18 then it's going to be a year to two years before you see your

00:29:21 daughter.

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00:29:21 AW: Okay. How is everything going now between your daughter

00:29:25 and your ex-husband and yourself?

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00:29:28 WS: She does not want to be where she is. She -- she still

00:29:34 doesn't want to -- she would like to never see him again if

00:29:39 that was a choice.

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00:29:40 AW: Right. Now, how often do you get to see her?

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00:29:43 WS: One day a week.

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00:29:50 AW: Okay. And she's going to school and everything?

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00:29:54 WS: Yeah, well, that's a whole 'nother thing, isn't it,

00:29:57 because apparently Rena Hughes is very uneducated about what

00:30:01 home school is and has a clear bias against it.

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00:30:05 AW: Right.

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00:30:05 WS: I was home schooling my daughter three years before my ex

00:30:10 and I divorced.

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00:30:11 AW: Right.

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00:30:11 WS: And, now, he himself is very vindictive, so instead of

00:30:18 sticking to what the original divorce decree says -- and this

00:30:22 is -- this is where Rena goes -- disregards the law as well.

00:30:25 She completely disregards the law in this aspect. The  
00:30:29 original divorce decree says if the two parents cannot agree  
00:30:34 on schooling, the child shall remain in whatever schooling she  
00:30:39 was in.

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00:30:40 AW: Right.

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00:30:41 WS: That's what our original divorce decree says. Makes  
00:30:44 sense, yeah? Keeps the child's life the same. Okay. So  
00:30:48 about six months after the divorce, my ex goes into court,  
00:30:52 frivolous motions, oh, we have to change custody and -- and I  
00:30:57 never -- I never agreed to home schooling. I home schooled  
00:31:02 her for three years while he lived in the house.

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00:31:04 AW: Right.

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00:31:04 WS: So instead of seeing that for what it is, since I do  
00:31:10 believe that Rena Hughes has a bias against home schooling,  
00:31:13 oh, she ran with that. She said, oh, well, now -- now the  
00:31:17 child has to go to public school.

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00:31:19 AW: Right.

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00:31:20 WS: She doesn't even have -- she doesn't even have the  
00:31:22 authority to order my child to go to public school.

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00:31:26 AW: Right. Is she going to public school now?

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00:31:29 WS: Yes.

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00:31:29 AW: And how is she doing?

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00:31:31 WS: She hates it.

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00:31:32 AW: Okay.

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00:31:33 WS: She's actually made some friends. She likes her friends.

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00:31:37 AW: Right.

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00:31:37 WS: She's not completely miserable. It could be a lot worse.

00:31:41 She's not completely miserable. She likes her friends.

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00:31:43 AW: Right.

00:31:44 WS: She's doing well. She gets A, Bs, I think a C in math.

00:31:47 Math has never been her strong -- strong point. But she's

00:31:51 getting good grades. Her teachers like her. You know, she --  
00:31:55 she likes most of her teachers. But I ask her. I said, Look,  
00:32:00 you know, if I get custody back, do you want to keep going to  
00:32:05 that school? You know, you're doing good. You want to keep  
00:32:08 going there? She goes, No, I don't. She said, I -- I really  
00:32:12 learned more in home school. And also my daughter has  
00:32:17 stress-induced seizures, which Rena Hughes put her life in  
00:32:22 danger by throwing her in this chaos and making her go with an  
00:32:26 abusive man that she did not want to go with. Annie's  
00:32:32 seizures tripled in frequency after she was given to her  
00:32:36 father.  
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00:32:37 AW: Okay.  
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00:32:38 WS: And this is another reason for home schooling. This is  
00:32:42 not why we decided to home school in the beginning, because  
00:32:45 the seizures only started like two -- two years ago, I  
00:32:49 believe.  
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00:32:50 AW: Right.  
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00:32:50 WS: But she gets overstimulated. And she told me just this  
00:32:56 last weekend. She said, you know, school, sometimes it gets

00:33:01 so loud and all the kids are just so crazy and so loud and  
00:33:06 it's very overstimulating. And this, this kind of environment  
00:33:10 can cause her to have a seizure. Now, luckily she has not had  
00:33:15 any at school. Mostly they happen at night. But this kind of  
00:33:18 environment is not -- is not the ideal environment for Annie.  
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00:33:24 AW: Okay.  
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00:33:26 WS: You have to understand, too --  
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00:33:28 AW: No, it's okay.  
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00:33:30 WS: -- Annie is -- Annie is like a 42-year-old trapped in a  
00:33:33 child's body.  
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00:33:35 AW: Okay.  
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00:33:35 WS: My daughter is very -- like, you know, some kids just  
00:33:38 want to run around and play and be as crazy as they -- but  
00:33:42 even when Annie was tiny, like two years old and it would be a  
00:33:45 birthday party with ten kids, you know, cramming cupcakes in  
00:33:51 their face and just all kinds of craziness, Annie would just  
00:33:53 kind of sit there very quietly and watch everybody, like what

00:33:56 the -- this is not -- I am not in the right place.

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00:34:00 AW: Right.

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00:34:02 WS: Well, no, I mean, she's very outgoing and friendly, but

00:34:05 she -- she prefers to be in a more mature environment.

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00:34:11 AW: Correct. Now, you -- in the first week of January of

00:34:14 this year, 2017, you filed a motion to disqualify Judge Hughes

00:34:20 due to the bias or prejudice?

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00:34:23 WS: Yes.

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00:34:23 AW: Have you received any response from the court on that?

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00:34:27 WS: I have received Rena Hughes' response to that. I have

00:34:31 not received the chief judge's decision.

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00:34:34 AW: Okay.

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00:34:35 WS: And I -- I have to -- okay. So the most thing that

00:34:39 sticks out, there were two -- there were two things in there.

00:34:43 I don't have the paper in front of me, but there was -- I want

00:34:46 to say it was 3 and -- No. 3 and 4 on her response were  
00:34:50 completely false statements. And then at the very end she  
00:34:54 said, you know, that she does not have any bias, she treated  
00:34:59 me exactly like all the other litigants.

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00:35:02 AW: Right.

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00:35:02 WS: And the very next sentence was: I found Welthy to be a  
00:35:06 pathogenic parent.

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00:35:08 AW: Okay.

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00:35:08 WS: I'll be honest with you, I had to look up pathogenic.

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00:35:12 AW: Okay. And what -- what did pathogenic parent mean?

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00:35:16 WS: It was a virus, a disease.

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00:35:20 AW: Okay.

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00:35:21 WS: I was a disease in my child's life.

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00:35:24 AW: Hmm.



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00:35:25 WS: Okay. Now, this is not true, but even -- whatever. What

00:35:33 is she basing that on? There's never been a psychologist

00:35:37 in -- in all of this that has said Welthy is a pathogenic

00:35:42 parent. Where -- where does she get this information? There

00:35:45 was never any evidence shown of such things.

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00:35:49 AW: Right. So basically the only person that -- as far as

00:35:53 any therapy or therapist and stuff, the only person that you

00:35:58 had seen as ordered by the Court was Keisha Weiford; correct?

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00:36:03 WS: That's correct. And I only saw her one time.

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00:36:06 AW: Okay. Now, did Annie also have another therapist?

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00:36:10 WS: Annie had been -- has been going to Paula Baskette.

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00:36:14 AW: Okay.

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00:36:15 WS: After she was -- after my ex was given custody, he

00:36:20 started taking her to Paula Baskette.

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00:36:24 AW: Okay. Wasn't there -- was -- did Keisha communicate with

00:36:28 another --

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00:36:30 WS: Oh, yes, yes, there was. I'm sorry. I'm sorry. I do --

00:36:34 okay, because there was only like two times. I did take Annie

00:36:37 to -- oh, goodness, I can't even remember the woman's name

00:36:41 now.

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00:36:43 AW: Okay.

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00:36:44 WS: But it was only like, I want to say, just two sessions

00:36:47 with this other therapist because I felt that I needed to get

00:36:52 Annie a therapist to deal with Keisha Weiford.

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00:36:58 AW: Okay.

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00:36:59 WS: She needed a therapist to --

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00:37:02 AW: To deal with the therapist?

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00:37:04 WS: -- deal with the therapist. Yes.

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00:37:04 AW: Hmm. Okay. That's interesting.

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00:37:06 WS: Isn't it. Isn't it really. Because Keisha Weiford did  
00:37:12 not seem to have Annie's best interest at heart at all. Annie  
00:37:17 did not like her, she did not trust her. She said, you know,  
00:37:20 She doesn't believe me when I say things, she just kind of  
00:37:24 blows things off. Like Annie told Keisha Weiford about my ex  
00:37:30 throwing a chair. He threw a chair at me while I was holding  
00:37:34 Annie.

AW: Right.

00:37:35 WS: And Keisha said, Well, you were too little. You couldn't  
00:37:37 remember that. How old were you? Annie was five years old.

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00:37:41 AW: Okay.

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00:37:42 WS: Now, if something traumatic happens to a two-year-old,  
00:37:44 they remember it. Annie was five years old. Of course she  
00:37:49 remembers that.

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00:37:49 AW: Okay.

00:37:50 WS: And Keisha just wanted to just ignore it, blow it away.  
00:37:53 Because her job is to reunify these two people.

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00:37:57 AW: Right.

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00:37:58 WS: Come hell or high water, I'm going to reunify them.

00:38:00 That's my job. So she didn't really have, you know, Annie's

00:38:04 well-being at heart. So that's why I went and said, Okay, you

00:38:08 know what? Let's get you this woman that will listen to you.

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00:38:12 AW: Right.

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00:38:13 WS: But she only went like two times. And I have such a

00:38:18 limited budget. I'm on food stamps, for God's sake, and I

00:38:21 work really hard every day, but because of this court and --

00:38:23 and my ex-husband being so, you know, legal abuse, I don't

00:38:27 know what they -- anyway. So I -- I took her twice. And then

00:38:32 I said, Do you want to keep going? And she's just like, No, I

00:38:35 really don't think that this other lady is helping me, you

00:38:40 know, like, yeah, she listens to me. But Annie has always

00:38:44 said: As long as I have you to talk to, Momma, I'm fine.

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00:38:48 AW: Okay. So the other -- the other therapist --

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00:38:50 WS: I listened. That was it.

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00:38:52 AW: So the other therapist that she's seen for a couple

00:38:54 times, you don't -- you don't -- you suspect it didn't help

00:38:56 her?

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00:38:58 WS: It didn't help or hurt. Annie didn't really need any

00:39:02 help.

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00:39:03 AW: Okay.

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00:39:04 WS: In the end it was just like Annie's fine. She doesn't

00:39:08 even need any help. And even this Paula Baskette that she had

00:39:11 been seeing, she told me now Paula has said -- Paula told her

00:39:15 father, Look, Annie's fine. You know, I can keep -- I can see

00:39:21 you. She told her father, you know, she could keep seeing her

00:39:25 father. But she said, But Annie's fine, and I just don't want

00:39:28 to keep taking your money.

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00:39:31 AW: Right.

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00:39:31 WS: I mean, there's nothing wrong Annie. She doesn't want to

00:39:34 be with her abusive father.

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00:39:36 AW: Right. Now, is she still going to see this Paula?

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00:39:39 WS: I don't think so. I think that was it after she -- after

00:39:42 that. But I don't know because I don't -- you know, that's

00:39:46 his deal. He pays her and he takes her.

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00:39:52 AW: Okay. So what --

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00:39:54 WS: That's going off what Annie told me in the past two

00:39:56 weeks.

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00:39:57 AW: Okay. Is there any other hearings that are pending in

00:40:01 front of Judge Hughes reference this issue, or is this a done

00:40:05 deal?

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00:40:06 WS: Oh, no, we're supposed to -- I think March -- I want to

00:40:09 say March 6th is an evidentiary hearing. Well, if it goes

00:40:15 anything like the last one, it's pretty pointless, isn't it.

00:40:18 But I'm trying -- I'm trying to get her disqualified because I

00:40:21 would like to have a fair hearing.

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00:40:24 AW: Right.

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00:40:25 WS: I would like a judge to just -- just look at the evidence

00:40:29 that is presented.

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00:40:32 AW: Right.

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00:40:33 WS: Just be truly for the child's best interest, look at what

00:40:38 Annie needs.

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00:40:41 AW: Okay. Well, I think that's all the questions. Now,

00:40:44 Welthy, do you have anything else that you want to add on the

00:40:47 record that you want the commission to be aware of?

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00:40:51 WS: Oh, let's see.

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00:40:52 AW: And you just mentioned one of the things is all you want

00:40:56 is just to have a fair hearing.

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00:40:57 WS: Well, I really want a fair hearing. I want -- I would

00:41:02 like Rena Hughes to go to jail, quite frankly. I think that

00:41:07 would serve justice. That would be justice for my daughter.

00:41:11 Not that it can -- any of this -- not that any of this damage

00:41:14 can be undone. I mean, she traumatized my little girl.

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00:41:19 AW: Okay.

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00:41:20 WS: And -- and -- and put her life in -- at risk. She really

00:41:24 did put her life at risk. My ex-husband is crazy. He was  
00:41:29 reckless driving with her. He's continuing to reckless drive  
00:41:32 with her. And the stress-induced seizures, for God's sake, I  
00:41:39 mean, these are life-threatening seizures.

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00:41:41 AW: Right.

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00:41:42 WS: And he did nothing about it. The only way Annie has  
00:41:46 medicine right now is because she happened to be with me.  
00:41:50 After being with him all that time, no contact with me, he  
00:41:54 ignored, he and his girlfriend ignored, five seizures that  
00:41:59 Annie had. Did nothing about it.

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00:42:03 AW: Now, is this -- you learned this through Annie?

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00:42:07 WS: Yes.

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00:42:08 AW: Okay.

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00:42:08 WS: And my mother. Because he does talk to my mother.

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00:42:11 AW: Okay.

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00:42:13 WS: And then when I -- when I got her back, you know, my one  
00:42:18 day a week, it happened that she had one with me. And I said,  
00:42:23 Oh, my God, I'm taking you to the emergency room because I  
00:42:26 don't -- I can't even wait until Monday morning to take you to  
00:42:30 your neurologist, your regular neurologist, because I only  
00:42:33 have you 24 hours.

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00:42:35 AW: Right.

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00:42:36 WS: So I took her to the emergency room. And then they  
00:42:38 admitted her, and she was there for two days.

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00:42:40 AW: Hmm. And --

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00:42:43 WS: And prior to that --

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00:42:44 AW: -- when was -- when was that?

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00:42:46 WS: -- she had four to five seizures.

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00:42:47 AW: When was that when she was admitted?

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00:42:48 WS: December -- oh, let's see. I want to say December 11, or

00:42:54 was it November? It was November or December.

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00:42:57 AW: Of last year?

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00:42:58 WS: Yes.

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00:42:59 AW: Okay.

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00:43:00 WS: Yes. So after the hospital they put her on some

00:43:04 different medicine and seems to be helping.

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00:43:10 AW: What do you -- just let me get your opinion, Welthy.

00:43:14 What do you think should happen?

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00:43:15 WS: Sure.

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00:43:16 AW: What do you think should happen in this case?

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00:43:18 WS: I think several things. I think Rena Hughes needs to get

00:43:23 off that bench. She is dangerous to children and families.

00:43:32 After my story was on the news, about 15 other people found me

00:43:38 through Facebook mostly --

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00:43:40 AW: Right.

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00:43:41 WS: -- and said: Look, I had the same judge, and here's what

00:43:44 she did to me. And it was all -- every case was just

00:43:47 horrific. And it was violations, same as mine, just

00:43:52 violations. No regard for what really is in the best interest

00:43:58 of the child. Children are being put in dangerous situation.

00:44:05 So I think that she is a danger to Clark County by sitting on

00:44:10 that bench. Every day that she's there, there is -- it's

00:44:15 dangerous. Like I said, I would like to see the woman go to

00:44:20 jail because she abused and traumatized Annie. She absolutely

00:44:25 abused her.

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00:44:27 AW: Okay.

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00:44:30 WS: In my -- my case personally, I would like a fair hearing.

00:44:38 I would like her orders reversed because to take a child away

00:44:45 from their primary attachment figure, the primary caretaker

00:44:53 is -- is very damaging.

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00:44:55 AW: Okay.

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00:44:56 WS: And if Annie could speak, I know that she would say: I

00:45:01 want to be back with my momma. I want to be in my home. I

00:45:06 miss my -- my friends at the ballet school. I miss my pets in

00:45:11 the backyard. And one day a week is not enough.

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00:45:15 AW: Okay. Now, are you going to get a chance to explain this

00:45:18 in this March 6th hearing?

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00:45:21 WS: Not if I have Rena Hughes for my judge because she

00:45:25 doesn't listen to anything.

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00:45:26 AW: Okay.

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00:45:27 WS: If I get another judge, I -- I would hope. I hope that

00:45:31 they are -- they follow the law. If they follow the law,

00:45:35 we're fine. If the law had been followed, none of this would

00:45:41 be happening.

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00:45:41 AW: Okay.

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00:45:44 WS: If we had stuck with the original divorce decree, none of

00:45:49 this would have happened. If my ex had been held accountable

00:45:57 for his frivolous motions that he had put forth, I wouldn't be

00:46:03 bankrupt.

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00:46:04 AW: Right.

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00:46:08 WS: I -- I would like -- definitely I would like the -- the

00:46:11 attorneys fees. Him being awarded attorneys fees when I don't

00:46:17 even have an attorney?

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00:46:18 AW: Right.

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00:46:18 WS: I definitely think that should be reversed.

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00:46:22 AW: So you definitely based upon what you're telling me is

00:46:25 you never had your right to be heard in her courtroom. Is

00:46:29 that correct?

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00:46:30 WS: No, no, I did not.

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00:46:36 AW: Okay. I think that's it. Anything else you want to add,

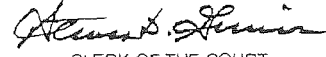
00:46:39 Welthy?

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00:46:41 WS: Oh, goodness. I could talk to you for three hours I'm

00:46:44 sure.

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WELTHY SILVA PLAINTIFF  
VS.  
ROGERIO SILVA DEFENDANT

AFFIDAVIT SEEKING DISQUALIFICATION OF JUDGE DUE TO BIAS OR  
PREJUDICE

I, (your name) WELTHY SILVA, declare under penalty of perjury:

1. I am involved in the above case because I am the (describe your role in this case, i.e., petitioner, relative, etc.) PLAINTIFF. I have personal knowledge of the facts contained in this Declaration and I am competent to testify to the same.
2. Pursuant to NRS 1.230(1), a judge shall not act as such in an action or proceeding when the judge entertains actual bias or prejudice for or against one of the parties to the action.
3. Any party to an action or proceeding pending in a District Court may seek to disqualify a judge for actual or implied bias or prejudice by filing an affidavit specifying the facts upon which the disqualification is sought. NRS 1.235(1).

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4. I believe that the judge assigned in this case is biased and/or prejudiced against me because: *(provide detailed information about why you believe the judge is biased or prejudiced)*: WHEN PRESENTED WITH SO MUCH EVIDENCE OF ABUSE AND NEGLECT BY THE FATHER AND EVIDENCE OF THE MOTHER'S LOVING AND CARING BEHAVIOR, HOW COULD A PERSON COME TO THE DECISION TO REWARD HIM WITH SOLE LEGAL AND PHYSICAL CUSTODY? THE ONLY EXPLANATION IS BIAS AND PREJUDICE.

5. For the reasons listed above, I respectfully request that the judge assigned to this case be disqualified, and that this matter be reassigned to a new judge.
6. The statements in this Declaration are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the law of the State of Nevada that the foregoing is true and correct.

DATED 1.5, 2017.

Submitted By: (your signature) Welthy Silva  
(print your name) WELTHY SILVA

I have reason to believe Judge Rena Hughes is prejudiced against women, home schooling and pro se litigants. She also has no regard for children's emotional wellbeing which is detrimental as a family court judge. I also believe she favors attorneys and law firms which contributed to her campaign. I am aware there are many others with similar cases in her court which further proves the bias.

In a 2015 hearing Judge Hughes says "She wasn't home" when questioning how I knew what happened when my ex husband ran over my trash can and recklessly drove with Annie in the car. The text messages of him admitting it and a police report had been submitted to the court. I have never once lied in court. On the other hand, I have submitted proof of his and his lawyer's lies. This judge has NEVER addressed any of those lies and instead assumes I am lying.

In the January 28th, 2016 hearing Judge Hughes yells at me "I want you to shut your mouth" and "you don't care about your child" after I asked the court for supervised visits to protect Annie and facilitate Rogerio's relationship with his daughter. I was mostly concerned about his reckless driving. Judge Rena Hughes is so quick to deny the supervised visits which would be safe but no hesitation to strip me of ALL parental rights when there was never any abuse on my part.

In the May 12th, 2016 hearing the bailiff working for Hughes shushed me when I had every right to speak as I was representing myself. I am ignored and talked over. Judge Hughes says to me "You are very close to incarceration" but neglects to address Rogerio's contempt. He refuses to pay medical/dental bills or child support, drives reckless with his daughter in the car and verbally assaults his child. He doesn't care about her health but he is so concerned with a math test? She again fails to see the defendant using the court system to harass.

Several times I have felt she believes I am lying by remarks such as "I don't see a name here" when looking at receipts for my daughter's medical/dental bills. They were proper receipts with Annie's name on them. Her words "there's no abuse" as she rolls her eyes.. there was most certainly abuse for years and continues to this day since the court has failed me and my daughter. I have provided 911 calls and witnesses that the court refuses to look at. She has put Annie's life in danger. See attached CPS report.

She said in a very negative tone "You have empowered this child!" when talking about Annie's decision to stop visiting her verbally and emotionally abusive father. I'm proud to say I try to empower every child who comes in my presence. I am working to give children self esteem, to know they deserve to be treated fairly and with kindness. What hope do we have for future generations if we are oppressing them into lives that



do not thrive? I would hope that all people in charge of "child's best interest" would understand that.

The court minutes from June 8, 2016 show many mistakes due to bias.

I was found in contempt for not giving a math test that I gave. The order was "the minor child shall be tested, through Clark County School District OR another facility of defendant's choice" and since defendant did not communicate well with me, I chose the former. Again she sides with defendant saying that if he wasn't happy with the testing, I should be held in contempt even though I did have Annie tested by a Clark County School District teacher as the order stated.

She awards Rogerio Silva attorney fees. Attorney fees? When he has never reimbursed medical or dental bills. And owes more than \$10,000 in child support and alimony. When I could not afford an attorney of my own. I have never been awarded attorney fees for any of his frivolous and vexatious motions.

There is much focus on REUNIFY with father but NO CONTACT with mother is perfectly acceptable. And since the October "hearing" was a coerced stipulation where none of my evidence was looked at and my witnesses were not allowed to testify, I still have little contact with Annie who misses me and her home of 12 years terribly.

Judge Rena Hughes is reckless, ignores or refuses to look at evidence, bases her judgements on hearsay and her personal opinions instead of facts. I humbly ask for her recusal and her orders which are in violation of mine and my daughter's civil rights be reversed. The original divorce decree should stand and no more time or money should be wasted.

**NRS 125C.0045**

2. Any order for joint custody may be modified or terminated by the court upon the petition of one or both parents or on the court's own motion if it is shown that the best interest of the child requires the modification or termination. The court shall state in its decision the reasons for the order of modification or termination if either parent opposes it.

"parental alienation" was stated but there was no proof of that and in fact I could not be held in contempt for such at a later hearing. Furthermore "parental alienation" is an unscientific theory and so can not be used in a court of law.

**NRS 125C.0035**

3. The court shall award physical custody in the following order of preference unless in a particular case the best interest of the child requires otherwise:

(a) To both parents jointly pursuant to \_\_\_\_\_ or to either parent pursuant to \_\_\_\_\_. If the court does not enter an order awarding joint physical custody of a child after either parent has applied for joint physical custody, the court shall state in its decision the reason for its denial of the parent's application.

(b) To a person or persons in whose home the child has been living and where the child has had a wholesome and stable environment.

Annie was abruptly taken out of her home which she had been living and thriving in for 12 years.

4. In determining the best interest of the child, the court shall consider and set forth its specific findings concerning, among other things:

(a) The wishes of the child if the child is of sufficient age and capacity to form an intelligent preference as to his or her physical custody.

Annie is "highly intelligent for her age" as stated by child interviewer through the courts. You can also see how articulate she is in the video where she is being abused by the judge.

(b) Any nomination of a guardian for the child by a parent.

(c) Which parent is more likely to allow the child to have frequent associations and a continuing relationship with the noncustodial parent.

I have provided proof to the courts of my efforts to involve her father. Unfortunately the court ignores my evidence.

- (d) The level of conflict between the parents.
- (e) The ability of the parents to cooperate to meet the needs of the child.
- (f) The mental and physical health of the parents.

I have supplied the court with evidence of father's erratic behavior which endangers the child.

- (g) The physical, developmental and emotional needs of the child.

Annie begged to stay with me and stated clearly to therapists, child interviewers and the judge herself that she did not want to go with her father. She gave reasons to many involved and her emotional needs were ignored by the court.

- (h) The nature of the relationship of the child with each parent.

The mother has always been the attachment figure in Annie's life hence the original divorce decree awarding mother primary custody.

- (i) The ability of the child to maintain a relationship with any sibling.
- (j) Any history of parental abuse or neglect of the child or a sibling of the child.

There has been history of mental abuse and neglect from the father.

(k) Whether either parent or any other person seeking physical custody has engaged in an act of domestic violence against the child, a parent of the child or any other person residing with the child.

(l) Whether either parent or any other person seeking physical custody has committed any act of abduction against the child or any other child.

Mistakes and Bias in Court Minutes/Journal Entries June 8, 2016

1. Father's motions were full of lies, frivolous and vexatious. If the court had done due diligence it should have noticed.
2. Father never objected to homeschooling until after the divorce. Annie had been home schooled since 2010. Parties divorced 2013. The divorce decree (page 2, line 22) states "In the event the parents cannot agree to the selection of a school, the child shall be maintained in the present school pending mediation...  
Therefore I was NOT in violation of the joint legal provision but in fact following the decree and maintaining consistency in Annie's life.
3. "without his consent" Mother was homeschooling Annie for three years while Father lived in the house. He also signed the divorce decree which stated Annie would remain in present schooling.
4. Mother NEVER withheld the minor child. The child refused to go with Father and when police were called, Mother offered child to speak directly with police and did not interfere. They in turn did not force Annie to go. Some were very supportive of Annie's decision as she had clear and rational reasons for not wanting to go.
5. The initial appointment did take place. Mother and Annie both saw Keisha in her office for two hours.
6. In the reports from Keisha Weiford (which I do not have access to but remember reading), there were statements about Father's neglect, miscommunication, showing his sorrow through anger, etc. In all of Judge Hughes' journal entries, NONE of this is stated. It is very one sided and full of OPINIONS of Weiford and Hughes. I also recall in Weiford's report the statement "Annie's views are her own" which is in direct contrast with "Annie's thoughts appeared to be those of her mother" \*Mother DID engage in reunification therapy by bringing Annie to Weiford's office no less than SIX times.
7. Why did the court not address Father's non payment of child support, alimony and unreimbursed medical/dental bills which equal more than \$10,000? Mother informed the court she would be happy to go forward with an evaluation if Father paid what he owed.
8. Mother encouraged and facilitated visits on weekends for 2 1/2 YEARS! Even though all Mondays except for two were a disaster because Annie returned to Mother in such emotional distress. Mother also did exactly what was expected by Donna's house and Donna's house reports show that.
9. Mother had a friend of the family take Annie to Donna's house third and fourth time to further FACILITATE visitation. The fourth time, Father did not show up.
10. Mother can not in good conscience COMPEL a child to go with someone they are afraid of.
11. The last order made by Judge Hughes regarding heloc was May 2015. It stated plaintiff shall continue to pay heloc as long as it is not 60 days delinquent. The payment has never been one day late.
12. See all supplements proving plaintiff was wrongfully held in contempt. An appeal would have been done if finances allowed.

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FRIDAY'S  
LETTERDISTRICT COURT  
CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

Divorce - Complaint

COURT MINUTES

June 08, 2016

D-12-467820-D

Welthy Silva, Plaintiff

vs.

Rogerio Silva, Defendant.

June 08, 2016

2:30 PM

Minute Order

HEARD BY: Hughes, Rena G.

COURTROOM: Courtroom 04

COURT CLERK: Tiffany Skaggs

## PARTIES:

Annie Silva, Subject Minor, not present

Rogerio Silva, Defendant, Counter Claimant, Lesley Cohen, Attorney, not present  
not presentWelthy Silva, Plaintiff, Counter Defendant, not Pro Se  
present

## JOURNAL ENTRIES

- Per Judge Hughes

NRCP 1 and EDCR 1.10 state that the procedure in district courts shall be administered to secure efficient, speedy, and inexpensive determinations in every action. Pursuant to EDCR 2.23(c) and 5.11(e), this Court can consider a motion and issue a decision on the papers at any time without a hearing. Further, pursuant to EDCR 2.20(c), this Court can grant the requested relief if there is no opposition timely filed.

This Court has read and considered the current underlying pleadings in this matter.

1. This case has a lengthy, troubled history. Since the parties divorce on April 26, 2013, they have been before this Court no less than 9 times, primarily on Father's motions to enforce his rights of custody and visitation, and regarding his objection to the minor child ( Annie ) being home schooled by

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Mother. The parties are also disputing the handling of the HELOC account after divorce.

The Decree of Divorce granted the parties joint legal, and Mother primary physical custody of the minor child, Annie. Father's visitation period was weekly from Saturday at 11:00 a.m. to Monday at 10:00 a.m.

2. In April 2014, Father filed a motion to have Annie tested to determine her educational level, and to have her placed in public school. Mother was home schooling Annie over Father's objection, and allegedly in violation of the joint legal custodial provisions of the Decree of Divorce. A hearing did not take place on this motion, because counsel for Father failed to file a valid proof of service.

3. In January 2015, Father filed a second motion for academic testing, to have Annie placed in public school, to modify child custody to primary to Father, and enforce the Decree of Divorce with respect to the HELOC. The Decree ordered Mother to refinance or sell the former marital residence because Father's name is on the HELOC. Father requested a change in custody based on Mother's decision to home school Annie, without his consent. Father alleged that when he objected to Mother about the home schooling, she denied him visitation. At the hearing in February 2015, the parties were ordered to mediation to address Father's visitation, and for a child interview. It was alleged that Annie did not wish to visit, with Father.

4. In or around April 2015, Mother began withholding the minor child during Father's custodial time. In May 2015, Father called the police to assist him in facilitating his visitation, and Mother refused to turn over the child.

The parties stipulated in July 2015 to reunification therapy for Father and Annie. The Court ordered reunification therapy with Keisha Weiford and Father to bear the cost. The Court also ordered Mother to have math testing performed, and that Father would have compensatory time over the summer break. The Court further ordered the parties to provide a history of the HELOC payments and the current balance.

5. Keisha Weiford provided reports in early July and August 2015, informing the Court that Father met with her for reunification therapy and paid all fees. In July 2015, Mother arrived for the initial appointment, but did not leave the parking lot, alleging Annie would not get out of the car. Keisha Weiford went to meet Mother and Annie in the parking lot and spoke to them. Ms. Weiford spoke with Annie and calmed her fears, but then Mother ended the conversation by stating that Annie was too stressed to go forward with the appointment. Mother reiterated that Annie does not want to meet with her father. Ms. Weiford also reported that Mother called days prior to the first appointment and told her Annie did not want to come to the appointment or was unwilling to get in the car. Mother wanted to know if Annie could terminate the reunification session if Father started to lie in session. Father met with Ms. Weiford and reported that Annie was upset with him for having her tested, and for questioning her home schooling. Ms. Weiford contacted Mother again and

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requested she bring Annie to meet with her father for reunification. Mother stated to Ms. Weiford that Annie was not willing to meet with her Father because she did not want to be around his negative energy. Annie agreed to meet with Ms. Weiford individually.

The following is an excerpt from Ms. Weiford report of the July 8, 2015 meeting with Annie. Annie definitely displayed irritation with me at our meeting. She reported she told me at the beginning of our previous session that she did not want to be reunified, with her Dad. I asked her if Mom explained to her that even though she told me that I would still need to meet with her and Dad. Annie reported that her mother did not explain that to her because her mother did not understand why I could not take her word only. Annie reported to me that she was not joking, and did not want to be reunified. She reported that anyone that knows her is aware that she does not give second chances and she has already given her Dad too many chances. She reported that the only reason that her Dad is pushing for this reunification is because he likes drama.

Ms. Weiford reported I am having a hard time distinguishing what were the problems in the marriage and what are the problems in the parent-child relationship. It seems very much intertwined, with Mom's relationship with Dad. I am concerned with the possible enmeshment that Annie and Mom might have. Ms. Weiford recommended Mother get behind the reunification and share the financial responsibility of reunification therapy. Father paid Ms. Weiford a total of \$1,800.00 for reunification therapy that never occurred. Ms. Weiford then canceled the remaining reunification appointments.

\* In October 2015, the Court issued an Order to Show Cause against Mother for not following the Court's Order to engage in reunification therapy, and ordered reunification therapy to continue. The Court further ordered the parties to equally divide the cost of therapy for the previous sessions, and for Mother to pay for all future sessions.

Mother terminated the reunification with Ms. Weiford, reporting that finances were an issue ..and Annie was done.

Before terminating the reunification therapy, Ms. Weiford conducted three (3) sessions with Father and Annie. According to Ms. Weiford's report of November 2, 2015, Annie was tearful at first, but by the time of the second session, she was comfortable with her Father and played games with him. Annie left the second session cheerful. Before starting the third session, Annie told Ms. Weiford, she did not want to be reunified and did not want to have a relationship with her father.

Ms. Weiford had authority to contact Annie's therapist and received a report that Annie did not report abuse, neglect, or any other issues with her father concerning safety and welfare. In Ms. Weiford's opinion, the issues between Annie and her Father had more to do with his conflicts with her Mother than with his personal relationship with her. Ms. Weiford further opined that Mother was creating the rift between Father and Annie, because Annie's thoughts appeared to be those of her

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Mother, from her difficult relationship with Father.

In January 2016, the Court issued an Order to Show Cause against Plaintiff for having violated the Court's Orders of May 5, 2015, July 21, 2015, October 7, 2015, and January 5, 2016 to have the child subjected to standardized testing for math proficiency. Further, because Mother was not facilitating reunification therapy, the Court ordered visitation exchanges occur at Donna's House, so the exchanges could be observed, and a report to the Court generated. Visitation was ordered for 2.5 hours on dates certain throughout February 2016, with eventual overnights at the end of February, to take place each week. On February 16, 2016, Donna's House reported that the parties completed the orientation process, but Annie refused to go with her Father for visitation, and they canceled future exchanges.

7. The Court then issued a referral Order for Outsourced Evaluation Services with Claudia Schwarz on February 28, 2016. Each party was ordered to pay one half of Ms. Schwarz's fees. On March 1, 2016, Ms. Schwarz reported to the Court that Father was in compliance with the Court's order and was ready to begin services, however, Mother contacted her and explained she cannot pay for services at this time. Because Mother could not pay for services, the Court AGAIN ordered child custody exchanges to resume, at Donna's House, as previously ordered. The Court FURTHER  
8. ADMONISHED Mother that if she did not encourage and facilitate the exchanges on weekends, Annie would spend the entire summer with Father, Mother may be held in contempt, and further sanctions could issue against her. Mother brought Annie to Donna's House for the exchange and  
9. Annie refused to go with Father.

0. This Court FINDS that Mother has failed to facilitate Father's visitation with Annie. Because Mother has failed to facilitate visitation with Father, she has violated his parental rights and the orders of this Court. Mother was advised at the last court hearing that if she did not compel the minor child to visit with Father on weekends, the child would spend the entire summer with Father.

Based upon the reasons stated above: IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

This Court finds that Plaintiff is in contempt of the Court's order to facilitate visitation on weekends with the Father, AN ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE SHALL ISSUE.

11. AN ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE is also issued against Plaintiff for not complying with the Court's orders to refinance the HELOC, on the former marital residence, or in the alternative, to have it sold.

12. AN ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE is further issued against Plaintiff for not having Annie tested for Math proficiency in a timely manner as ordered by the Court.

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Mother shall bring the minor child to Dept. J, Court room #4, on June 15, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. If Mother fails to deliver the minor child to the courtroom on June 15, 2016, she shall be deemed in further contempt of Court, and sentenced to twenty-five (25) days incarceration. If Mother fails to appear, a bench warrant shall issue.

The Order to Show Cause hearing shall be scheduled for July 28, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. The Status Check, set for July 28, 2016, at 10:00 am, shall hereby, be VACATED.

Counsel for Defendant shall prepare an Order consistent with this Court minute, and the Orders to Show Cause.

Clerk's note, a copy, of today's minute order was mailed, to Plaintiff and placed, in counsel's folder, at Family Court.

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All of the following documents have been submitted to Rena Hughes' court multiple times through Trial Memorandum placed in her box on the third floor at 601 N. Pecos or filed as supplemental exhibits or with motions.

Text messages show correspondence between  
Rogerio (father, defendant) on the LEFT and Welthy (mother, plaintiff) on the RIGHT

**C. DESCRIPTION OF CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT:**

Please provide your name and phone number, so the Hotline may call you back if additional information is needed.

I previously reported that Annie's father had neglected to take her back to neurologist and her seizures had tripled in frequency since being forced to live with her father against her wishes. She was in my care Friday night and had a seizure so I took her to Sunrise hospital. They admitted her. I let her father know we were there. The next day her father came with his girlfriend, Mercedes. Mercedes asked what was different about the seizure to make me bring Annie to the hospital. I thought, but did not say "You mean different from the five seizures that you guys ignored?" These seizures are life threatening! She can not breath when they happen. Anyway, we were cordial for hours. Then, for no apparent reason, Annie's father showed court papers that my visitation time was up and I was forced to leave our daughter who very much wanted me to stay. Sunday morning I received a text from Annie telling me to go get her new medicine that the hospital had prescribed. I went to the hospital to get the paper and more information. I asked her father to please give me some money to help pay for the medicine which was \$77. I only had \$20. He responded "No" and refused to talk about it anymore with me. I had to go to the nurses (Danielle and one other) to help implore him to get the medicine. As he was leaving he said "Don't let her in the room. She's not supposed to be here." I hope you can appreciate the lack of concern for Annie in this situation.

Two very important issues -  
 Father has neglected child's health for five months.  
 Father refused to pay for medication and hospital had to intervene.

You may get all records and speak with staff on the fourth floor of the children's hospital, Maryland Parkway. She was in room 4031.

HOW IS THE CHILD REACTING TO THE SITUATION? (Please list specific behaviors exhibited by the child (e.g., fearful).

anxious

ANY PREVIOUSLY KNOWN OR SUSPECTED ABUSE OR NEGLECT OF THE CHILD?

☒ YES ☐ NO ☐ UNKNOWN

DOES THE CHILD CURRENTLY HAVE MARKS OR BRUISES?

☐ YES ☒ NO ☐ UNKNOWN

IF YES, PLEASE DESCRIBE THE LOCATION OF THE MARKS/BRUISES AND SEVERITY (Be specific.)

IF KNOWN, PLEASE DESCRIBE ANY ISSUES THE PARENTS MAY HAVE WHICH INHIBIT THEIR ABILITY TO CARE FOR THE CHILD.  
(e.g., drug use, mental/physical disabilities)

I believe father has a mental illness. I don't believe he is cruel on purpose.

WHERE IS THE CHILD CURRENTLY LOCATED?

WAS LAW ENFORCEMENT CONTACTED?

☐ YES ☒ NO IF YES, PLEASE PROVIDE DATE AND EVENT NUMBER.

CURRENT OR PREVIOUS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE BETWEEN THE PARENTS?

☒ YES ☐ NO ☐ UNKNOWN

WHEN DID YOU BECOME AWARE OF THIS INFORMATION, OR HOW DID YOU WITNESS THE ABUSE/NEGLECT?

June 25, 2015


To Whom It May Concern,

I have had the pleasure of knowing Welthy Silva and her daughter Annie for over 6 years. Our daughters were in the same Montessori school. I have had my daughters enrolled in ballet classes with Welthy for over 5 years. I have many options for ballet schools, but I have kept my daughters with Ms Welthy because not only does she provide excellent ballet instruction she provides a safe, happy and peaceful experience for my children. There is a wonderful balance of respect, guidance and nurturing that is not easy to find.

Over these 5 years I have had the opportunity to know Annie as well. She is one of the most mature, kind and self-aware young ladies I have met. She is happy and always interested in making sure those around her are happy as well. She and my oldest daughter would often have their own practices and choreograph and direct their own performances. Over the years I have seen some of the innocence in this child disappear. I understand this is not abnormal, as we grow we all lose some of our innocence, but I do believe it was more pronounced for Annie. You could see that she would struggle with going to visit her father. You could visibly see the change in Annie's attitude, both emotionally and physically. She would withdraw a bit from what was happening around her and she would not have that happy go lucky air about her. She was not afraid to tell me that she was not happy to leave. Annie has always been very aware of her own feelings, right and wrong, happy and sad.

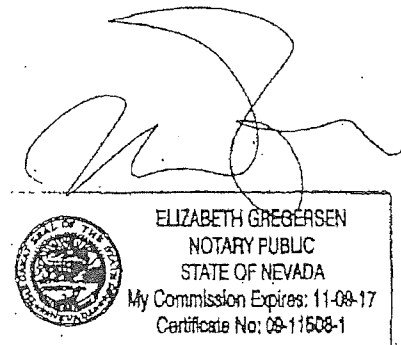
Over the last few weeks I have seen some of this happiness return for Annie. She is more engaged and more peaceful. She just seems more at ease. It is my hope, for Annie, that she will be able to continue to be a happy kid and enjoy more of life's pure innocence and beauty.

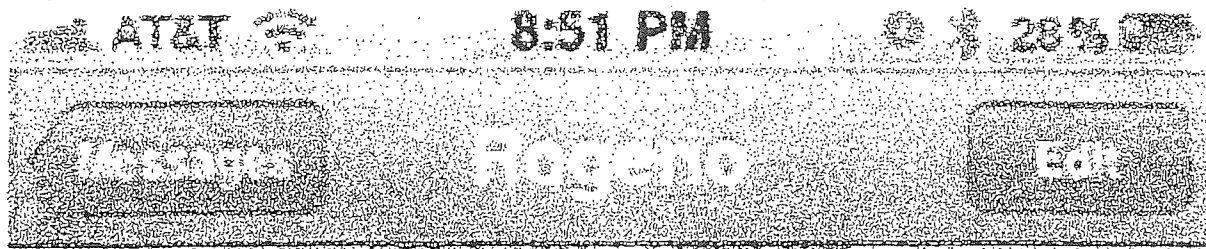
Respectfully,



Caron L. Olsen

State of Nevada  
County of Clark  
This instrument was acknowledged before me by  
Caron Olsen  
(Name of signer)

Dated July 16, 2015



Apr 5, 2012 11:20 PM

MOTHER

Sorry about this morning. I hope u know I only encourage her to have a good relationship with you.

Apr 5, 2012 12:46 AM

FATHER

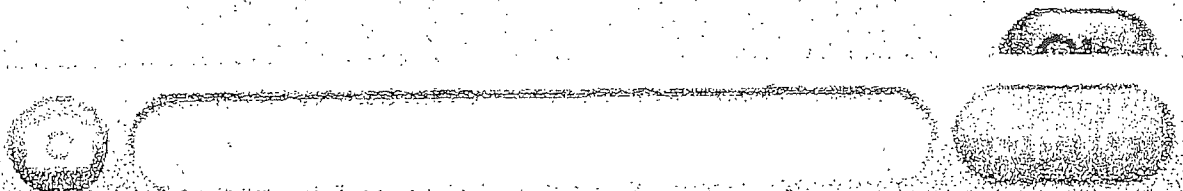
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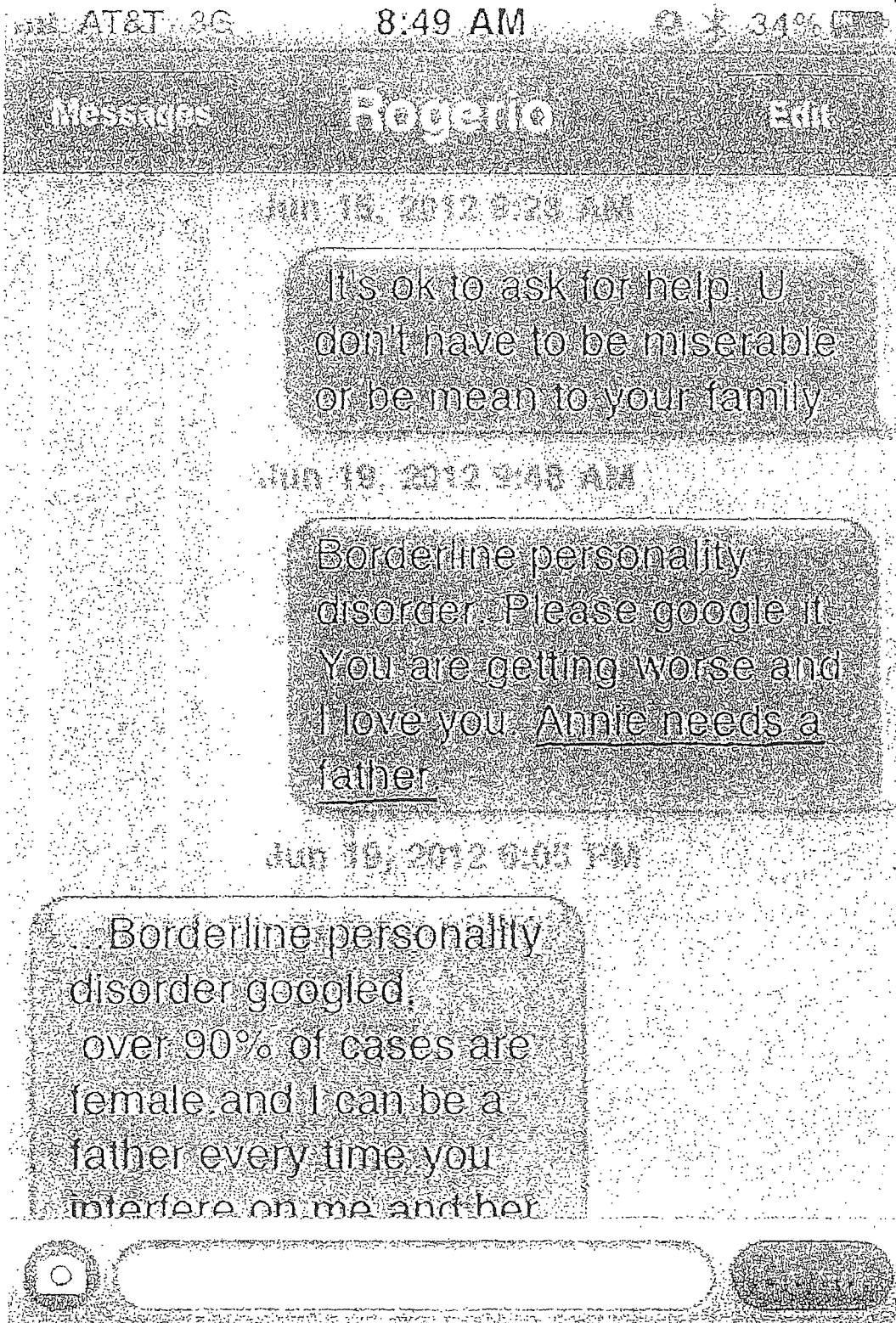
Apr 7, 2012 2:40 PM

Maybe there's a minute today you could keep Annie?

If You wanna drop off here at the shop

Apr 7, 2012 3:04 PM





AT&T 3G

8:49 AM

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Battery icon

Messages

HUGHES

Edit

father every time you  
interfere on me and her  
relationship

Nevermind

I mean Annie needs a  
consistent father without  
the drama

Jun 19, 2012 7:12 PM

Listen, I am not a  
psychiatrist but I have  
lived with you a long time.  
There is obviously  
something and if you  
could be honest with  
yourself and do something  
about it, I would forever



AT&amp;T

11:29 PM

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Messages

Rogerio

Edit

I asked for her Number

702-997-2865

Sep 2, 2012 6:31 PM

My advise to you is to find a paying job so you can afford at least half of the child expense, otherwise I'll hv no choice but to tk the kid away frum you and she'll live wit me, she'll go to public school like I did, days I can't tk care of her she'll go to a day care, you can visit her on a Saturday 10am till 10pm, any other days by court order



AT&amp;T

12:09 PM

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Messages

Rogerio

Edit

Apr 24, 2013 11:43 AM

FATHER

Dont hang up on me again  
or Pirate festival will be  
Friday only

Im gonna enforce it Friday  
only it is print it up and  
send it to your lawyer

Don't fuck with me or the  
little time i hv with my kid

Asshole

Rott in your fucking  
misery fucking cunt!!!!  
Enuff of you!!!!Don't fuck  
up my day anymore bitch



AT&amp;T 3G

11:57 AM

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Messages

Rogerio

Edit

You should be getting  
served to go to court soon  
anyway. annie school  
testing/refinance  
home/rearrange schedule.  
I also need Annie school  
records, lesson plans and  
curriculum

Whatever

Sep 20, 2014 9:50 AM

Heads up.  
This message will be  
notarized and taken to  
court as proof of request  
for my personal record.

How many children do



Send

AT&amp;T 3G

11:57 AM

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Messages

Rogelio

Edit

you know that actually  
 enjoy their school? Or are  
 half as well spoken and  
 educated as Annie? I don't  
 care about your threats

And the offer of u coming  
 to the house and observe  
 with Annie learn up  
 homeschool stuff stands

Sep 20, 2014 10:00 AM

I just hope Annie is ok  
 after m. road's wild ride  
 this morning

Write it all down and Save  
 it to the judge




Send

AT&amp;T 3G

11:57 AM

31% 

Messages

Rogero

Edit

I understand your  
frustration...but, you're not  
the only parent trying to  
fight for Whits right for  
child's best interest

Sep 20, 2014 11:02 AM

And driving off with your  
Childs door not even  
closed is in her best  
interest?

Sep 20, 2014 11:28 AM

Your going off subject.  
Let me try to  
communicate again.ik  
your time and read it  
slowly!!



Send

AT&amp;T 3G

8:29 PM

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She's an 11yo. she don't  
get to make decisions. we  
are responsible for her

Just paid the child support  
and I'm getting no support  
here.

May 1, 2016 4:41 PM


MOTHER

Yes we are responsible  
for her and as a  
responsible parent, I am  
supporting her decision to  
not go with a man who  
drives recklessly,  
threatens to not feed her  
and is emotionally abusive  
on a regular basis.



AT&amp;T 3G

12:41 AM

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Messages

Rogerio

Edit

You fit right in.  
You're mental sick and  
need help

I'll be happy to share all  
homeschool papers,  
methods philosophy with  
you. I'm very proud of our  
homeschool and most  
importantly Annie loves  
learning and enjoys it.  
If she wasn't thriving and  
thriving, I would change  
something.

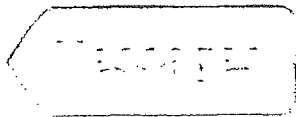
Also when you there on  
computer look it up  
"parent alienation  
syndrome"



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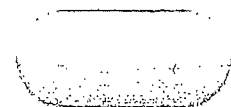
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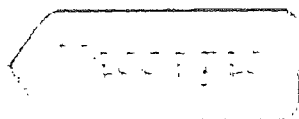


Would u like to come sit in  
the house for a day and  
watch how Annie does  
homeschool? I'm fine with  
that as long as you keep  
quiet and don't make any  
negative comments.

Negative.im bring in 3rd  
part professional  
education.

Just filed CPS complaint.  
Contact CCSD education  
neglect department.  
Silvan learning center  
parent orientation  
program



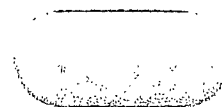


Then leave Annie alone.  
She is brilliant. Let her be  
who she is gonna be, not  
what u think she should  
be. Her feelings matter!!!

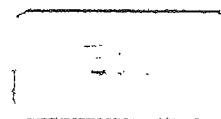
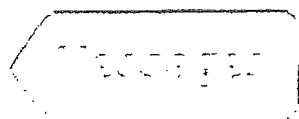
K.you got it..wait for that  
letter in the mail

U won't stop until she  
hates you.

I bet it feels good that  
1500\$ a month you lychee  
of me .that ain't charity  
that's to insure my piece







Intellectual and being  
smart is 2 different things.i  
want both for her

You're doing harm!!!

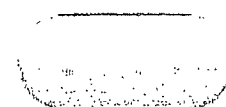
She learns all day

The offer still stands- u  
can come watch her  
homeschool for a day

You are not qualified to  
teach

The state of Nevada  
thinks so

She's getting held back



1. In 2007, the Nevada State Legislature annulled certain responsibilities of school district homeschool administrators as previously outlined in NAC 392.011 through 392.065. Effective July 1, 2007, new homeschooling responsibilities for school district homeschool administrators were outlined in SB404. General information related to SB404 includes:

1. SB404 eliminated the requirement for parents to present to the board of trustees of their school district "satisfactory written evidence that the child is receiving equivalent instruction as that offered in public schools."

\* 2. Testing – No. Requirement abolished Sept. 1997.

3. No regulation or policy of the State Board, any school district, or any other governmental entity may infringe upon the right of a parent to educate his child based on religious preference unless it is essential to further a compelling governmental interest and is the least restrictive means of furthering that compelling governmental interest.

SB404 Sec 5 (13)

**HOMESCHOOLED CHILDREN**

**NRS 392.700 Notice of intent to homeschool; release of child's records; participation in examinations; educational plan; discrimination prohibited.**

1. If the parent of a child who is subject to compulsory attendance wishes to homeschool the child, the parent must file with the superintendent of schools of the school district in which the child resides a written notice of intent to homeschool the child. The Department shall develop a standard form for the notice of intent to homeschool. The form must not require any information or assurances that are not otherwise required by this section or other specific statute. The board of trustees of each school district shall, in a timely manner, make only the form developed by the Department available to parents who wish to homeschool their child.

2. The notice of intent to homeschool must be filed before beginning to homeschool the child or:

## Receipt of Notice of Intent to Homeschool



State of Nevada

Welthy Silva

Anne Venencio Silva

Parent/Guardian's Name

Student's Name

Physical Address

Mailing Address (if different)

1433 Cottonwood Place

Las Vegas, NV 89104

- This is acknowledgment that a Notice of Intent to Homeschool was received by the superintendent of schools of Clark County School District as required by NRS 392, and the child listed above is being homeschooled. This written acknowledgment serves as proof of compliance with Nevada's compulsory school attendance law. This acknowledgment must be provided whenever a Notice of Intent to Homeschool has been filed.
- This acknowledgment is not required for the parent to formally withdraw their child from public school. The parent must file a Notice of Intent to Homeschool within 10 days after formal withdrawal.
- The District is required to retain a physical or electronic copy of this acknowledgment for not less than 15 years.

MARK E. SCHWAM, Coordinator  
Office of Homeschooling and Work Exemptions

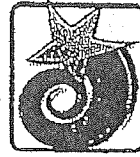
Date September 9, 2010

If you have any questions, please call 775-687-9238.

INLD Revised July 1, 2007

**Message Report**

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*Welthy Stallings generated this report on 03/24/15 at 01:53 PM. All times are listed in America/Los\_Angeles timezone.*

Email: 1 of 1  
Date: 03/08/2015 12:34 PM  
From: Welthy Stallings  
To: Rogério Silva (First View: 03/09/2015 2:49 PM)  
Subject: RE: Annie school testing  
Message:

I called her last week. Waiting for her reply.

On Mon, 03/02/15 at 6:45 PM, Rogério Silva wrote:  
To: Welthy Stallings  
Subject: RE: Annie school testing  
Message:

I notified Katrina that You are gonna call and set a time for Annie school test just mention Roger silva regarding Annie silva grade test.lemme  
kno when you call and set the test

On Wed, 02/25/15 at 11:30 AM, Welthy Stallings wrote:  
To: Rogério Silva  
Subject: RE: Annie school testing  
Message:  
What is the phone number?

On Mon, 02/23/15 at 2:08 PM, Rogério Silva wrote:  
To: Welthy Stallings  
Subject: Annie school testing  
Message:

I spoke with Katrina gates school illiteracy coordinator for Annie standard test.  
She hv openings this wed feb 25th, thurs 26th and friday 27th @ 1pm opening what day is Best for You to take Her? And if You cannot  
take Her i have The time

March 17, 2015

I am the literacy specialist at Crestwood ES. I met with Annie Silva last Wednesday, March 11. She brought one of her own books with her and she read aloud to me. She gave me some background about the story and where she left off. She continued reading aloud with only 1-2 errors. I stopped her every 1-2 paragraphs and she summarized what she read correctly. I asked her about some of the vocabulary words in the story and she defined them correctly.

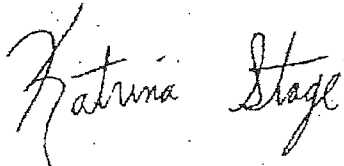
Next, I had her read some 5<sup>th</sup> grade level books that I had. She selected one and began reading it with success. She struggled with one word, I helped her with the root word and then she was able to clarify the word correctly. Again, I had her summarize what she was reading and she was able to comprehend what she read.

Next I gave her a 5<sup>th</sup> grade level passage and timed her for one minute to see how many words she read per minute. She read 118 words per minute. The range for 5<sup>th</sup> graders is from 120-180.

If you have any more questions, please do not hesitate to call or email me at [kstage@interact.ccsd.net](mailto:kstage@interact.ccsd.net)

702 799 7890 ext. 2148

Katrina Stage

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Katrina Stage". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the printed name.

# *Christopher R. Tilman, Chtd.*

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March 20, 2014

VIA FAX TO: 678-1849

Lynn Shoen, Esq.  
3670 N. Rancho Drive #108  
Las Vegas, NV 89130

Re: Welthy Silva v. Rogerio Silva

Dear Lynn:

My client would not agree to testing the child at Sylvan, or anywhere else. Her reasoning is that your client has never had a problem with her home schooling the child, and in fact, he encouraged it. She home schooled the child for three years while the parties were together and has continued with home-schooling. The child is quite intelligent and my client is teaching her under the Montessori and "un-schooling philosophy" that the parties have had for years.

If your client continues to have a problem with this, then my client suggests testing with a teacher that Annie knows and is comfortable with. Please note that your client's constant pressuring to complete this test has lead Annie to not even want to go for visitation. Therefore, this is causing a wedge between the child and her father. I ask that he give this matter some thought.

Additionally, your client has NOT put ANY money in the Heloc, let alone the \$24,000.00 as ordered by the Court. I do not want to file for contempt but may be forced to do so. Please discuss these issues with your client. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

  
Christopher R. Tilman, Esq.

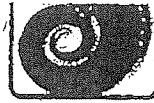
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cc: Welthy Silva

## Message Report

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Message: 1 of 1  
Date: 07/10/2015 6:49 PM  
From: Rogerio Silva  
To: Welthy Stallings (First View: 07/11/2015 8:40 AM)  
Subject: Test  
Message:

Standardize test  
Kumon learning center  
Flamingo rd  
Concerns (holly) instructor  
Free parent orientation  
7028714828

KUMON ?

THOUGHT IT WAS SYLVAN.

THE INCONSISTENCY CONTINUES..

80%

## Grade 5 Mathematics Test

Student Name: AnnieDate: 10/13/15

## Operations and Algebraic Thinking

- 6 Which expressions are equivalent in  $4 + 1 - (9 \div 3)$ ? Select all that apply.
- ☒ A  $24 \div 3 - 6$
- ☐ B  $7 \times 3 - 14 + 9$
- ☒ C  $4 \times 4 + 4 \div 10$
- ☐ D  $8 \times 2 \div (2 + 3 \times 2)$

## Number and Operations in Base Ten

- 7 Which statements about place value are true? Select all that apply.
- ☐ A The value of the digit 5 in the number 6,526 is 10 times the value of the digit 5 in the number 5,241.
- ☒ B The value of the digit 8 in the number 8.6+1 is 10 times the value of the digit 8 in the number 4,803.
- ☒ C The value of the digit 1 in the number 105 is  $\frac{1}{10}$  the value of the digit 1 in the number 1,267.
- ☐ D The value of the digit 3 in the number 36 is  $\frac{1}{10}$  the value of the digit 3 in the number 63.

## Number and Operations-Fractions

- 17 Which expression could be used to find the sum of  $4\frac{2}{3} + \frac{1}{5}$ ?
- A  $4 + (\frac{2}{15} + \frac{1}{15})$
- B  $4 + (\frac{2 \times 1}{3 + 5})$
- C  $4 + (\frac{2+1}{3+5})$
- ☒ D  $4 + (\frac{10}{15} + \frac{3}{15})$

On Tuesday, October 13, 2015,  
Annie Silva came to room 206  
at Hyde Park Middle School. She  
took an end-of-year math test,  
the test we give (similar to) to incoming  
6th graders. She got 4/5 correct, which  
is well above passing — 60% is passing.  
With those scores, she would be eligible  
for entry into our magnet program.

Lauren Beattie

Phonetic

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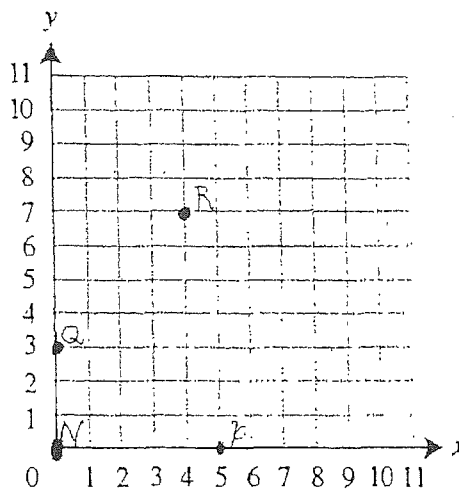
## Measurement and Data

- 29 A fish tank holds 50 gallons of water. Maria removes 16 cups of water from the fish tank. How many quarts of water remain in the fish tank?

A 34 quarts  
B 46 quarts  
C 184 quarts  
D 196 quarts

## Geometry

- 40 A coordinate grid is shown below.



On the coordinate grid, graph and label the four points described below.

- Point  $N$  is located at the origin.
- Point  $P$  is located on the  $x$ -axis, 5 units away from the origin.
- Point  $Q$  is located on the  $y$ -axis, 3 units away from the origin.
- Point  $R$  has an  $x$ -coordinate of 4 and a  $y$ -coordinate of 7.



Welthy Stallings generated this report on 02/04/16 at 08:08 PM. All times are listed in America/Los\_Angeles timezone.

Message: 1 of 1

Date: 08/14/2015 11:16 PM

From: Rogerio Silva

To: Welthy Stallings (First View: 08/21/2015 8:15 AM)

Subject: RE: Testing

Message:

What a load of Nonsense!! start looking for a good charter school And help with extra tutoring

On Wed, 08/12/15 at 1:41 PM, Welthy Stallings wrote:

To: Rogerio Silva

Subject: RE: Testing

Message:

Do you not know if the answers are right? If not, maybe fifth grade math isn't all that important for getting through life. After all, you have a job. You make money.

All the answers are correct. That's how we do homeschool.

On Sat, 08/08/15 at 8:16 PM, Rogerio Silva wrote:

To: Welthy Stallings

Subject: RE: Testing

Message:

I dont see any score test here

On Thu, 07/30/15 at 10:21 PM, Welthy Stallings wrote:

To: Rogerio Silva

Subject: Testing

Message:



Here is a copy of Annie's math test to show you she is at fifth grade level. I am very proud of her and hope you are too. Please let this be sufficient. You are only stressing her unnecessarily if you want to fight about it further. She has finally got to a place where she does not HATE math ~ I would like to keep her at that place. Thank you very much.

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CA 100%

# Printable 5th grade math test

Name AnnieDate: 6/25/15

Solve the following problems

1.

In the equation below, what is the value of ?

$$(2 + 4) \times 5 = ? + 20$$

2.

Darline has a special purse that can hold 20 lipsticks. How many purse does Darline need if she has 420 lipsticks?

A. 20   B. 22   C. 23   D. 21

3. Represent the following situation with an integer. Then put them in order

A loss of 12 dollars -125 feet above sea level 5a debit of 20 dollars -20A gain of 50 dollars 50-20, -12, 5, 50

4.

Get a CD. Put your finger on the edge. Move your finger around the edge until your finger reaches the same location you had it before moving it.

Your finger measured the \_\_\_\_\_ of the CD

A. Area   B. Circumference   C. Volume   D. Surface area

5.

Debbie studies for 5 hours, John studies for 6 hours, and Ashley studies for 10 hours. What is the average number of hours the 3 students study?  $5+6+10=21 \div 3 = 7$

(A. 7) B. 8 C. 8 D. 5

6.

$$-5 + 8 = \underline{3}$$

$$5 + -8 = \underline{-3}$$

$$-5 + -8 = \underline{-13}$$

$$5 + 8 = \underline{13}$$

7.

Compare the following two decimals. Use either  $<$ ,  $>$ , or  $=$ .

$$564.1540791 > 564.1540789$$

8.

Find the perimeter and area of the rectangle below:

5

7

$$\text{Perimeter} = \underline{24} \text{ units}$$

$$\text{Area} = \underline{35} \text{ square units}$$

9.

Get a quarter and toss it.

The different outcome are ~~tail~~ 3 tail. 3 heads

Write the probability of getting heads as a fraction  $\frac{1}{2}$

Write the probability of getting heads as a percent 50%

Write the probability of getting heads as a decimal 0.5

10.

Add  $\frac{2}{3}$  and  $\frac{5}{6}$   $\frac{9}{6}$

11.

Write the answer for number 10 as a mixed number  $1 \frac{3}{6}$

Write the answer for number 10 in lowest terms  $1 \frac{1}{2}$

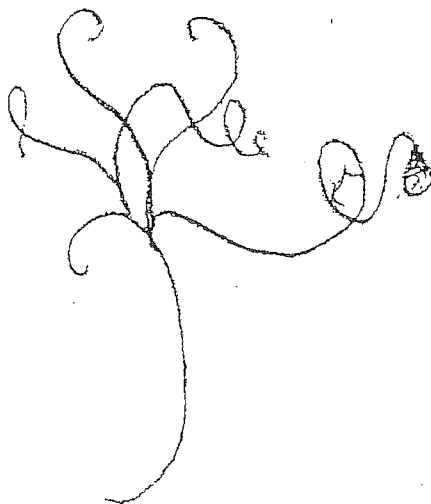
12.

Divide 7845 by 15 523

13.

An ice cream place offers vanilla, rhum raisin, chocolate, and peanut butter as flavors. They have sugar cone, cake cone, and chocolate-coated cone

Make a tree in the space below showing the different combinations of ice cream and cone you can order.



How many orders can you place?

- A. 7   B. 4   **C. 12**   D. 3

*four words people  
I think 2 outside 3 the 4 box*

14.

To find the number on the right, you need to

2	11	A
4	19	B
7	31	C
12	51	C

- A.** Multiply the number on the left by 5 and then add 1  
**B.** Multiply the number on the left by 5 and then subtract 1  
**C.** Multiply the number on the left by 4 and then add 3  
 D. Multiply the number on the left by 3 and then add 10

15.

Which of these units is the best to measure the length of a book

- A. Millimeter   **B.** Centimeter   C. Kilometer   D. Meter

16.

Replace the question mark with the missing number

$$64837 - ? = 63936$$

$$54 + ? = 25 + 36 = 61$$

17.

Two sides of an isosceles triangle measure 6 and 10. The perimeter of the triangle could be

6/25/2015

Printable 5th grade math test

A. 26 or 21 B. 12 or 20 C. 2 or 23 D. 26 or 22

18.

What information could you find with the following situation?

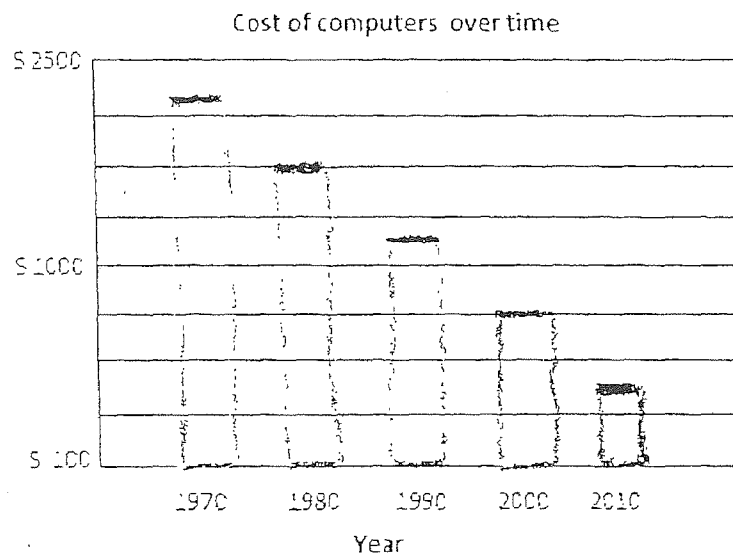
Noemy bought a box of apples for \$4.20. She now has \$2.35 in her purse.

A. Noemy's allowance every month B. How much the apples cost C. How much money Noemy had before buying the apples D. How many apples are there in the box

\$ 6.55

19.

Examine the graph below and then choose the correct answer



A. Computers will cost 50 dollars in 2020 B. Computer cost has decreased by more than 2000 dollars  
 C. Compared to 1970, computers cost half as much in 2010 D. In 2030, the price of computers may disappear. Great!

(not gonna happen)

20.

You want to share 1000 dollars between you and 5 friends.

Can you share the money evenly? no

What is the maximum amount that can be shared evenly? 999.99

left of Annie's childhood and her heart. She said "Even if you know it's not true, do you know how heartbreaking it is for your father to call you ugly?" He has said in the past to Annie "It's not fair I get a dirty child on Saturday and bring you back clean." Annie is always clean! I am a clean freak and she has excellent hygiene skills.

2016 NO VISITATION WITH FATHER

February 15th - 25th

Monday math, played outside, cleaned her frog's tank

Tuesday French, touch typing (typingclub.com), Dungeons and Dragons at Writers Block, read the Reptile Room by Lemony Snicket

Wednesday typing, played outside, ballet class, read

Thursday French, typing, audition video, worked on past stories, made cookies

Friday writing, played outside, jazz class, went to china town with her friends Lucy and Edie

Saturday choreographed contortion routine for Edie, math, played with Kaia and Zoe

Sunday went to china town to celebrate Chinese new year where she got two little turtles

Monday math, auditioned for "the Locket" and got a callback, read

Tuesday callback audition for "the Locket" and got the job! Babysat Opal and Zoe, Dungeons and Dragons club at Writer's Block

Wednesday homeschool with her friends Lucy and Edie, hung out with Dylan and Margot, read

Thursday delivered girl scout cookies, cleaned turtle tank, modern class, knitted mermaid tops for Pirate Fest



2015

VISITATION WITH FATHER

May 5th I took care of Zoe. Annie loves her like a sister. Also took a friend's 3 children for a few hours to the park. All 5 children played well together and had a nice time. went to the studio to teach ballet.

Trader Joe's and home. Annie made dinner and it was delicious!

May 6th Annie made strawberry mint lemonade! Yumm. She's been in a mood to work in the kitchen lately and I let her.

May 7th Got out the cloud cards because yesterday Annie was asking me a question about clouds. We made breakfast together.

She gave a speech about her froglet. 99% of homeschool things Annie does is her idea. I just encourage it.

While I made lunch, she read her froglet a book.

May 8th Annie made cinnamon roles and learned to play three blind mice on the xylophone. Read "wild and weird" to Annie. Rogerio called. Annie talked for a few minutes. When she hung up and came back in the room I could see she was angry. He accused her of not communicating. She told him she had called him back every time he called but he had not answered. He told her that calling and not leaving a message wasn't communicating. However he never leaves a message.

Play date with Nathally

May 9th Annie and I went to Coppelia at Smith Center

May 10th Annie went with her father from 11 - 8:30pm. She came back early because of Mothers day. She had a complete breakdown because he had picked on her and called her ugly and her hair messy and said she should wash her hair everyday. She looked beautiful when she left me, not the point of course. When I started to text him about it, she lost her mind and was screaming "no! You are making my life worse. He blames me for every text you send." Another way he is silencing her and me. This has to stop. I want to salvage what is

Case No.: Nevada Commission on Judicial Discipline Case No.  
2016-113

Spencer Investigations

Recorded Interview of: Rena Hughes

January 27, 2017

IDENTITY OF SPEAKERS:

AW: Adam Wygnanski

RH: Rena Hughes

00:00:00 AW: Here we go. Okay. Transcriber, today's date is Friday,  
00:00:07 January 27th. The time is approximately 11:48 a.m. This is  
00:00:13 Investigator Adam Wygnanski with Spencer Investigations,  
00:00:17 Reno, Nevada, who are contracted by the State of Nevada  
00:00:20 Commission on Judicial Discipline. Location of this  
00:00:24 interview will be Judge Hughes' chambers located at 601 North  
00:00:30 Pecos in Las Vegas, Nevada. For the record, Your Honor, can  
00:00:34 you please spell your first and last name for me.  
00:00:35 RH: First name is Rena, R-E-N-A. Last name Hughes, H-U-G-H-E-S.  
00:00:43 AW: Okay. And a good address for you?  
00:00:45 RH: Personal address or business address?  
00:00:48 AW: What's a good -- if the Commission needed to send you  
00:00:51 something, would it be easier to send it to this address  
00:00:55 or...  
00:00:56 RH: I'll give you my home address.  
00:00:57 AW: Okay.  
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00:00:58 RH: It's 7320 Rustic Meadow Street. That's Las Vegas 89131.

00:01:11 AW: Okay. And a good phone number for you?

00:01:13 RH: (702) 278-1826.

00:01:19 AW: And is that a cell number or an office number?

00:01:21 RH: It's a cell.

00:01:22 AW: Cell number, okay. And is there an office number as well.

00:01:26 RH: (702) 455-1882.

00:01:33 AW: Okay. And you're aware that this interview is being

00:01:37 recorded?

00:01:37 RH: Yes.

00:01:38 AW: And this is with your permission?

00:01:38 RH: Yes.

00:01:39 AW: Okay. Just as a reminder, please wait until I -- I have a

00:01:43 bad habit of doing this, too, but wait until I complete the

00:01:46 question. I mean, it may be a long question and you want to

00:01:50 interrupt in the middle, and the transcribers, I mean, they

00:01:54 can do it but they don't like us doing it. So just wait

00:01:58 until I -- the question is over and then you can answer. And

00:02:02 I'll try to do the same with you, not to interrupt you mid

00:02:05 sentence so the transcriber will pick it up. It's kind of

00:02:08 difficult for them when two people are talking at the same

00:02:09 time. And then just speak loud and obviously no head

00:02:13 nodding. If it's a yes answer, just say yes instead of

00:02:17 nodding your head. And no answer, just no. Does that make

00:02:20 sense?

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00:02:20 RH: Yes.

00:02:20 AW: Thank you. All right. This interview is in reference to a

00:02:27 complaint received by the Nevada Commission on Judicial

00:02:29 Discipline on September 6, 2016. This case was assigned Case

00:02:36 No. 2016-113. The complaint contains allegations of possible

00:02:41 violations of Canon Rule 1 and Canon Rule 2, specifically

00:02:46 Canon Rule 1.1, 1.2, 2.2, 2.6(A) and 2.8(B). After their

00:02:55 review of the complaint against the respondent, the Nevada

00:03:00 Commission on Judicial Discipline concluded that there was

00:03:01 sufficient reason to conduct a follow-up investigation. Your

00:03:04 Honor, your current judicial assignment?

00:03:08 RH: Family Court, Department J.

00:03:14 AW: And how long have you been at this position?

00:03:16 RH: Since January 1st, 2015.

00:03:24 AW: And can you just briefly describe your past employment and

00:03:28 schooling prior to your current assignment as a judge in

00:03:31 Family Court?

00:03:33 RH: How specific do you want?

00:03:35 AW: Were you like in private practice before taking a judgeship?

00:03:41 RH: Yes.

00:03:42 AW: Okay.

00:03:45 RH: I worked for a law firm for five years before taking the

00:03:48 bench. The Dickerson Law Group.

00:03:53 AW: Okay.

00:03:57 RH: You want more history?

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00:03:58 AW: How about before that?

00:04:00 RH: Well, I've been practicing in Nevada for 27 years so it would

00:04:10 take a long time for me to go through my résumé.

00:04:13 AW: That's okay. So you got your bar...

00:04:16 RH: 1990.

00:04:18 AW: Okay. That's Nevada. Okay. Your Honor, you are familiar

00:04:29 with the hearing that occurred in your courtroom on

00:04:32 June 15th, 2016, in the matter of Silva and Silva, and that

00:04:37 case number I believe was D12467820D where you ordered

00:04:44 temporary change the custody for the juvenile in this matter,

00:04:48 correct?

00:04:53 RH: I'm not sure if that's when it occurred. I know it was over

00:04:57 the summer. I'd have to look --

00:05:01 AW: Okay.

00:05:02 RH: -- for sure. I believe that's when it happened.

00:05:12 AW: Okay.

00:05:12 RH: Yeah. June 15th, 2016. I believe so.

00:05:15 AW: Okay. Now, after viewing the JAVS recording, you excused

00:05:22 everyone out of the courtroom and spoke with the minor child

00:05:24 off the record while she was in the courtroom by herself. Do

00:05:29 you remember that?

00:05:30 RH: Yes.

00:05:30 AW: Okay. Was anyone else present in the courtroom?

00:05:33 RH: My staff.

00:05:34 AW: Okay. And that's your marshal, correct.

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00:05:36 RH: My marshal and my court clerk.

00:05:39 AW: Okay. And what is the marshal's name?

00:05:42 RH: Frank Preuss, P-R-E-U-S-S.

00:05:48 AW: P-U.

00:05:49 RH: P-R.

00:05:51 AW: I'm sorry. P-R.

00:05:52 RH: E-U-S-S.

00:05:54 AW: And does he have a phone number, a work number? You don't

00:05:58 know?

00:05:58 RH: It's this one.

00:05:59 AW: Okay. And then your court clerk?

00:06:02 RH: Tiffany Skaggs, S-K-A-G-G-S.

00:06:08 AW: Okay. And does she have a separate phone number or no?

00:06:12 RH: I don't know what it is.

00:06:13 AW: So we would just probably call your assistant and she could

00:06:17 connect us.

00:06:17 RH: Yes, yes.

00:06:19 AW: If we need to talk to them. Was there a reason why the

00:06:22 conversation was off the record with the juvenile? Is that a

00:06:27 normal practice?

00:06:28 RH: It is not -- it's a practice not to record conversations with

00:06:38 children. It was not an interview but an explanation to the

00:06:47 child of what was occurring that day.

00:06:51 AW: Okay. So this was not a -- a question and answer session

00:06:56 between you and the juvenile or --

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00:06:59 RH: No, it was not.

00:07:00 AW: Okay. Just briefly, do you remember what was said during

00:07:05 that off the record?

00:07:07 RH: In general, I do. But I have to give you a little bit of

00:07:13 background in order to tell you why it happened and then I'll

00:07:17 tell you what was discussed. This is a pathological parent,

00:07:23 Ms. Silva. And this was my first experience with parental

00:07:35 alienation.

00:07:37 AW: On her part?

00:07:38 RH: Yes. Well, I've never had a case like that as a judge. It

00:07:42 started right after I became a judge in February right after

00:07:45 I took the bench.

00:07:46 AW: Okay.

00:07:48 RH: And every step that I took in the case was after me

00:07:55 consulting with senior judges up here, how do I handle this

00:07:59 situation? What do I do? And no less than four different

00:08:05 judges gave me advice. So everything that I did was based on

00:08:10 their advice. I didn't know what to do with a pathogenic

00:08:15 parent. So after many months, I think it was even over a

00:08:21 year of violations of court orders by Ms. Silva, engaging

00:08:34 therapy, I had a therapist and representations of the

00:08:42 therapist and getting reports from the therapist on what to

00:08:48 do, I consulted with, again, the senior judges up here. But

00:08:58 Judge Elliott actually gave me the advice to talk to the

00:09:04 child and tell her what you're doing and why. And I called

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00:09:10 the mother in because I had told her if she didn't facilitate  
00:09:18 visitation on the weekends, that the child would be spending  
00:09:22 the summer with her dad.  
00:09:24 AW: And when was that? Was that on the record?  
00:09:28 RH: Yes. We've had over a dozen hearings in this case.  
00:09:33 AW: Okay.  
00:09:35 RH: Sometimes mom was represented. Sometimes she wasn't. But  
00:09:40 she violated nearly every court order I ever entered. The  
00:09:48 conversation I had with the child based on the advice I got  
00:09:52 from Judge Elliott was to tell the child what was happening  
00:09:57 that day. And the child asked me a lot of questions. But  
00:10:03 typically, we don't record those.  
00:10:06 AW: Right.  
00:10:07 RH: And I explained to her that she was going to spend the summer  
00:10:10 with her dad, that her dad loved her very much, that he  
00:10:15 wanted to have a relationship with her, and this is all post  
00:10:18 therapy so she knew these things already. And that she was  
00:10:24 going to go with dad today. This was a child custody  
00:10:28 exchange, not a hearing.  
00:10:32 AW: Okay. Now, Your Honor, you would agree that a large segment  
00:10:38 of your duties and responsibilities as a judge are to be  
00:10:40 courteous, patient, dignified in handling of subjects that  
00:10:45 come before you, right?  
00:10:46 RH: Yes.  
00:10:46 AW: Looking back at this hearing, even when I reviewed the tape,  
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00:10:50 do you feel that you were courteous, patient, dignified, and  
 00:10:53 compassionate in the handling of that juvenile in the  
 00:10:56 courtroom when she sat there when she was crying and upset?  
 00:10:58 RH: Well, I had talked to her before that. So yes, I was. I  
 00:11:02 answered all of her questions. I think the reason she  
 00:11:12 started crying was because she knew it was -- well, how do I  
 00:11:22 put this? When she was asking me questions, she was using  
 00:11:29 psychology on me. She was asking me very mature questions.  
 00:11:39 AW: And this was off the record.  
 00:11:41 RH: Yes. Yes. And I think she was crying to see if she could  
 00:11:47 get her way, which was to leave with her mother and not her  
 00:11:52 father. I did not take her reaction with the tears, because  
 00:11:58 of the conversation I just had with her, I didn't take that  
 00:12:02 as her being traumatized. I saw that more as, I want to  
 00:12:08 manipulate this judge because I'm not getting my way. And I  
 00:12:14 didn't yell at her. I was calm with her, but I was also firm  
 00:12:20 because I wanted her to know I'm the adult, I'm making this  
 00:12:25 decision for your best interest, and I'm going to be firm on  
 00:12:29 this. You won't manipulate the situation. So yes, I thought  
 00:12:36 I was courteous to her. I didn't -- I didn't say anything  
 00:12:39 mean to her, but I was very firm just as a parent would be to  
 00:12:43 a child that's having a tantrum. You have to stand firm and  
 00:12:50 you have to do what's in their best interest whether or not  
 00:12:53 they like it.  
 00:12:55 AW: Is it -- I don't want to say -- is it standard practice with  
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00:13:00 the family court judges here to have a juvenile remain in the  
00:13:04 courtroom by themselves while a custody decision is being  
00:13:08 rendered?  
00:13:08 RH: There was no custody decision being rendered. It had already  
00:13:12 been made. This was an exchange of the child. And it was  
00:13:17 done this way for several reasons.  
00:13:20 AW: Okay.  
00:13:23 RH: I could not engage the services of a therapist because mother  
00:13:27 refused to go to the therapist. That would have been my  
00:13:31 first choice is to have the exchange happen in a therapy  
00:13:35 office. But mom refused to go to Ms. Weiford. And again,  
00:13:42 I'm taking advice from senior judges on how to do this. I've  
00:13:46 never had this type of case before.  
00:13:49 AW: Okay.  
00:13:50 RH: So therapy exchange was out of the question. Mom wouldn't  
00:13:54 go. Judge Duckworth said that he's had these cases before  
00:14:02 and he made his order with the parties in the room and sent  
00:14:07 them out in the hallway to do the exchange.  
00:14:09 AW: Right.  
00:14:10 RH: And I thought that was a terrible solution, with all due  
00:14:16 respect to him, because then it's happening in the public  
00:14:20 view and there's going to be arguing and fighting and mom  
00:14:25 could get thrown in jail because they each have people out in  
00:14:29 the hallway. So they're not there by themselves. My third  
00:14:34 option was a pickup order and a warrant for Metro to go and  
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00:14:39 take the child. And I thought that was a horrible option  
00:14:44 because having a policeman remove you from your home and put  
00:14:49 you with dad isn't the best solution because how is that  
00:14:53 going to be successful? It's traumatic to the child and it's  
00:15:00 setting dad up for failure because the child knows that a  
00:15:04 policeman made her go stay with her dad.  
00:15:08 AW: Now, her mother was not present when this occurred, correct?  
00:15:12 She was escorted off the property?  
00:15:14 RH: She was because I didn't want her to get in trouble. This  
00:15:17 was a safety issue in my mind.  
00:15:18 AW: Safety on whose part?  
00:15:21 RH: On the part of the mom, the child, and the dad.  
00:15:25 AW: What do you mean by you didn't want her to get hurt, the mom?  
00:15:29 Is that what you're saying?  
00:15:30 RH: Yes. She would likely get arrested.  
00:15:34 AW: For?  
00:15:34 RH: Disturbing the peace, causing a ruckus out in the hallway.  
00:15:40 She's very theatrical and dramatic.  
00:15:46 AW: So she wasn't aware that dad was going to take this child.  
00:15:50 RH: Oh, she was.  
00:15:50 AW: Oh, she was aware of that?  
00:15:51 RH: She knew that before she came because I told her, if the  
00:15:56 child doesn't go on the weekends, the child is going to spend  
00:15:58 the entire summer with dad. And the child did not go on the  
00:16:02 weekends. I got the report from Donna's house. The child  
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00:16:05 wasn't going with dad. They were to do their exchanges at  
00:16:08 Donna's house. So she was aware because I told her to bring  
00:16:14 the child. She's never brought the child to Court to my  
00:16:18 knowledge, but I did require her to bring the child for  
00:16:20 purposes of exchange.

00:16:20 AW: So this was first time that you saw the child in court?

00:16:26 RH: Yes.

00:16:27 AW: Now, during this hearing, I saw that you addressed her, the  
00:16:31 child, stating that the change in custody occurred because  
00:16:33 the mother who was sent away, she wasn't present, and the  
00:16:37 daughter were not cooperative with court ordered visitations,  
00:16:42 correct.

00:16:42 RH: Yes, I think so.

00:16:43 AW: You further stated if the daughter refused to go with her  
00:16:46 father, she would end up in Child Haven, which you referred  
00:16:49 to as prison for kids. How would you explain that statement?  
00:16:55 Is that really what that -- I mean, did that help things, do  
00:17:00 you think?

00:17:00 RH: I did that upon the advice of Judge Hoskin. I didn't know  
00:17:05 anything about Child Haven. Those statements I took from  
00:17:11 Judge Hoskin because I asked him what do I do if the child  
00:17:17 doesn't go with her father? Because I could leave the  
00:17:26 courtroom and leave them in there to do whatever they need to  
00:17:29 do, but what do I do if the child doesn't go, and he said,  
00:17:30 you put her in Child Haven. You have your marshal take her  
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00:17:35 to Child Haven. And I said that seems pretty severe. What's  
 00:17:39 Child Haven? I mean, I know that they rescue children out of  
 00:17:43 dangerous situations and they go to Child Haven, but I said,  
 00:17:45 how is that a solution? And he said, look, they -- you just  
 00:17:51 her tell her she has to go to Child Haven and she can sit  
 00:17:55 there in holding, like a holding cell, until she decides to  
 00:17:59 go with her dad. And the only way she's going to get out of  
 00:18:01 there is to go with her dad. That's what you tell her.  
 00:18:05 AW: So would you say that that may have been a wrong choice of  
 00:18:09 words, prison for kids?  
 00:18:10 RH: I don't know that I -- I don't know that I said prison for  
 00:18:13 kids. I think I may have said it's like a cell because  
 00:18:16 that's what Judge Hoskin told me. That's how you explain it  
 00:18:20 to her.  
 00:18:20 AW: Okay.  
 00:18:21 RH: This is not my idea. I followed the advice of people that I  
 00:18:26 respect because I didn't know how to handle the situation.  
 00:18:31 AW: Okay. So as I said earlier, dealing with this child, I'm  
 00:18:42 only seeing it from one aspect and just seeing one hearing.  
 00:18:46 I'm not present for all the other hearings that you had to  
 00:18:49 deal with this family, whether it be mom, dad, and the child.  
 00:18:54 But based on what I watched on the video, would you say that  
 00:19:00 your actions in dealing with this child, who is obviously  
 00:19:03 upset and crying, lacked a little empathy, maybe compassion?  
 00:19:09 RH: Well, again, you're not seeing the whole picture.

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00:19:13 AW: Okay.

00:19:13 RH: So no, I wouldn't agree with that statement.

00:19:15 AW: Okay. Would you have handled this situation any differently

00:19:19 now if you had the same thing going on?

00:19:24 RH: Pathogenic parenting is the most difficult thing you can

00:19:28 possibly deal with as a judge. And there is no right or

00:19:33 wrong in my mind. You have to address every case based on

00:19:42 the individual facts that you have. As I said, my first

00:19:46 option would have been to have the exchange happen in a

00:19:51 therapist's office, but mom cut that option off because she

00:19:57 refused to go.

00:20:03 AW: She refused to take the child to therapy, correct? Is that

00:20:08 what you're saying?

00:20:08 RH: She said she was done. She was not going to go to

00:20:12 Ms. Weiford again. I would have had Keisha Weiford, who was

00:20:15 the reunification therapist involved in the case, do the

00:20:19 transfer.

00:20:21 AW: She's seen her, though, correct?

00:20:24 RH: She had.

00:20:24 AW: The child has? Okay. Now, after viewing that JAVS

00:20:29 recording, reviewing the court records, as well, it appeared

00:20:34 that you may have used possibly some contempt powers to

00:20:37 change the custody and possibly denied the mother due process

00:20:41 and a right to be heard regarding the temporary change of

00:20:45 custody. Basically what I'm trying to get at is what

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00:20:49 standards did you apply to determine that temporary change of  
00:20:52 custody was warranted?  
00:20:55 RH: Well, I disagree with your statement that I denied her due  
00:21:00 process, first of all.  
00:21:01 AW: Okay.  
00:21:02 RH: She had a year to stop interfering with dad's time. We had  
00:21:13 multiple hearings. I sent them to Keisha Weiford, who is a  
00:21:22 reunification therapist. If you read the reports from  
00:21:26 Ms. Weiford, it's clear that mom was interfering with the  
00:21:32 relationship between daughter and dad, that there was no  
00:21:38 reasonable basis for it. And I was following the  
00:21:42 recommendations of the therapist.  
00:21:49 AW: Okay.  
00:21:51 RH: And it's a temporary order, not a permanent order. In fact,  
00:21:56 she later stipulated at a hearing with counsel to maintain  
00:22:03 that temporary order.  
00:22:07 AW: Okay. Now, it's also my understanding that a change of  
00:22:12 custody, the temporary change of custody, was based upon the  
00:22:14 mother's failure to cooperate with visitation, as you said.  
00:22:18 But you still -- do you not still have to have an evidentiary  
00:22:22 hearing to, you know, in your actions during this hearing?  
00:22:32 Don't you think you have to have an evidentiary hearing  
00:22:34 making -- you know, letting her be present?  
00:22:37 RH: You don't have to have an evidentiary hearing.  
00:22:39 AW: Okay.  
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00:22:41 RH: I made the change based on the recommendations that the  
 00:22:45 therapist said she was continuing to interfere with dad's  
 00:22:49 relationship. I made the change based on her violations of  
 00:22:52 my orders. And I advised her that would be the result if she  
 00:22:56 continued to violate the orders. So she was on notice that  
 00:23:00 this would happen. I don't have to have an evidentiary  
 00:23:04 hearing until there is a permanent custodial order. This is  
 00:23:09 a temporary order.

00:23:10 AW: Okay. But the change of custody, though, isn't there --  
 00:23:15 doesn't there have to be -- I mean I'm kind of a learning  
 00:23:19 curve. Doesn't there have to be any substantial change in  
 00:23:23 circumstances where it affects the welfare of the child or  
 00:23:26 the child's best interest is served by any kind of  
 00:23:29 modification?

00:23:30 RH: You're talking about a permanent change in custody..

00:23:33 AW: Okay. And this is merely temporary.

00:23:35 RH: Temporary.

00:23:36 AW: Now, the child support as well, does that require a separate  
 00:23:39 hearing or no?

00:23:41 RH: No.

00:23:41 AW: It does not? Now, there's a case law back in 1994 that says  
 00:24:02 in order to change custody, short of emergency circumstances  
 00:24:06 such as physical abuse, a hearing must be held and notice  
 00:24:09 must be given. So was there a hearing --

00:24:16 RH: Can you tell me what case you're talking about?

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00:24:19 AW: It's Weiss versus Granada [phonetic], 1994 case. It's a  
 00:24:23 Nevada case.

00:24:24 RH: Again, this was a temporary change for the best interest of  
 00:24:28 the child, and mom later stipulated to maintain this  
 00:24:35 custodial status. But the Court can make temporary changes  
 00:24:43 in the best interest of the child.

00:24:45 AW: Okay. What were -- what caused you to give the dad the  
 00:24:54 custody, temporary custody?

00:24:55 RH: I think I've already explained that.

00:24:57 AW: Was that because the mother wouldn't allow visitation?

00:25:01 RH: The mother precluded visitation for about a year. She  
 00:25:08 hindered the reunification process. She violated my orders  
 00:25:16 to facilitate visitation. And she was alienating the child  
 00:25:24 from the father.

00:25:27 AW: Did you find a mother in contempt for failing to facilitate  
 00:25:31 the visitation?

00:25:32 RH: I did.

00:25:33 AW: And this was based upon reports from the therapist and  
 00:25:38 pleadings made by counsel, correct?

00:25:40 RH: The report of the therapist, mom's own statements, the report  
 00:25:47 from Donna's house, and although I found her in violation of  
 00:25:56 the order, I don't believe counsel ever gave me an order to  
 00:25:59 show cause to sign. That's my recollection but I'm not sure.

00:26:05 AW: Okay. So it's true you didn't have a contempt hearing --  
 00:26:08 there was no hearing ever held on the contempt, that you  
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00:26:11 found the mother in contempt through your minute order,  
 00:26:14 correct?

00:26:16 RH: There was no order to show cause hearing on violation, to my  
 00:26:24 recollection. We had other orders to show cause because she  
 00:26:27 was in contempt of other orders. We did have order to show  
 00:26:32 cause hearing on her failure to conduct math testing because  
 00:26:36 she home schools the child. She was found in contempt. We  
 00:26:41 had an order to show cause hearing for her not refinancing  
 00:26:44 the HELOC on the marital residence as ordered in the decree.  
 00:26:52 I think -- I don't recall --

00:26:57 AW: Now, your finding -- just a finding of contempt for failing  
 00:27:01 to facilitate the visitations, okay, does that violate the  
 00:27:05 mother's due process?

00:27:06 RH: She had no consequences for that. She's never suffered any  
 00:27:11 consequences for that. I probably found that she violated my  
 00:27:16 orders but I didn't sanction her. I didn't obviously  
 00:27:20 incarcerate her.

00:27:28 AW: And I don't know how the statute works. In order to find  
 00:27:31 somebody in contempt for actions that were taken outside the  
 00:27:35 presence of the court, does a hearing have to be held?

00:27:39 RH: You have an order to show cause hearing.

00:27:41 AW: Got it. You never had that, right?

00:27:44 RH: We didn't have that for the visitation. We had it for other  
 00:27:48 issues that she violated. That's my recollection. I'm  
 00:27:58 sorry, but I've had so many hearings with this case. It's  
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00:28:01 two years, but my recollection is I never had that for  
 00:28:04 visitation.  
 00:28:06 AW: So is this case finished?  
 00:28:09 RH: No.  
 00:28:09 AW: Still ongoing?  
 00:28:10 RH: It's still ongoing.  
 00:28:19 AW: The last hearing -- just a couple more questions. The last  
 00:28:23 hearing, the case was sealed on October 11, 2016, hearing.  
 00:28:31 RH: I know it was sealed at some point, yes.  
 00:28:33 AW: Is that a normal thing to have these cases sealed?  
 00:28:38 RH: The parties asked me to seal it.  
 00:28:40 AW: Did they give any reason to do that?  
 00:28:43 RH: No. They don't have to give you a reason.  
 00:28:45 AW: Okay. They just have to agree? Each side just has to agree?  
 00:28:49 RH: They don't. Only one person has to request it, and by  
 00:28:52 statute, they can have it sealed.  
 00:28:55 AW: Huh, I was not aware of that. So they don't have to agree to  
 00:28:58 have it sealed. The defendant or the complainant could make  
 00:29:03 an argument to have the case sealed?  
 00:29:05 RH: They don't have even have to make an argument. They give you  
 00:29:07 an ex-parte application to seal it, but that's not what  
 00:29:10 happened in this case.  
 00:29:10 AW: Okay.  
 00:29:11 RH: They had their attorneys with them, and at the hearing, they  
 00:29:14 asked me to seal the case.  
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00:29:15 AW: Okay. The attorneys did on the clients' behalf?

00:29:20 RH: Yes.

00:29:21 AW: Was there any media attention on this case?

00:29:24 RH: Yes.

00:29:24 AW: From the news and the newspaper and all that, have you --

00:29:29 what's your opinion on that?

00:29:32 RH: I'm not allowed to have an opinion on that. I'm not allowed

00:29:36 to say anything about that.

00:29:37 AW: Okay.

00:29:40 RH: The attorneys asked me to issue an order ordering third

00:29:46 parties not to post videos or anything on social media about

00:29:51 this case, and I declined their request because I don't think

00:29:55 I have jurisdiction to do that.

00:29:59 AW: What attorneys asked that?

00:30:00 RH: Rob Weatherford and Lesley Cohen.

00:30:04 AW: Did it have anything to do with this case at all?

00:30:07 RH: Rob Weatherford's suspended from the practice of law. He was

00:30:10 representing Ms. Silva. Lesley Cohen is still on the case

00:30:15 and representing the father. But I would not issue the order

00:30:20 they requested.

00:30:20 AW: And that order was to?

00:30:22 RH: Have third parties take this out of the media and not post it

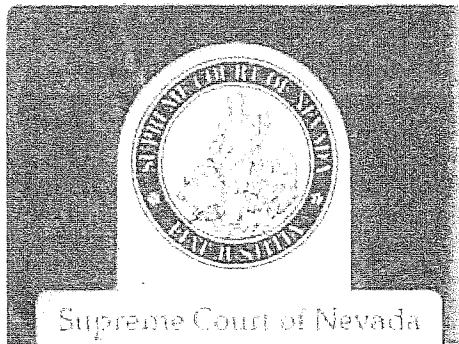
00:30:27 on social media. It already started on social media. Then

00:30:31 it went to -- then television stations, I believe. I

00:30:36 wouldn't issue that order.

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justified. (Supreme Court Rules, Part VII, Rule 3.) Judges must identify *"compelling privacy or safety interests that outweigh the public interest in access to the court record."*



This requirement applies even when a party in a family law case tries to seal a case under NRS 125.110, the statute on which Abrams seems to routinely rely. This statute provides that certain evidence in a divorce case, such as records, exhibits, and transcripts of particular testimony, may be deemed "private" and sealed upon request of one of the parties. However, the Court must justify why these records have to be sealed, and cannot seal the entire case - complaints, pleadings and other documents must remain public.

In the 2009 case of Johansen v. District Court, the Nevada Supreme Court specifically held that broad unsupported orders sealing documents in divorce cases are subject to reversal given the important public policies involved.

**The Court stated:**

*"We conclude that the district court was obligated to maintain the divorce proceedings' public status under NRS 125.110 and manifestly abused any discretion it possessed when it sealed the entire case file. We further*

*conclude that the district court abused its discretion when it issued an overly broad gag order sua sponte, without giving notice or a meaningful opportunity to be heard, without making any factual findings with respect to the need for such an order in light of any clear and present danger or threat of serious and imminent harm to a protected interest, and without examining the existence of any alternative means by which to accomplish this purpose. Gag orders must be narrowly drawn if no less restrictive means are available; they may be entered only when there exists a serious and imminent threat to the administration of justice. This was certainly not the case here."*

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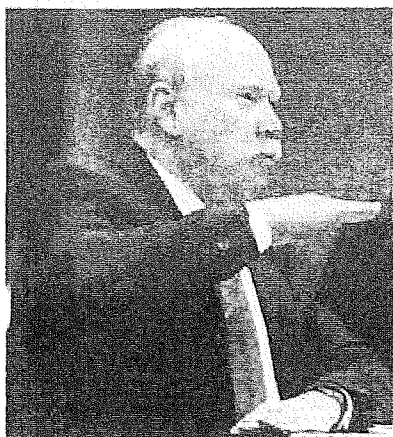
In the *Saiter* case, no notice was given to the general public for a hearing before the Order was issued, there was no opportunity for the public to be heard, no specific findings were made in the Order, and the Order was not drafted narrowly.

Indeed, it was drafted in the broadest possible terms to effectively seal the entire case! It is also questionable whether Judge Elliott had jurisdiction to issue the Order against the general public, who was not before her in court.

This all raises the question: What basis and justifications were given in the other cases which Abrams sought to seal?

Indeed, after issuing our initial story about Abrams' behavior in the *Saiter* case, we were contacted by judges, attorneys and litigants eager to share similar battle-worn experiences with Jennifer Abrams.

Sources indicate that when Abrams was asked in one case by Judge Gerald Hardcastle whether she understood his order, *she replied that she only understood that the judge intended to bend over backwards for her opposing counsel.*



In another case, Northern Nevada Judge Jack Ames reportedly stood up and walked off the bench after a disrespectful tirade from Jennifer Abrams.



So, who is to blame here?

Of course Jennifer Abrams should be responsible and accountable for

her own actions.

But, what judge allows a lawyer to bully her in court and then gets her to issue an overbroad, unsubstantiated order to seal and hide the lawyer's actions?

Shouldn't we expect more from our judges in controlling their courtrooms, controlling their cases, issuing orders in compliance with the law, and protecting the people against over-zealous, disrespectful lawyers who obstruct the judicial process and seek to stop the public from having access to otherwise public documents?

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BRANDON PAUL SAITER,

Plaintiff,

CASE NO. D-15-321372-D  
DEPT NO. 1

TINA MARIE SAITER,

Defendant.

HEARING DATES: 9/29/16  
HEARING TIMES: 10:00 a.m.

**ORDER PROHIBITING  
DISSEMINATION OF CASE MATERIAL**

This matter having come before the Court for several pending matters on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of September at 10:00 a.m., Plaintiff Brandon Saiter represented by Jennifer Alvarez, Esq. and Brandon Leavitt, Esq. and Defendant, Tina Marie Saiter represented by Lynne Schneider, Esq., and the Court hearing preliminary matters, entertained and granted Ms. Alvarez request for a closed hearing pursuant to UDCR 5.02, with the exception of permitting the parents of Defendant to remain pursuant to NRS 125.080 (2) (c).


Thereafter, the videotape of this hearing was posted on youtube and a link to the video was emailed to multiple third parties not involved in the case on or about the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 2016.

On October 3, 2016, the parties resolved all issues required for a Decree of Divorce. Counsel then stipulated to seal the case and to disallow any further release of

case information and to demand that the current post of the September 29, 2016 hearing video, or any other hearing video from this case be immediately removed from the internet and to prohibit any portion of these proceedings from being disseminated or published and that any such publication or posting by anyone be immediately removed, as the September 29, 2016 hearing was a closed hearing. Additionally, counsel and the parties recognize that the case has been settled and that such an Order is in the best interest of the four (4) children in this case and is also authorized by NRS 125.080, NRS 125.110, EDCR 5.02, and Supreme Court Rules, Part VII, Rule 2(2)(a) and 3(4).

**PURSUANT TO THE STIPULATION OF THE PARTIES, IT IS**  
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DATED this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2016.

  
Jennifer Elliott, District Court Judge,  
Family Division, Dept. 1.

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**Interrogatory No. 1.**

Why did you draft the Minute Order dated June 8, 2016, and on what basis did you find that that mother failed to facilitate the daughter's visitation with the father?

**Answer to Interrogatory No. 1.**

I drafted the Minute Order after receiving the report from Donna's House Central, dated May 26, 2016, informing me Ms. Silva was continuing to withhold Annie during Mr. Silva's custodial time. (See, DHC report of same date, #29).

Donna's House Central ("DHC") is a facility located on the campus of Family Court. DHC is an outsourced program used by the Family Court to facilitate custody exchanges were the parents are volatile. DHC (located through the security gate) facilitates custody exchanges, and keeps the peace. They also report on the exchanges and document any problems.

The DHC report stated Ms. Silva brought the minor child, Annie, to the first exchange but Annie refused to go with Mr. Silva. On May 16, 2016, I ordered Ms. Silva to drop Annie off at DHC, and then leave the premises. I ordered this because the first time I ordered DHC to facilitate custody exchanges in January 2016, Ms. Silva would stay, Annie would refuse to go with Mr. Silva, then Ms.

Silva would leave with Annie. My thought was that Annie could not refuse to go with her father if Ms. Silva were to leave DHC, thus sending a message to Annie that she did indeed need to go with her father.

DHC reported Ms. Silva did not leave, Annie refused to go with her father, and Mr. Silva was again denied his custodial time.

**Interrogatory No. 2.**

On what basis did you find the mother was in contempt of Court regarding her alleged failure to facilitate visitations on weekends?

**Answer to Interrogatory No. 2.**

Ms. Silva failed to facilitate weekend visitation with Mr. Silva beginning in April 2015. I held several hearings from May 2015 to June 2016 to address the issue. I ordered reunification through a therapist (Keisha Weiford), and an outsourced custody evaluation (to include psychological testing of the parents and collateral interviews) through Claudia Schwarz, a Marriage and Family therapist, and when finances would not support these services, I ordered DHC custodial exchanges.

I held nine (9) hearings from April 2015 to June 2016. Ms. Silva's failure to facilitate the custodial exchanges were addressed at nearly every hearing, as well as Ms. Silva's failure to refinance the home equity loan ("HELOC"), and to have Annie math tested by a facility of Mr. Silva's choosing.

After conducting nine (9) hearings, having received reports from Keisha Weiford and DHC, I had no alternative but to find Ms. Silva was failing to facilitate weekend exchanges as ordered by the Court. As stated above, the DHC report was the most recent report, and Ms. Silva had been warned in open Court on May 12, 2016 if she did not facilitate weekend visits, Annie would spend the entire summer with her father. Ms. Silva failed to do so, after being referred to DHC a second time.

**Interrogatory No. 3.**

Please explain how your findings of the Complainant in contempt complies with Nevada Revised Statutes regarding finding a party in contempt for violating a court order(s)?

**Answer to Interrogatory No. 3.**

NRS 22.010(3) deems contempt to be "disobedience or resistance to any lawful writ, order, rule or process issued by the Court or Judge at chambers." Ms. Silva willfully violated my orders to facilitate Mr. Silva's custodial time, against the best interest of Annie, and in violation of Mr. Silva's constitutional parental rights.

The fact that Ms. Silva did not exchange Annie with Mr. Silva as previously ordered was uncontroverted by Mr. Silva, Ms. Silva and DHC. (See, Journal Entry of June 8, 2016, #12).



The Decree of Divorce granted Ms. Silva primary physical custody and Mr. Silva weekend visitation. After Mr. Silva filed a motion to have Annie academically tested, due to her home schooling, Ms. Silva began retaliating against him by affecting his relationship with Annie. In April 2015, she began withholding Annie during Mr. Silva's custodial time.

Ms. Silva also falsely accused Mr. Silva of "abuse" of Annie, because he disciplined her by taking her cell phone, and he accidentally knocked over the garbage cans at Annie's residence after he picked her up.

Ms. Silva also reported to the police in May 2015, that Mr. Silva threatened not to feed Annie which was not true. Mr. Silva had to call the police to enforce his custodial time on this occasion, but the police would not get involved. (See, #22).

Ms. Silva had no basis for the alleged abuse, as confirmed by Annie's therapist and Keisha Weiford, MFT, whom I appointed to provide "reunification therapy" to Annie and Mr. Silva. (See, # )

The purpose of reunification therapy is to help the parent and child work through their difficulties and mend their relationship. Mr. Silva paid nearly \$2,000.00 to Ms. Weiford for her services, but Ms. Silva interfered with, and failed to follow the direction of Ms. Weiford, as detailed below. There was no reason for her lack of participation other than Annie did not want to, or "Annie was done."



I found that Ms. Silva was undermining the reunification process, was blaming Mr. Silva for wrong-doing or abuse when none had occurred, and would not be satisfied until she eliminated him from Annie's life. Ms. Silva made statements to Ms. Weiford that Mr. Silva "should just go back to Brazil" where he was raised, and get out of their lives. These are not the statements I expect from a parent who is committed to the reunification process. Obviously, Ms. Silva was not interested in facilitating a relationship between Annie and her father.

After several months of attempting reunification, the Court ordered a full outsourced custody evaluation by a psychologist, qualified to give both parents psychological tests. The purpose of such tests is to determine any mental health issues that may be impeding the parent/child relationship. Ms. Silva declined to participate based on financial reasons.

When Ms. Silva claimed she could not afford the outsourced evaluation, I sent the parties back to DHC to facilitate the custodial exchanges because Mr. Silva was still not getting his weekend visitation. DHC reported to me that Ms. Silva would not leave the premises, stayed long enough for Annie to refuse to go with Mr. Silva, then took Annie away. I had ordered Ms. Silva to drop Annie off, and to encourage Annie to go with her father. Ms. Silva did not drop Annie off, she stayed, allowing Annie to refuse to go with her father, and she did not encourage Annie to go with her father. (See, Journal Entry, #11.)

**Interrogatory No. 4.**

Please explain why you did not hold a hearing regarding finding the mother in contempt for failing to facilitate visitations on weekends?

**Answer to Interrogatory No. 4.**

The fact that Ms. Silva did not exchange Annie with Mr. Silva as previously ordered was uncontroverted by Mr. Silva, Ms. Silva and DHC. Ms. Silva never denied she did not "force" Annie to go with Mr. Silva for his weekend visitation to be facilitated through Donna's House.

I directed Mr. Silva's counsel to draft an Order to Show Cause on the matter, which she did. (See, #14.) At the hearing on contempt, counsel for Ms. Silva objected to the Order to Show Cause regarding the visitation issue because Mr. Silva's counsel had not prepared the underlying Order from the May 12, 2016 hearing. The May 12, 2016 hearing addressed visitation, Donna's House visitation exchanges (I signed a separate order for Donna's House visitation exchanges in open Court), Ms. Silva's request for reimbursement of medical expenses, and support arrearages.

Since neither counsel prepared the Order from the May 12, 2016 hearing, the Court did not go forward on the Order to Show Cause for visitation violations, but only on the HELOC and math testing issues, for which orders had been prepared months earlier, signed, and entered.

**Interrogatory No. 5.**

Please explain why you did not hold a hearing regarding the temporary transfer of same legal and physical that occurred at the June 15, 2016 hearing.

**Answer to Interrogatory No. 5.**

I did not hold a hearing because I had already held nine (9) hearings to address why Mr. Silva was being denied his custodial time. I also informed Ms. Silva on May 12, 2016 when she appeared in Court that if she did not make Annie go with her father for weekend visitation, to be facilitated through DHC, and leave DHC after dropping Annie off, Annie would spend the summer with her father. NRS 125C.0045 allows a Court to modify orders of custody during the pendency of an action "as appears in his or her best interest."

After I received the DHC report informing me Ms. Silva did not leave DHC after dropping Annie off, and Annie refused to go with Mr. Silva, there was no need for an additional hearing. The fact that Mr. Silva was still being denied his custodial time was uncontroverted. No few facts or circumstances occurred to change my mind that Mr. Silva was entitled to his custodial time.

I entered only temporary orders of legal and physical custody as I determined were in the best interest of the child.

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**Interrogatory No. 6.**

Please explain why you changed custody when the Father's Motion for an Order Shortening Time only addressed the visitation issue.

**Answer to Interrogatory No. 6.**

Mr. Silva had filed a Motion to Modify Custody (9/16/15) seeking primary physical custody of Annie due to Ms. Silva not allowing his custodial time. I did not initially grant Mr. Silva's motion because a significant period of time had lapsed since he had Annie in his care (due to Ms. Silva's interference). I reasoned it was in Annie's best interest to approach the issue through reunification therapy.

I reasoned the most important issue to Mr. Silva was his parent-child relationship. Mr. Silva had done nothing wrong, and was being deprived of his basic, constitutional right as a parent. Mr. Silva had spent thousands of dollars in therapy costs, attorney's fees, and attended numerous hearings, and still Ms. Silva would not acknowledge his rights. The longer the situation was allowed to continue, the more of a wedge Ms. Silva was driving between Annie and her father. I could not allow Ms. Silva to continue to violate Mr. Silva's rights.

The change in custody was temporary, and the Court has broad discretion to act in the best interest of the child in custodial matters. The main consideration for changing custody is always the best interest of the child. Ms. Silva was prohibiting, impeding, and preventing a parental relationship with Mr. Silva and

Annie, and encouraging Annie to not have a relationship with her father. Ms. Silva was informed on May 12, 2016 that Annie would go with her father "for the summer" if she did not facilitate Mr. Silva's custodial time. My goal was to cease her interference, and allow Mr. Silva and Annie to reunify, outside of her presence. I set the matter for an evidentiary hearing regarding Mr. Silva's motion to change custody.

Permanent changes in custody require the taking of testimony and evidence. I can make any temporary custody orders as it deems in the best interest of the child. I reasoned that the destruction of the father/child relationship was going to continue, that Ms. Silva would encourage Annie to reject her father, and no custodial orders would be followed by Ms. Silva, because she had not done so thus far.

I further reasoned that it was in Annie's best interest to spend time with her father, who loves and cares deeply for her, and who had been denied his parental rights since Ms. Silva started refusing to exchange Annie in April 2015.

In October 2016, at the time scheduled for an evidentiary hearing on permanent custody, Ms. Silva, through her counsel, stipulated that Mr. Silva would maintain sole legal custody, and primary physical custody of Annie. Ms. Silva further stipulated she would attend parenting classes, would participate in therapy, and visit Annie one day a week. (See, Order, #20).

Since the October 2016 stipulation, Ms. Silva has not, to my knowledge, taken the parenting classes. Ms. Silva has also interfered with Mr. Silva's "sole legal custody" by reporting to Annie's school that she has a religious objection to vaccinations (which she does not). Ms. Silva has also accosted Mr. Silva when he has gone to the school to pick Annie up, and interfered with his custodial time. On one occasions, Ms. Silva grabbed onto Mr. Silva's open car door while Annie was in the vehicle, and screamed at Mr. Silva to give Annie to her so they could bury an alley cat. Mr. Silva peacefully ended the altercation, and later took Annie to bury the cat.

**Interrogatory No. 7.**

Please explain why your Minute Order from June 15, 2016 stated that "Mom shall have NO CONTACT with Minor".

**Answer to Interrogatory No. 7.**

If Ms. Silva were allowed to continue to undermine Mr. Silva's relationship with Annie, during the summer months when they had time to spend quality time together, reunification would again be thwarted. Up to this point, Ms. Silva had done everything in her power to prevent Annie and her father from discussing their differences over Annie's home schooling, Annie's anger at her father for having her math tested, and actually encouraged Annie not to resolve her problems with her father. Everything Ms. Silva did undermined Mr. Silva's ability to have a

close, loving bond with his daughter, whom he had been prevented from seeing for over a year, except during a couple reunification sessions, and at DHC for a few minutes.

Ms. Silva's behavior has been categorized by mental health professionals as "pathogenic parenting." Such parents are often narcissistic/borderline personality parents. The pathogenic parent will attempt to manipulate or characterize the custodial relationship as the child being "forced" to have a normal relationship with the other parent, or being protective against an allegedly abusive parent, when no abuse has occurred.

Psychologists providing judicial educational seminars have advised family court judges that this is a serious issue, which if not addressed, will result in a "parent-ectomy" or a death sentence for the "out" or "targeted" parent. Psychologists have informed judges that the methods of dealing with pathogenic parents is to try therapeutic reunification first, outsourced custody evaluations with psychological testing of the parents next, and third, the Childress Model, break the control of the pathogenic parent, by affording the child an opportunity to bond with the "targeted" parent without the interference or control of the pathogenic parent. This is referred to as "protective separation." (See, "Single-case ABAB Assessment & Remedy Protocol", Childress, Ph.D., Craig, #29.) Of course preceding these actions, the Court must determine whether the targeted parent is

not a danger or risk to the child. (See, collection of articles by Dr. Craig Childress, #31, 32.) (While the term "Parental Alienation" is no longer a recognized psychological "syndrome" the diagnostics, approach, and recommended treatment are still applicable to what is now known as "pathogenic parenting.") (See, "Reconceptualized Parental Alienation: Parental Personality Disorder and the Transgenerational Transmission of Attachment Trauma", Childress, Ph.D., Craig, #32.)

My order of "no contact" pursuant to the Childress Model was an action of last resort. This was also the advice of Judge Elliott.

Long before resorting to these measures, I ordered therapeutic reunification through Keisha Weiford. Therapeutic services began in May 2015. Ms. Weiford's first report to me on July 8, 2015. See, Ms. Weiford's report of same date. Ms. Weiford had great difficulty obtaining Ms. Silva's and Annie's participation in reunification therapy. Annie did see an individual therapist to help her address her issues with her father.

Once she was able to see Annie, Ms. Weiford made recommendations in her second report dated June 29, 2015. (See, Ms. Weiford's report of June 29, 2015, #22.) At the next hearing with the parties present, and represented by counsel, I adopted Ms. Weiford's recommendations for parenting classes, and further reunification. (See, Order from July 9, 2015 hearing, #4.)



Although I ordered reunification therapy to continue, Ms. Weiford reported to me on August 5, 2015, that Ms. Silva and Annie refused to participate and she cancelled the remaining appointments. (See, Ms. Weiford's letter of August 5, 2015, #23.) Ms. Silva's attorney then represented Ms. Silva would work with Ms. Weiford and participate in reunification. I again ordered reunification therapy to continue.

Ms. Weiford reported to me in a letter dated October 8, 2015, copied to both counsel, she wanted to meet with the parents individually, and obtain a release from Annie's therapist. Mr. Silva met with Ms. Weiford, but Ms. Silva did not. Ms. Silva told Ms. Weiford's staff that "...finances were an issue and Annie was done." (See, Ms. Weiford's letter of October 8, 2015, p.1, #24.)

Ms. Weiford's next report to me was on November 2, 2015. (See, Ms. Weiford's letter of November 2, 2015, #25.) Annie and Ms. Silva met three (3) times with Ms. Weiford. Her report of those sessions is contained in the November 2, 2015 letter. During the second visit, Annie was "open and comfortable." She played 3 to 4 games of checkers with her father. Annie left the office cheerful.

Before the third session, Annie wanted Ms. Weiford to know that she did not want to be reunified and did not want a relationship with her father. Ms. Weiford noticed a big difference in Annie's behavior from the first to the second session

(which was improved) to the third session where Annie “shut down.” Ms. Silva was baffled, and Annie reported she was “acting.”

Ms. Weiford contacted Annie’s therapist and learned Annie only had 2 sessions. Ms. Weiford was surprised that Ms. Silva did not take Annie more than twice, when she was having difficulty in her relationship with her father. In Ms. Weiford’s words: “[I]t appears that Mom’s thoughts are that the problems lie solely with Dad, therefore, if we get rid of Dad then the problem is solved. However, I believe the problems are more systemic and has more to do with the dynamics in the parental relationship that started in the marriage and continues to this day.” (See, #25.)

Ms. Weiford learned that during the 2 sessions with her therapist, Annie did not report abuse, neglect or any other issues with her father, other than him taking her cell phone away (as discipline).

Ms. Weiford recommended Mr. Silva have unsupervised visits with Annie, as there was no proof of abuse or neglect. Ms. Weiford further recommended “...Mom supporting that relationship with Dad is the best thing that she can do for her (Annie).” (See, #25, page 5.) Additional recommendations were made, such as parenting classes.

When therapeutic reunification proved unsuccessful, I ordered a full outsourced custody evaluation through Claudia Schwarz. Ms. Silva claimed she

could not pay Ms. Schwarz fees, and did not participate in the custody evaluation. Still, Mr. Silva was not able to have custodial time with Annie due to her, and Ms. Silva's refusal to allow it.

The only option I had left short of a "pick up order" authorizing police to retrieve the child from the mother's home, was to mandate the production of the child and a custody exchange on a temporary basis. I viewed the latter choice as a more controlled option, because Court security and the courtroom environment would ensure safety for all persons involved, and protect their privacy.

In Family Court there are "pick up" orders when a parent withholds a child. A pick up order directs legal authorities, usually the police, to retrieve the child from the withholding parent, and deliver the child to the parent whose custody rights have been violated. This is one of the tools Family Court Judges use, but only if absolutely necessary, as the child could be traumatized by the police presence. This type of custodial exchange would be carried out in a public setting, rather than the privacy of a Court room.

**Interrogatory No. 8.**

In your Minute Order from June 15, 2016, why did you order that if the minor refuses to go with the father that the minor would go to Child Haven?

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**Answer to Interrogatory No. 8.**

Immediately prior to the hearing, I consulted with Presiding Judge, Charles Hoskin, as I had many times during the previous months on this case. Judge Hoskin and I brainstormed about scenarios to facilitate the custody exchange, but keep the peace. I explained the history of this case with Judge Hoskin, and the fact that during reunification therapy, Ms. Silva was unwilling to "force" Annie to participate, and Annie refused to participate, or even get out of the car once at Ms. Weiford's office.

When I asked Judge Hoskin what I should do if Annie refused to go with her father even after I had the mother leave the Court room, he advised me to tell Annie that if she did not go with her father, she would be taken to Child Haven, which is like a "jail for kids." I relied on my experienced colleague, as I had in many other hearings on this case, because this was my first case of pathogenic parenting, which started just after I took the bench. I can supply an affidavit from Judge Hoskin if necessary.

**Interrogatory No. 9.**

Please explain what Child Haven is in detail, and why you told the daughter that is a jail and /or prison for children?

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**Answer to Interrogatory No. 9.**

See response to no. 8 above. Child Haven is where children are kept safe after they are removed from their parent(s) from potentially dangerous situations. Child Haven is not typically used for child custody exchanges; that is the purview of Donna's House. Only in extreme custody cases have Judges told parents their child could go to Child Haven if they absolutely refused to abide by Court orders. I know of one other Judge at Family Court besides Judge Hoskin who used the threat of Child Haven when parents will not listen to reason. I relied on Judge Hoskin's advice, and I used his words verbatim.

**Interrogatory No. 10.**

Please explain, in detail, what you told the daughter off the record.

**Answer to Interrogatory No. 10.**

First, I sought the advice of Judge Jennifer Elliott numerous times on this case. I was a new judge, and Judge Elliott has extensive experience as a Marriage and Family Therapist. I respect her opinion. Judge Elliott is the person who explained the remedial approaches to me, which I followed at every juncture in this case. Judge Elliott advised me to allow Annie time to ask me questions, after I explained to her what was going to happen. I followed Judge Elliott's advice. If necessary, I can provide an affidavit from Judge Elliott.

I explained to Annie that her father loved her very much and he has been asking to see her for a long time. I asked her why she didn't want to go with her father. She did not have a reasonable explanation.

I told Annie that she was supposed to see her father on weekends, and she and her mother decided she was not going to do that, so she was going to spend the summer with him. I asked Annie if she had any questions for me, and she had several.

I answered each of Annie's questions. Annie is very intelligent, and very stubborn. She is homeschooled by Ms. Silva, and wants to be an actress. She enjoys the undisciplined lifestyle Ms. Silva provides. Mr. Silva has a much more structured life style. Annie does not like rules.

Annie asked me if I would make my daughter go see her father if my daughter really didn't want to go? I told Annie I would, because my daughter's father loves her and wants to be in her life. (I do not have a daughter, but Annie was presenting me with scenarios, so I answered her).

Annie posed 2 or 3 more scenarios to me, and I answered her questions. Annie was poised and calm throughout our conversation. Our conversation lasted about 10 minutes, and my marshal and court clerk were present.

Although our conversation was not a "child interview" unless you consider Annie's questioning of me an interview, which I did not, such interviews are not

recorded. The video record is the official record of hearings and trials, but children are not videotaped when they are interviewed. This is for their protection. If the parents obtained a videotape of the interview, they could allow the child to view it, which is strictly against Court policy on keeping children out of the Court process. Other abuses can occur if the parents have the videotape, such as in this case, where Ms. Silva released the tape, which is now on YouTube. Annie may, and likely will, suffer trauma from having sensitive information like this released to the public by her own parent.

At the October 2016 hearing where the parties stipulated to continue the custody order of June 2016, counsel stipulated to seal the case file pursuant to NRS 125.110. The videotape of Annie had already been released, but the Court accepted their stipulation to seal the file. Counsel for the parties also requested I order third parties in possession of the videotape to remove it from their Facebook pages and websites. I could not grant their request, as I have no authority or jurisdiction over the third parties to which Ms. Silva gave the videotape.

**Interrogatory No. 11.**

Did you make up your mind before that hearing that you were going to change custody, please explain.

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**Answer to Interrogatory No. 11.**

I made up my mind to temporarily transfer custody to Mr. Silva when Ms. Silva violated my order to facilitate visitation through DHC. (See, Journal Entry of June 8, 2016, #12.) The custody exchange in my Court room on June 15, 2016 was not a hearing. My journal entry of June 8, 2016, and all the hearings prior to that date formed the basis of my decision to invoke the Childress Model.

**Interrogatory No. 12.**

Why did you not have a counselor, or CASA volunteer, or someone of that nature at the June 15, 2016 hearing to facilitate the custody transfer and comfort the minor child?

**Answer to Interrogatory No. 12.**

I could not have predicted Annie's outburst, but I also do not have the resources of a counselor or a CASA. CASAs are appointed to represent foster children. There are 300 CASAs and 3,500 foster children in need of CASAs. CASAs are only appointed for foster children in abuse and neglect cases. They are assigned specific foster children. CASAs are individual volunteers and are not located on the Family Court campus. Neither are counselors. Family Court does not supply free counselors to Judges.

Annie was not traumatized as seemingly depicted in the short video clip. Annie was very calm during my conversation with her, and only when she learned



she was not going to manipulate the situation to her desire, did she become histrionic. Annie cried no tears. My marshal gave her tissues and she pushed them away. After crying did not manipulate me, Annie became stern with me and stated "No, I won't!" when I told her she was going with her father.

I made sure Annie was calm and comfortable before leaving the Court room with her father. My marshal stayed with Annie, her father and his significant other, and walked them out of the Court building to make sure Annie was no longer upset and willing left with her father.

**Interrogatory No. 13.**

Why did you choose to have the mother and father removed from the Court, and then spoke to the child off the record?

**Answer to Interrogatory No. 13.**

Upon the advice of Judge Elliott, who told me to have a friendly conversation with Annie, and explain to her what was happening that day. Family Court Judges often speak to children off the record, without their parents present. Usually, these conversations are prearranged, stipulated interviews. In this case, I did not interview Annie, but allowed her to ask me questions.

**Interrogatory No. 14.**

Why did you choose to have the mother removed from the courtroom on June 15, 2016?

**Answer to Interrogatory No. 14.**

This scenario was discussed at length with Judges Elliott, Duckworth and Hoskin. If needed, I can obtain affidavits from these judges to support the fact that they gave me the advice I am presenting in these answers.

Judge Duckworth and I discussed having the custodial exchange happen in the hallway after I announced my decision to the parents. We rejected this option because in Judge Duckworth's experience, this resulted in family members or friends who are there to support the litigants, arguing and perhaps even fighting in the hallway and being injured, or traumatizing the child.

Judge Elliott and Judge Hoskin discussed conducting the exchange in the Court room. I discussed how this could be accomplished because Ms. Silva was likely going to disrupt the transfer of Annie to her father. She had been preventing Mr. Silva from having his custodial time with Annie for months. I expected Ms. Silva would cause such a commotion that she might have been taken into custody, and I did not think this would be in anyone's best interest. We thought out different scenarios, and came to the conclusion it would be best to have her leave the Court room, and be escorted off the property so she couldn't interfere with the exchange, or wait for Mr. Silva in the parking lot and engage him in an altercation in Annie's presence.

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**Interrogatory No. 15.**

How would you characterize the court proceeding that took place on June 15, 2016, such as was it a contempt hearing, custody hearing etc.? Please explain in detail.

**Answer to Interrogatory No. 15.**

It was not a hearing. I had made my decision on June 8, 2016, sent the parties' the journal entry, and set the appearance for the custodial exchange. NRS 125C.0055, allows the Court, during any action for determining custody of a child, to order production of the child. NRS 125C.0055 states:

**NRS 125C.0055 Order for production of child before court; determinations concerning physical custody of child.**

1. If, during any action for determining the custody of a minor child, either before or after the entry of a final order concerning the custody of a minor child, it appears to the court that any minor child of either party has been, or is likely to be, taken or removed out of this State or concealed within this State, the court shall forthwith order such child to be produced before it and make such disposition of the child's custody as appears most advantageous to and in the best interest of the child and most likely to secure to him or her the benefit of the final order or the modification or termination of the final order to be made in his or her behalf.

2. If, during any action for determining the custody of a minor child, either before or after the entry of a final order concerning the custody of a minor child, the court finds that it would be in the best interest of the minor child, the court may enter an order providing that a party may, with the assistance of the appropriate law enforcement agency, obtain physical custody of the child from the party having physical custody of the child. The order must provide that if the party obtains physical custody of the child, the child must be produced before the court as soon as practicable to allow the court to make such disposition of the child's custody as appears most advantageous to and

in the best interest of the child and most likely to secure to him or her the benefit of the final order or the modification or termination of the final order to be made in his or her behalf.

3. If the court enters an order pursuant to subsection 2 providing that a party may obtain physical custody of a child, the court shall order that party to give the party having physical custody of the child notice at least 24 hours before the time at which he or she intends to obtain physical custody of the child, unless the court deems that requiring the notice would likely defeat the purpose of the order.

4. All orders for a party to appear with a child issued pursuant to this section may be enforced by issuing a warrant of arrest against that party to secure his or her appearance with the child.

5. A proceeding under this section must be given priority on the court calendar.

**Interrogatory No. 16.**

Please explain how you found the mother in contempt for failure to follow the Court's order regarding visitation with the father on June 15, 2016 while at the same time state that an order to show cause shall issue?

**Answer to Interrogatory No. 16.**

I found her in contempt pursuant to the DHC report of May 26, 2016 and the uncontroverted fact that she did not give Mr. Silva his custodial time. I ordered Mr. Silva's counsel to prepare an Order from the May 12, 2016 hearing, and an "Order to Show Cause." Neither counsel prepared the Order from the May 12, 2016 hearing, so I considered and granted Ms. Silva's objection to the Order to Show Cause, and did not proceed on that issue at the evidentiary hearing.

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**Interrogatory No. 17.**

Please explain why you did not hold a contempt hearing regarding visitation on July 28, 2016 since you held a contempt hearing on other issues that day.

**Answer to Interrogatory No. 17.**

Counsel for Mr. Silva did not provide an Order from the May 12, 2016 hearing, and Ms. Silva's counsel objected to going forward on contempt. I agreed with his objection and did not proceed on the contempt hearing regarding visitation.

Orders already existed for the HELOC and academic testing issues. I proceeded with the evidentiary hearing on these Orders.

**Interrogatory No. 18.**

Did you inform the parties before the hearing that you were going to change custody at the June 15, 2016 hearing, and if yes, please explain how you informed the parties.

**Answer to Interrogatory No. 18.**

Yes. In open Court on May 12, 2016, and in the June 8, 2016 journal entry personally served on the parties and/or their counsel.

**Interrogatory No. 19.**

Please explain why you did not hold a hearing regarding the awarding of child support at the June 15, 2016 hearing.

**Answer to Interrogatory No. 19.**

The June 15, 2016 date was not a hearing, but a custody exchange. Due to the temporary custody exchange, with Mr. Silva having custody of Annie, child support was set at the minimum statutory amount of \$100.00. This is the least amount a parent must pay when custody is granted to the other parent, even on a temporary basis. Any time I change custody, I have to order child support. See, NRS 125B.080.

**Interrogatory No. 20.**

Please explain how you protected the mother's due process rights regarding the custody, child support and contempt finding at the June 15, 2016 hearing.

**Answer to Interrogatory No. 20.**

Ms. Silva was put on notice that if she did not make Annie go for weekend visitation with Mr. Silva, Ms. Silva would be in contempt, and Annie would spend the entire summer with Mr. Silva. With Annie spending the entire summer with Mr. Silva, a de facto change in custody occurred. This change is temporary in nature, and was in the best interest of the child.

I viewed the temporary change in custody as an emergency, for the benefit of the child, and to preserve her relationship with her father.

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**Interrogatory No. 21.**

Based on the answers to any of the above questions, did respondent violate Rule 1.1 (compliance with the law including the Code); Rule 1.2 (failing to act at all times in a manner that promotes public confidence in the independence, integrity, and impartiality of the judiciary and avoiding impropriety and the appearance of impropriety); Rule 2.2 (failing to uphold and apply law, and performing all duties of judicial office fairly and impartially); Rule 2.5(A)(perform duties competently); 2.6(a) (failing to accord to every person who has a legal interest in a proceeding, or that person's lawyers, the right to be heard according to the law); and Rule 2.8(b) failing to be patient, dignified and courteous to litigants, jurors, witnesses, lawyers, court staff, court officials, and others with whom the judge deals in an official capacity) of the Revised Nevada Code of Judicial Conduct, or any single rule or any combination of those rules, by doing any, a combination of, or all of the alleged acts, in Case No. D-12-467820-D, on or about June 8, 2016 – June 15, 2016 while respondent was acting in her official capacity as a District Court Judge of Family Court for the Eighth Judicial District Court in Clark County Nevada? Please Explain.

**Answer to Interrogatory No. 21.**

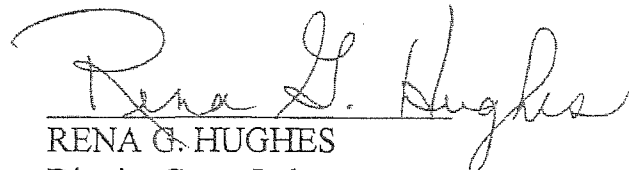
No. I acted upon the advice of my senior colleagues at each step in this case. Being a new judge, I had not encountered such problematic custody issues,

and needed the advice of my colleagues. I followed their advice for each hearing, and in making the orders I entered. I respect and value their expertise.

Ms. Silva's behavior was contemptuous, outrageous, and damaging to Annie, not to mention in violation of Mr. Silva's basic, parental rights.

I handled the situation as best I could, given the advice of my senior colleagues. I always had the best interest of Annie in mind, and worked through various steps to reunify her with her father, who had committed no act of abuse to warrant the reactions of Annie and her mother.

Dated this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2017

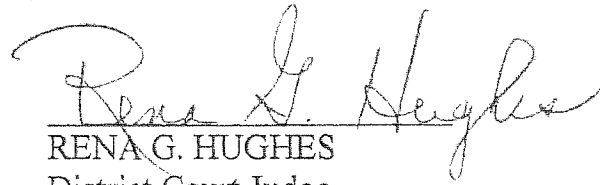
  
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District Court Judge



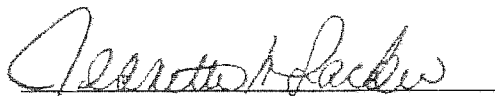
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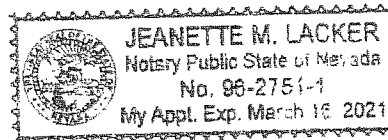
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RENA G. HUGHES, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that she is the Respondent in the above-entitled action; that she has read the foregoing Answers to Interrogatories Pertaining to Complaints Regarding Judge Rena Hughes Case Numbers 2016-113 and 206-158 and knows the contents thereof; that the same is true of her own knowledge except as to those matters therein alleged on information and belief, and to those matters, she believes them to be true.

  
RENA G. HUGHES  
District Court Judge

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to  
before me this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2017.

  
NOTARY PUBLIC in and for  
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D-12-467820-D

DISTRICT COURT  
CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

Divorce - Complaint

COURT MINUTES

May 12, 2016

D-12-467820-D      Welthy Silva, Plaintiff  
vs.  
Rogerio Silva, Defendant.

May 12, 2016      10:00 AM      All Pending Motions

HEARD BY: Hughes, Rena G.

COURTROOM: Courtroom 04

COURT CLERK: Carol Critchett

## PARTIES:

Annie Silva, Subject Minor, not present  
Rogerio Silva, Defendant, Counter Claimant,      Lesley Cohen, Attorney, present  
present  
Welthy Silva, Plaintiff, Counter Defendant,      Pro Se  
present

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- STATUS CHECK: REUNIFICATION; COOPERATION OF PLTF AND YEARLY TESTING (HOME SCHOOLING VS. PUBLIC SCHOOLING)...STATUS CHECK: DEFT'S VISITATION...STATUS CHECK RE: OUTSOURCE EVALUATION SERVICES

Court noted the outsourced evaluation did not go forward. Plaintiff advised the Court of her lack of funds to pay her half of the outsourced evaluation fees.

Argument and discussion regarding the choice of evaluator; Defendant's lack of contact with the child, the parental alienation issues, the need for therapeutic reunification and Plaintiff's blocking Defendant's relationship with the child. Argument and discussion regarding the history of the case, Plaintiff's failure to foster Defendant's relationship with the child, completion of the child's home schooling, the type of home school the child attends and Defendant's belief there is no proper testing

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of the child to allow her to proceed into a regular school. Argument and discussion regarding Defendant's self employment, his timeshare and holiday requests and his desire to be a part of the child's life. Argument and discussion regarding the timeshare in the Decree Of Divorce, the child exchanges and the child refusing to attend the visitations. Argument and discussion regarding Plaintiff's need to make sure the child attends the visitations and Defendant's non-payment of child support. Court advised the Plaintiff she was close to being held in contempt and being incarcerated. Argument and discussion regarding the child support payments. Counsel advised the Court Defendant changed banks but he would make a payment for the child support today (5-11-16) by electronic transfer to Plaintiff's bank account. Plaintiff provided her bank account to Defendant via his counsel IN OPEN COURT. Argument and discussion regarding Plaintiff not following the "30/30 Rule" or the joint legal custody provisions. Plaintiff advised the Court she had provided the medical bills to Defendant through the website "Our Family Wizard". Argument and discussion regarding the outstanding medical expenses, Plaintiff's preparation of a Schedule Of Arrearages and Plaintiff's prior provisions of the expenses information. Counsel requested a finding from the Court regarding the contempt issues. Court advised counsel to file for an Order To Show Cause.

COURT ORDERED the following:

1. Temporarily Defendant shall receive VISITATION with the child from Saturday at 11:00 A.M. until Sunday at 5:00 P.M. beginning Saturday, MAY 14, 2016.
2. The parties shall EXCHANGE the CHILD under SUPERVISION through DONNA'S HOUSE. Plaintiff shall DROP the CHILD OFF at Donna's House then LEAVE. If the CHILD DOES NOT GO on the VISITATIONS Plaintiff will be HELD IN CONTEMPT and the CHILD will be WITH the DEFENDANT for the ENTIRE SUMMER break from school.
3. Plaintiff shall UPDATE the MEDICAL EXPENSES. Plaintiff shall PROVIDE a DETAILED BILLING from the child's CHIROPRACTOR to counsel WITHIN THE NEXT 2 WEEKS (5-25-16).
4. Plaintiff shall prepare and FILE a SCHEDULE OF ARREARAGES within the NEXT 2 WEEKS (5-25-16).

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5. A STATUS CHECK hearing regarding the CHILD EXCHANGES, the MEDICAL EXPENSES, CHILD SUPPORT and ALIMONY is calendared for July 28, 2016 at 10:00 A.M. for ONE HOUR.

Ms. Cohen shall PREPARE the ORDER.

**INTERIM CONDITIONS:****FUTURE HEARINGS:**

July 28, 2016 10:00 AM Status Check  
Courtroom 04  
Skaggs, Tiffany  
Hughes, Rena G.

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CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

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May 12, 2016

CLERK OF THE COURT

By: C. W. [Signature]

Deputy Carol CR

Case No. D-12-467820-DDepartment: P

ORDER FOR SUPERVISED EXCHANGE

Wendy Silva Plaintiff,

-vs-

Rogio Silva Defendant.

The court finds that it is in the best interest of the parties' child(ren) that the transfers for the Plaintiff's/Defendant's visitation be supervised pursuant to this Order. Therefore,  
(circle one)

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that because the Court finds that the parties have not or cannot pick up and drop off their child(ren) for visitation at an agreeable location in a fashion that is safe for the child(ren) physically and/or emotionally, the parties shall utilize Donna's House services.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the exchange schedule will be in effect as of (date) 5-12-16, provided BOTH parties complete orientation, for thirty (30) / sixty (60) / ninety (90) days and will occur as follows:

Pickup will occur as follows:					Drop off will occur as follows:				
Wed / Thurs / Fri	Saturday / Sunday				Wed / Thurs / Fri	Saturday / Sunday			
6 p.m.	9 a.m.	12 noon	3 p.m.	6 p.m.	6 p.m.	9 a.m.	12 noon	3 p.m.	6 p.m.
7 p.m.	10 a.m.	1 p.m.	4 p.m.		7 p.m.	10 a.m.	1 p.m.	4 p.m.	
8 p.m.	11 a.m.	2 p.m.	5 p.m.		8 p.m.	11 a.m.	2 p.m.	5 p.m.	

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED p.u. by Dad 11am on Sat  
d.o. by 5pm on Sun. Mom will leave  
Annie & not stay after she drops off.  
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the parties shall contact Donna's House at (702) 455-4229 to schedule orientation. Failure to contact Donna's House may result in the family's inability to use said services, and the Court may issue sanctions against the responsible party or parties.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the cost of said services is \$10.00 per supervised visitation hour:

- 1) Fee shall be paid equally by both parties (i.e., \$5.00 per hour by each party); or  
 2) ☐ Plaintiff ☐ Defendant shall pay the whole amount of \$10 per supervised visitation hour; or  
 X 3) Fee for supervised exchange shall hereby be waived.

Said payments shall be paid directly to Donna's House, 601 N Pecos Rd, Bldg B, Las Vegas, NV. Said payment shall be made no later than the date of the exchange. Failure to pay may result in cancellation of the scheduled monitored visitation and the Court may issue sanctions against the responsible party or parties.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the parties shall follow all rules and directives of Donna's House. Failure to follow all rules and directives may result in the immediate termination of services and the Court may issue sanctions against the responsible party or parties. The general rules are contained on the back of this order.

This matter is reset for:

Date: July 28, 2016 Time: 10AM

Rena S. Hughes  
DISTRICT JUDGE / COMMISSIONER

Attorney for Plaintiff: Pro Se

Attorney for Defendant: Jessie Cohen

White: Court

Green: Plaintiff

Goldenrod: Defendant

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DISTRICT COURT  
CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

Divorce - Complaint

COURT MINUTES

June 08, 2016

D-12-467820-D

Welthy Silva, Plaintiff

vs.

Rogerio Silva, Defendant.

June 08, 2016

2:30 PM

Minute Order

HEARD BY: Hughes, Rena G.

COURTROOM: Courtroom 04

COURT CLERK: Tiffany Skaggs

## PARTIES:

Annie Silva, Subject Minor, not present

Rogerio Silva, Defendant, Counter Claimant, Lesley Cohen, Attorney, not present  
not presentWelthy Silva, Plaintiff, Counter Defendant, not Pro Se  
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- Per Judge Hughes

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This Court has read and considered the current underlying pleadings in this matter.

This case has a lengthy, troubled history. Since the parties divorce on April 26, 2013, they have been before this Court no less than 9 times, primarily on Father's motions to enforce his rights of custody and visitation, and regarding his objection to the minor child ( Annie ) being home schooled by

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In January 2015, Father filed a second motion for academic testing, to have Annie placed in public school, to modify child custody to primary to Father, and enforce the Decree of Divorce with respect to the HELOC. The Decree ordered Mother to refinance or sell the former marital residence because Father's name is on the HELOC. Father requested a change in custody based on Mother's decision to home school Annie, without his consent. Father alleged that when he objected to Mother about the home schooling, she denied him visitation. At the hearing in February 2015, the parties were ordered to mediation to address Father's visitation, and for a child interview. It was alleged that Annie did not wish to visit, with Father.

In or around April 2015, Mother began withholding the minor child during Father's custodial time. In May 2015, Father called the police to assist him in facilitating his visitation, and Mother refused to turn over the child.

The parties stipulated in July 2015 to reunification therapy for Father and Annie. The Court ordered reunification therapy with Keisha Weiford and Father to bear the cost. The Court also ordered Mother to have math testing performed, and that Father would have compensatory time over the summer break. The Court further ordered the parties to provide a history of the HELOC payments and the current balance.

Keisha Weiford provided reports in early July and August 2015, informing the Court that Father met with her for reunification therapy and paid all fees. In July 2015, Mother arrived for the initial appointment, but did not leave the parking lot, alleging Annie would not get out of the car. Keisha Weiford went to meet Mother and Annie in the parking lot and spoke to them. Ms. Weiford spoke with Annie and calmed her fears, but then Mother ended the conversation by stating that Annie was too stressed to go forward with the appointment. Mother reiterated that Annie does not want to meet with her father. Ms. Weiford also reported that Mother called days prior to the first appointment and told her Annie did not want to come to the appointment or was unwilling to get in the car. Mother wanted to know if Annie could terminate the reunification session if Father started to lie in session. Father met with Ms. Weiford and reported that Annie was upset with him for having her tested, and for questioning her home schooling. Ms. Weiford contacted Mother again and

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Ms. Weiford reported I am having a hard time distinguishing what were the problems in the marriage and what are the problems in the parent-child relationship. It seems very much intertwined, with Mom's relationship with Dad. I am concerned with the possible enmeshment that Annie and Mom might have. Ms. Weiford recommended Mother get behind the reunification and share the financial responsibility of reunification therapy. Father paid Ms. Weiford a total of \$1,800.00 for reunification therapy that never occurred. Ms. Weiford then canceled the remaining reunification appointments.

In October 2015, the Court issued an Order to Show Cause against Mother for not following the Court's Order to engage in reunification therapy, and ordered reunification therapy to continue. The Court further ordered the parties to equally divide the cost of therapy for the previous sessions, and for Mother to pay for all future sessions.

Mother terminated the reunification with Ms. Weiford, reporting that finances were an issue and Annie was done.

Before terminating the reunification therapy, Ms. Weiford conducted three (3) sessions with Father and Annie. According to Ms. Weiford's report of November 2, 2015, Annie was tearful at first, but by the time of the second session, she was comfortable with her Father and played games with him. Annie left the second session cheerful. Before starting the third session, Annie told Ms. Weiford, she did not want to be reunified and did not want to have a relationship with her father.

Ms. Weiford had authority to contact Annie's therapist and received a report that Annie did not report abuse, neglect, or any other issues with her father concerning safety and welfare. In Ms. Weiford's opinion, the issues between Annie and her Father had more to do with his conflicts with her Mother than with his personal relationship with her. Ms. Weiford further opined that Mother was creating the rift between Father and Annie, because Annie's thoughts appeared to be those of her

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Mother, from her difficult relationship with Father.

In January 2016, the Court issued an Order to Show Cause against Plaintiff for having violated the Court's Orders of May 5, 2015, July 21, 2015, October 7, 2015, and January 5, 2016 to have the child subjected to standardized testing for math proficiency. Further, because Mother was not facilitating reunification therapy, the Court ordered visitation exchanges occur at Donna's House, so the exchanges could be observed, and a report to the Court generated. Visitation was ordered for 2.5 hours on dates certain throughout February 2016, with eventual overnights at the end of February, to take place each week. On February 16, 2016, Donna's House reported that the parties completed the orientation process, but Annie refused to go with her Father for visitation, and they canceled future exchanges.

The Court then issued a referral Order for Outsourced Evaluation Services with Claudia Schwarz on February 28, 2016. Each party was ordered to pay one half of Ms. Schwarz's fees. On March 1, 2016, Ms. Schwarz reported to the Court that Father was in compliance with the Court's order and was ready to begin services, however, Mother contacted her and explained she cannot pay for services at this time. Because Mother could not pay for services, the Court AGAIN ordered child custody exchanges to resume, at Donna's House, as previously ordered. The Court FURTHER ADMONISHED Mother that if she did not encourage and facilitate the exchanges on weekends, Annie would spend the entire summer with Father, Mother may be held in contempt, and further sanctions could issue against her. Mother brought Annie to Donna's House for the exchange and Annie refused to go with Father.

This Court FINDS that Mother has failed to facilitate Father's visitation with Annie. Because Mother has failed to facilitate visitation with Father, she has violated his parental rights and the orders of this Court. Mother was advised at the last court hearing that if she did not compel the minor child to visit with Father on weekends, the child would spend the entire summer with Father.

Based upon the reasons stated above: IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

This Court finds that Plaintiff is in contempt of the Court's order to facilitate visitation on weekends with the Father, AN ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE SHALL ISSUE.

AN ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE is also issued against Plaintiff for not complying with the Court's orders to refinance the HELOC, on the former marital residence, or in the alternative, to have it sold.

AN ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE is further issued against Plaintiff for not having Annie tested for Math proficiency in a timely manner as ordered by the Court.

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Mother shall bring the minor child to Dept. J, Court room #4, on June 15, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. If Mother fails to deliver the minor child to the courtroom on June 15, 2016, she shall be deemed in further contempt of Court, and sentenced to twenty-five (25) days incarceration. If Mother fails to appear, a bench warrant shall issue.

The Order to Show Cause hearing shall be scheduled for July 28, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. The Status Check, set for July 28, 2016, at 10:00 am, shall hereby, be VACATED.

Counsel for Defendant shall prepare an Order consistent with this Court minute, and the Orders to Show Cause.

Clerk's note, a copy, of today's minute order was mailed, to Plaintiff and placed, in counsel's folder, at Family Court.

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10 **WELTHY SILVA,**

11 **Plaintiff,**

12 **vs.**

13 **ROGERIO SILVA,**

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27 The Court further ordered the parties to equally divide the cost of therapy for the previous sessions,  
28 and for Mother to pay for all future sessions.

29 Mother terminated the reunification with Ms. Weiford, reporting that finances were an issue  
30 and Annie was done.

31 Before terminating the reunification therapy, Ms. Weiford conducted three (3) sessions with  
32 Father and Annie. According to Ms. Weiford's report of November 2, 2015, Annie was tearful at first,

1 but by the time of the second session, she was comfortable with her Father and played games with him.  
2 Annie left the second session cheerful. Before starting the third session, Annie told Ms. Weiford, she  
3 did not want to be reunified and did not want to have a relationship with her father.

4 Ms. Weiford had authority to contact Annie's therapist and received a report that Annie did not  
5 report abuse, neglect, or any other issues with her father concerning safety and welfare. In Ms. Weiford  
6's opinion, the issues between Annie and her Father had more to do with his conflicts with her Mother  
7 than with his personal relationship with her. Ms. Weiford further opined that Mother was creating the  
8 rift between Father and Annie, because Annie's thoughts appeared to be those of her Mother, from her  
9 difficult relationship with Father.

10 In January 2016, the Court issued an Order to Show Cause against Plaintiff for having violated  
11 the Court's Orders of May 5, 2015, July 21, 2015, October 7, 2015, and January 5, 2016, to have the  
12 child subjected to standardized testing for math proficiency. Further, because Mother was not  
13 facilitating reunification therapy, the Court ordered visitation exchanges occur at Donna's House, so  
14 the exchanges could be observed, and a report to the Court generated. Visitation was ordered for 2.5  
15 hours on dates certain throughout February 2016, with eventual overnights at the end of February, to  
16 take place each week. On February 16, 2016, Donna's House reported that the parties completed the  
17 orientation process, but Annie refused to go with her Father for visitation, and they canceled future  
18 exchanges.

19 The Court then issued a referral Order for Outsourced Evaluation Services with Claudia  
20 Schwarz on February 28, 2016. Each party was ordered to pay one half of Ms. Schwarz fees. On March  
21 1, 2016, Ms. Schwarz reported to the Court that Father was in compliance with the Court's order and  
22 was ready to begin services, however, Mother contacted her and explained she cannot pay for services  
23 at this time. Because Mother could not pay for services, the Court AGAIN ordered child custody  
24 exchanges to resume, at Donna's House, as previously ordered. The Court FURTHER  
25 ADMONISHED Mother that if she did not encourage and facilitate the exchanges on weekends, Annie  
26 would spend the entire summer with Father, Mother may be held in contempt, and further sanctions  
27 could issue against her. Mother brought Annie to Donna's House for the exchange and Annie refused  
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1 to go with Father. the Court having reviewed the pleadings and papers on file, and being fulling  
2 advised in the premises:

3 THE COURT FINDS that Mother has failed to facilitate Father's visitation with Annie.  
4 Because Mother has failed to facilitate visitation with Father, she has violated his parental rights and  
5 the orders of this Court. Mother was advised at the last court hearing that if she did not compel the  
6 minor child to visit with Father on weekends, the child would spend the entire summer with Father.

7 THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that Plaintiff is in contempt of the Court's order to facilitate  
8 visitation on weekends with Father. Good cause appearing therefore,

9 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, based upon the reasons stated above AN ORDER TO SHOW  
10 CAUSE SHALL ISSUE.

11 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that AN ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE is also issued against  
12 Plaintiff for not complying with the Court's orders to refinance the HELOC, on the former marital  
13 residence, or in the alternative, to have it sold.

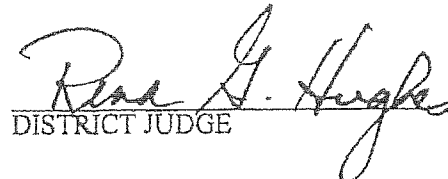
14 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that AN ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE is further issued against  
15 Plaintiff for not having Annie tested for math proficiency in a timely manner as ordered by the Court.

16 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Mother shall bring the minor child to Dept. J, Courtroom  
17 #4, on June 15, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. If Mother fails to deliver the minor child to the courtroom on June  
18 15, 2016, she shall be deemed in further contempt of Court, and sentenced to twenty-five (25) days  
19 incarceration. If Mother fails to appear, a bench warrant shall issue.

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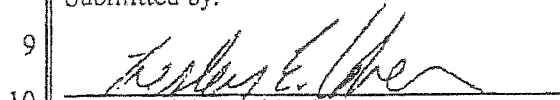
1 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Order to Show Cause hearing shall be scheduled for July  
2 28, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. The Status Check, set for July 28, 2016, at 10:00 am, shall hereby, be  
3 VACATED.

4 DATED this 14 day of June, 2016.

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7 DISTRICT JUDGE

RENA G. HUGHES

8 Submitted by:

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DISTRICT COURT  
CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

Divorce - Complaint

COURT MINUTES

June 15, 2016

D-12-467820-D      Welthy Silva, Plaintiff  
                                  vs.  
                                  Rogerio Silva, Defendant.

June 15, 2016      1:30 PM      Request of Court

HEARD BY: Hughes, Rena G.

COURTROOM: Courtroom 04

COURT CLERK: Kendall Wilson

## PARTIES:

Annie Silva, Subject Minor, present

Rogerio Silva, Defendant, Counter Claimant,  
present

Lesley Cohen, Attorney, present

Welthy Silva, Plaintiff, Counter Defendant,  
present

Pro Se

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## - REQUEST OF COURT

Marilyn Caston, bar no. 11654, present on behalf of Dad.

Mom served with the Order to Show Cause filed 06/14/2016 by the Court Marshal.

Parties instructed to leave the courtroom so the Court may speak with Minor.

MATTER TRAILED.

MATTER RECALLED.

COURT ORDERED:

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- 1.) Due to Mom's failure to facilitate visitation, and compel the child to visit with Dad, the Court is ordering Dad shall have TEMPORARY SOLE LEGAL and SOLE PHYSICAL CUSTODY;
- 2.) Dad's CHILD SUPPORT obligation to Mom shall CEASE IMMEDIATELY. Mom shall have an obligation to pay CHILD SUPPORT to Dad at the statutory minimum rate of \$100.00 per month, based on Mom's income;
- 3.) Dad shall enroll Minor in a public school in the school zone for his residence;
- 4.) Mom shall have NO CONTACT with Minor;
- 5.) Dad's counsel shall submit a Memorandum of Fees and Costs, copying the Court with her billing statements, for all work done from April 2015, to the present, within the next twenty (20) days. Mom shall have ten (10) days for the date of service of the Memorandum of Fees and Costs to file any Objection to the Memorandum;
- 6.) Court Marshal is to accompany Dad and minor to his vehicle, and if minor refuses to go with Dad, she shall go to Child Haven;
- 7.) Ms. Cohen shall prepare the Order.

09/20/2016 at 11:00 a.m. - CALENDAR CALL

10/11/2016 at 1:30 p.m. - EVIDENTIARY HEARING (stack #4) regarding permanent change in custody.

#### FUTURE HEARINGS:

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CLERK OF THE COURT

## DISTRICT COURT, FAMILY DIVISION

## CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

10 WELTHY SILVA,	CASE NO.: D-12-467820-D
11 Plaintiff,	DEPT. NO.: J
12 vs.	DATE OF HEARING: June 15, 2016
13	TIME OF HEARING: 1:30 p.m.
14 ROGERIO SILVA,	
15 Defendant.	

## ORDER

17 This matter having come on for hearing on June 15, 2016, at 1:30 p.m., with Plaintiff  
18 Welthy Silva ("Welthy") appearing personally and representing herself in proper person,  
19 and Defendant Rogerio Silva ("Rogerio") appearing personally and being represented by  
20 and through his counsel, Lesley E. Cohen, Esq., and Marilyn Caston, Esq., of Reza Athari &  
21 Associates, PLLC; the Court having reviewed the pleadings and papers on file, having heard  
22 the arguments of counsel and Welthy, having interviewed the minor child of the parties,  
23 Annie Silva ("Annie"), born on November 6, 2003, and being fully advised in the premises:  
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25 THE COURT FINDS that Welthy has committed extreme parental alienation against  
26 Rogerio, such that she has precluded Rogerio from having a relationship with Annie.  
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1 THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that Welthy's actions in preventing a relationship  
2 between Rogerio and Annie are contrary to Annie's best interest.

3 THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that Welthy was advised at the last hearing if she  
4 did not facilitate weekend visitation between Rogerio and Annie, as previously ordered, she  
5 would be held in contempt of court and Annie would spend the summer in Rogerio's  
6 custody.

7 Good cause appearing therefore,

8 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, based on Welthy's failure to facilitate Rogerio's  
9 relationship with Annie, and Welthy's decision not to allow Annie to have any visitation  
10 with her father Rogerio, Rogerio is hereby awarded temporary sole legal and sole physical  
11 custody of Annie effective immediately.  
12

13 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Rogerio is to enroll Annie in public school that he  
14 is zoned for near his home.

15 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Welthy shall have no contact with Annie until  
16 further Order of the Court, and shall not interfere with Rogerio's custodial time. If Welthy  
17 violates the terms of this order, she may be held in further contempt.  
18

19 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that an evidentiary hearing regarding custody is set for  
20 October 11, 2016, at 1:30 p.m. on Stack 4 for custody with a calendar call on September 20,  
21 2016, at 11:00 a.m.

22 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Rogerio will have twenty days from the date of  
23 this hearing to file a Memorandum of Fees and Costs covering his attorney's fees and costs  
24 beginning April 2015 forward and Welthy will have 10 days to file any objection to the  
25 same.  
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1 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that an Order to Show Cause hearing, as specified in  
2 the Order to Show Cause served upon Welthy at today's hearing, shall take place on July 28,  
3 2016, at 10:00 a.m.

4 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Rogerio's child support obligation to Welthy shall  
5 cease immediately.

6 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Welthy shall pay child support, Rogerio is  
7 awarded \$100.00 per month as and for child support until further court order or until such  
8 child (1) becomes emancipated, (2)attains the age of majority, or (3) if attending secondary  
9 education, until such time as said child attains the age of nineteen (19) years or graduate  
10 from high school, whichever event occurs first.

11 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that pursuant to EDCR 7.50 this order is effective  
12 immediately.

13 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that each party shall submit the information required  
14 in NRS 125B.055, NRS 125.130 and NRS 125.230 on a separate form to the Court and the  
15 Welfare Division of the Department of Human Resources within ten days from the date this  
16 Decree is filed. Such information shall be maintained by the Clerk in a confidential manner  
17 and not part of the public record. The parties shall update the information filed with the  
18 Court and the Welfare Division of the Department of Human Resources within ten days  
19 should any of that information become inaccurate.

20 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the parties are bound by the provisions of NRS  
21 125C.200 which provides as follows:

22 If custody has been established and the custodial parent or a parent having joint custody  
23 intends to move his residence to a place outside this state and to take the child with him, he  
24

1 must, as soon as possible and before the planned move, attempt to obtain the written consent  
2 of the other parent to move the child from the state. If the noncustodial parent refuses to  
3 give that consent, the custodial parent shall, before he leaves the state with the child, petition  
4 the court for permission to move the child. The failure of a parent to comply with the  
5 provisions of this section may be considered as a factor if a change of custody is requested  
6 by the noncustodial parent.

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8 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the parties are bound by the provisions of NRS  
9 125.510(6) which provides as follows:

10 **PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF ORDER: THE ABDUCTION,**  
11 **CONCEALMENT OR DETENTION OF A CHILD IN VIOLATION OF THIS**  
12 **ORDER IS PUNISHABLE AS A CATEGORY D FELONY AS PROVIDED IN**  
13 **NRS 193.130. NRS 200.359 provides that every person having a limited right of**  
14 **custody to a child or any parent having no right of custody to the child who willfully**  
15 **detains, conceals or removes the child from a parent, guardian or other person**  
16 **having lawful custody or a right of visitation of the child in violation of an order of**  
17 **this court, or removes the child from the jurisdiction of the court without the consent**  
18 **of either the court or all persons who have the right to custody or visitation is subject**  
19 **to being punished for a category D felony as provided in NRS 193.130.**

20 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the terms of the Hague Convention of October  
21 25, 1980, adopted by the 14th Session of the Hague Conference on Private International  
22 Law apply if a parent abducts or wrongfully retains a child in a foreign country. The parties  
23 are also put on notice of the following provisions in NRS 125.510(8):

24 If a parent of the child lives in a foreign country or has significant commitments in a  
25 foreign country:

26 A. The parties may agree, and the court shall include in the order for custody of  
27 the  
28 child, that the United States is the country of habitual residence of the child for the purposes  
of applying the terms of the Hague Convention as set forth in subsection 7.

1           (b)    Upon motion of one of the parties, the court may order the parent to post a  
2 bond if the Court determines that the parent poses an imminent risk of wrongfully removing  
3 or concealing the child outside the country of habitual residence. The bond must be in an  
4 amount determined by the court and may be used only to pay for the cost of locating the  
5 child and returning him to his habitual residence if the child is wrongfully removed from or  
6 concealed outside the country of habitual residence. The fact that a parent has significant  
7 commitments in a foreign country does not create a presumption that the parent poses an  
8 imminent risk of wrongfully removing or concealing the child.  
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10           IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the parties are hereby notified that, pursuant to  
11 NRS 125B.145, child support may be reviewed at any time upon a showing of changed  
12 circumstances, or every three years.

13           IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, pursuant to NRS 125.450, that should a party  
14 become responsible for child support, that party is hereby placed on notice that he or she is  
15 subject to NRS 31A.020 through NRS 31A.290, concerning the recovery of payment for  
16 child support.  
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Should payments of child support become at least thrifty (30) days delinquent, a wage withholding may be issued in accordance with NRS Chapter 31A.

DATED this 5 day of June, 2016.

  
RENA G. HUGHES,  
DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

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Welthy Silva, Plaintiff

vs.

Rogerio Silva, Defendant.

July 28, 2016

1:30 PM

Order to Show Cause

HEARD BY: Hughes, Rena G.

COURTROOM: Courtroom 04

COURT CLERK: Tiffany Skaggs

## PARTIES:

Annie Silva, Subject Minor, not present

Rogerio Silva, Defendant, Counter Claimant,  
present

Lesley Cohen, Attorney, present

Welthy Silva, Plaintiff, Counter Defendant,  
present

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## - ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE: PLTF'S VIOLATIONS

Attorney Weatherford, Bar #7949, present, with Plaintiff, in an UNBUNDLED CAPACITY.

Court addressed, the 5/12/16 Order has not been signed, or filed, regarding Donna's House; therefore, contempt charges can not be addressed. Court reviewed the history of the case and past Orders, regarding the Divorce Decree provision, HELOC, brief's filed 8/18/15 and 9/10/15, minors testing Order and letter (dated 7/27/15) stating which location Defendant choose to have minor tested. Court discussed why Donna's House closed the case and it being a question of fact.

The Order to Show Cause to proceed, with the math testing issue.

## OPENING STATEMENTS.

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Witness, Welthy Silva, sworn and testified.

CLOSING STATEMENTS.

COURT stated FINDINGS and ORDERED:

1. Plaintiff shall be FOUND IN CONTEMPT, for FAILURE to FOLLOW the ORDER, regarding having minor MATH TESTED, at a FACILITY of Defendant's CHOOSING (Sylvan).
2. Plaintiff shall be SANCTIONED \$500.00, regarding the CONTEMPT. Said amount shall be REDUCED to JUDGMENT, carrying legal interest and collectible by any legal means.
3. Plaintiff shall PAY Defendant ATTORNEY'S FEES and COSTS. Said amount shall be REDUCED to JUDGMENT, carrying legal interest and collectible by any legal means. Attorney Cohen shall FILE a MEMORANDUM of FEES and COSTS, within 10 days. Upon RECEIPT of the MEMORANDUM, Plaintiff shall have 10 days to FILE a RESPONSE. Counsel shall PROVIDE the DEPARTMENT, with a COURTESY COPY.
4. Plaintiff shall be INFORMED, of minors SCHOOL SCHEDULE and TEACHER MEETINGS.
5. Defendant shall still be PERMITTED to have minor MATH TESTED, if he CHOOSES.
6. The HELOC issue shall be ADDRESSED, at the EVIDENTIARY HEARING, set for 10/11/16.

Attorney Cohen to prepare an Order, from today's hearing. Attorney Weatherford to review and sign.

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1 parent's physical custody of a child is a  
2 devastating penalty and it's a devastating sanction.

3           It wasn't until we received a copy of the  
4 respondent's prehearing brief that we learned the  
5 new defense was, Well, I really didn't hold Ms.  
6 Silva in contempt. And it wasn't until Judge Hughes  
7 testified today that we heard the words "prima  
8 facia" were implied in all of these instances of  
9 finding her in contempt. She said she didn't use  
10 the words "prime facia" because it would confuse a  
11 layperson.

12           Clearly she could have said the court has a  
13 reasonable basis to believe that Ms. Silva willfully  
14 violated the visitation orders. And judges do have  
15 a responsibility to make their orders clear and  
16 understandable but, instead, we're supposed to now  
17 assume what she meant was something other than what  
18 the order says, and that's makes no sense.

19           We have at least five instances of the fact  
20 that she said "I find Ms. Silva in contempt." They  
21 look like real orders, they read like real records,  
22 and they have the effect of real orders. I submit  
23 to you these were real orders. She did find Ms.  
24 Silva in contempt. And that is consistent with her  
25 answers to interrogatories. She testified -- or I'm



1 sorry. She said that in Tab 4, page 55 she was  
2 asked how to explain how her findings of the  
3 complainant in contempt complies with the NRS and  
4 she explained what NRS 22.01003 deems contempt to be  
5 disobedience or resistance to any lawful writ,  
6 order, rule or process. And then she goes on to  
7 state, J "Ms. Silva willfully violated my orders to  
8 facilitate Mr. Silva's custodial time."

9               So there was no, I never found her in  
10 contempt, what are you talking about? It was a  
11 clear answer. She was explaining why she found her  
12 in contempt, not that she never did find her in  
13 contempt.

14              And that is also consistent with the  
15 answers that she gave the investigator. At Tab 14,  
16 page 167, the investigator for the Commission asked,  
17 "Did you find Mother in contempt for failing to  
18 facilitate the visitation?"

19              "Answer: I did," not, Oh, there never was  
20 a finding of contempt. It was just you have to  
21 imply the word "prima facia" and go down that road.  
22 It was a clear answer to a clear question. And then  
23 for her to go on and say, Well, I never really  
24 sanctioned her, again taking away your child that  
25 you had primary physical custody of, you're not just

1 giving primary physical custody to the other parent  
2 but to deny contact for four months, that is a  
3 severe penalty for contempt.

4           And as the Commission well knows, the  
5 Nevada Supreme Court has long held from Dagger to  
6 Sims to Lewis that you cannot use a change of  
7 custody to punish a parent for willful disobedience  
8 of a court order. And although the judge and I  
9 during my examination did not agree, I think it's  
10 clear that the order said that custody is changed.  
11 There was no temporary aspect for a period of time  
12 like four weeks, six weeks, eight weeks. She tried  
13 to say that, Well, because I set another hearing, it  
14 was temporary. But setting of a hearing does not  
15 automatically change the custody to make it a  
16 temporary one. She didn't say, This order shall  
17 continue in effect until the hearing. She said,  
18 We'll have a hearing on it.

19           So in my mind it was a final order unless  
20 and until the judge changed it. And there's no --  
21 there's no distinction with the difference,  
22 basically, between a temporary order and a permanent  
23 order because, until the judge changed the order, it  
24 was going to remain in effect.

25           I think some of the most telling testimony

1 actually came from Judge Hoskin and, essentially,  
2 although we had to rephrase it a few times, it's my  
3 understanding that he said that -- when I asked him,  
4 Is the judge permitted to use a temporary change in  
5 custody as a sword to punish a parent for violating  
6 visitation orders and he said "No," I think that's  
7 exactly what happened. Whether we call it a  
8 temporary or permanent change in custody, there's no  
9 question that Judge Hughes used that sword to punish  
10 her for violating Judge Hughes' visitation orders.

11           Now, we're not here to evaluate whether or  
12 not the conduct of Ms. Silva justified a change.  
13 We're here to decide did she use that change in  
14 custody as a sword to punish, and I think it's very  
15 clear that that's what occurred. So I think it's  
16 clear that the prosecuting officer has shown by  
17 clear and convincing evidence that Judge Hughes has  
18 violated Count 1 of the formal statement of charges.

19           Count 2 has to do with the video. The  
20 video, I think, speaks for itself. The defense  
21 suggests that it was the child's emotional breakdown  
22 that was so painful to watch was an act. We heard  
23 all about her acting skills during the examination  
24 by Mr. Terry of the respondent. And the judge also  
25 testified that she was fine during these missing

1 nine minutes of tape.

2 But it's interesting, because her court  
3 clerk said, No, she was upset, and certainly that's  
4 a lot more plausible, I believe, than Judge Hughes'  
5 testimony that she was fine. In any event, I think  
6 the tape speaks for itself. When the realization  
7 hit the child that she was not going to see her mom  
8 and she wasn't even allowed to say goodbye, I think  
9 she had an emotional breakdown, an age-appropriate  
10 emotional breakdown, and I don't think that the  
11 arguments responded to the contrary have any  
12 credibility.

13 As far as using the term that the place  
14 where she would be taken was something like jail, I  
15 mean, maybe judges could use it in different  
16 circumstances, but in my mind by throwing that  
17 comment in, it was like throwing gas on a fire. You  
18 already had an extremely emotionally upset child and  
19 to throw in the word "jail," I think that's  
20 completely inappropriate.

21 So I think the evidence is clear that we  
22 have proven by clear and convincing evidence that  
23 Judge Hughes violated Count 2. There have been some  
24 comments by Respondent's counsel about what needs to  
25 be proven as far as intentional conduct and I think

1 the Commission is well aware of the in re fine  
2 decision from 2000. But just to remind the  
3 Commission, the Nevada Supreme Court stated, "We  
4 have stated the relevant inquiry regarding willful  
5 misconduct is an inquiry into the intentional nature  
6 of the actor's conduct and not whether the actor was  
7 acting out of malice or ill will. The fact that an  
8 actor may have acted with the best intentions does  
9 not relieve the actor of liability.

10 "There's no requirement of a finding of bad  
11 faith. For acts to be labeled as willful  
12 misconduct, they must simply be a result of the  
13 performer's free will." There's no question that  
14 all of the actions taken by Judge Hughes in this  
15 case were willful under the definition.

16 The last issue is what is the appropriate  
17 discipline. I believe that, first and foremost,  
18 Judge Hughes should receive a preliminary reprimand  
19 for her conduct in the Silva matter. I think she  
20 needs to take a class that centers on the  
21 appropriate way to hold a person in contempt and  
22 follow that law.

23 The final issue that the Commission may  
24 wish to consider is to impose a fine. And that fine  
25 would be based on whether or not the Commission

1 determined that Judge Hughes lacked candor in her  
2 testimony here today. And if the Commission found a  
3 true lack of candor, then I think a fine of \$2,500  
4 would be appropriate. Thank you.

5 JUDGE STOCKARD: Mr. Terry?

6 MR. TERRY: Thank you.

7 Ladies and gentlemen of the Commission,  
8 first of all, we appreciate your allowing us to  
9 present our side of the story. We asked you to wait  
10 until you've heard all the evidence. In actuality  
11 when the special prosecutor put Judge Hughes on the  
12 stand, we were able to bring in all the evidence.  
13 We also asked you to watch the acts, not just of  
14 Judge Hughes, but of the father and the mother in  
15 this case.

16 One of the things we'll ask you to remember  
17 is who speaks for the father in this situation? You  
18 understand that that video was emotional. We  
19 understand that it's hard on a judge to say, You go  
20 with the parent you don't want to go to because I  
21 think it's in your best interest to do that, based  
22 upon the totality of what I've heard.

23 The pink elephant in this case, so to  
24 speak, is whether or not you believe that judge used  
25 actions in changing custody as a punishment. Judge

1 Hughes and both Judge Hoskin and Judge Steel  
2 indicated this. Judge Hughes could have changed  
3 custody without any type of contempt. All she had  
4 to find was that it was in the best interest of the  
5 minor child.

6 But the special prosecutor seems to harp on  
7 the fact that, merely because the word "contempt"  
8 was used, that it had to have been a punishment. It  
9 was not a punishment and the facts do not belie  
10 that.

11 When I asked you to wait until the totality  
12 of this case was in, what you've learned is Ms.  
13 Silva did nothing to accommodate and to comply with  
14 the orders. Some of her actions were subtle, like  
15 driving the minor child to the place where the  
16 reunification was supposed to occur but then telling  
17 her she didn't have to get out of the car if she  
18 didn't want to.

19 I would suggest to you respectfully that,  
20 even in a case where a parent doesn't necessarily  
21 believe that the child should be with the other  
22 parent, that that parent has a duty and a  
23 responsibility based on the best interest of the  
24 minor child to say, You may not want to do this, but  
25 I think that it's important that you have a

1 relationship with your father.

2           The father in this case did everything  
3 right. He filed the motions. We start with the  
4 testing situation. Mom violated the original decree  
5 of divorce by removing the child from the private  
6 school and putting her into homeschooling without  
7 even meeting the criteria of what homeschooling was  
8 for. If anybody was looking for the best interest  
9 of this minor child besides Judge Hughes, it was the  
10 natural father.

11           So when you look at the totality of the  
12 circumstances, you see a progression of approach on  
13 behalf of Judge Hughes. It's not at the first  
14 hearing in February of 2015 that she grants the  
15 motion for change of custody or expands it. And if  
16 you look closely, there's even a point in time when  
17 she takes the visitation rights away from Dad until  
18 there's a further showing by Donna's House of  
19 convincing her that there is a good effort to try to  
20 get reunification.

21           It's only when Donna's House confirms what  
22 the other counselors have confirmed and what now is  
23 Judge Hughes' belief on the parental alienation that  
24 Judge Hughes does what she does, but she doesn't --  
25 she does it in the best interest of the minor child.



1 Family court judges aren't there for popularity.  
2 They're there because the standard is you have to do  
3 the things that are best for the child even if the  
4 child doesn't agree, even if the other parent  
5 doesn't agree.

6 Judge Hughes called it a third-party  
7 beneficiary. The minor child went with the father.  
8 Maybe the use of the term "jail" was inappropriate,  
9 but she's not before you for sanctioning for using  
10 the term inappropriate. She's in front of you  
11 because the special prosecutor believes that she  
12 used as a punishment the change of custody. I want  
13 to remind you she had set at that same procedure an  
14 order to show cause.

15 At the order to show cause she didn't find  
16 Ms. Silva in contempt for the reasons that my  
17 colleague indicated at the proceeding before. So,  
18 again, if you look at the totality of the  
19 circumstances and you ask yourself -- if you're  
20 going to be a judge, you have to make a decision.  
21 Sometimes those decisions aren't pleasant.  
22 Sometimes we get ridiculed for them. But sometimes  
23 you have to make a decision that's in the best  
24 interest of, in this case, the minor child.

25 Interesting to note is that by the time

1 they went back to court for the order to show cause,  
2 there was a stipulation by the parties that the  
3 custodial situation with some minor adjustments  
4 could remain the same. The minor was put into  
5 public school, she was tested. In whose best  
6 interest was that? Not Mom's. Not Dad's. Dad was  
7 the one that was paying for all this. Mother used  
8 the excuse of, I can't afford it.

9           On situations like this oftentimes there's  
10 not a cost factor that's involved. Remember the  
11 issue of the sale of the house. The house hadn't  
12 been sold. There was finances that were going to  
13 come out of that. So sometimes we look for excuses.  
14 The biggest excuse in this case was, My daughter  
15 doesn't want to do it.

16           And there was a constant warning by Judge  
17 Hughes, I'm going to hold you in contempt if you  
18 don't do this, I'm going to hold you in contempt if  
19 you don't do this, not just on the change of custody  
20 issue and the parental alienation, but on the other  
21 issues that were in front of her.

22           Judge Hughes did the unpopular thing. She  
23 brought the minor child in so that she could explain  
24 why the necessity. And there was no argument that  
25 it is inappropriate to not have the video running.

1 To the contrary, Judge Hughes gave you her  
2 explanation why she didn't want it videoed, for fear  
3 it would get into some type of social media-type  
4 situation, and she was correct in that. Our job is  
5 to protect the minors. In this hearing, other than  
6 mistakes, we haven't called the minor anything other  
7 than "the subject minor."

8           We are a protective society when it comes  
9 to our youth, but sometimes the judge has to  
10 exercise that discretion in a way that the minor  
11 child doesn't want. But if the judge feels that  
12 it's in the best interest of the minor child, you  
13 appeal it. You cannot be held for wrongdoing if  
14 there's an appellate process, and no appeal was done  
15 in this case. To the contrary, there was a  
16 stipulation.

17           Now, you know what your rules are as well  
18 as I do, okay? And I'm not going to harp on what  
19 the burden of proof is, although it's clear and  
20 convincing evidence, and respectfully to the special  
21 prosecutor, they haven't shown by clear and  
22 convincing evidence that the change of custody was a  
23 punishment. They haven't shown by clear and  
24 convincing evidence that she violated any of the  
25 rules that are set forth in rule -- in Cause of

1 Action No. 1 or Cause of Action No. 2, not by clear  
2 and convincing evidence.

3           If you find she made a legal mistake, that  
4 is not something that she should be sanctioned for.  
5 That is not a finding of a violation of the rule.  
6 Every judge -- and I say this respectfully -- makes  
7 a mistake periodically. You get reversed by an  
8 appellate court, you get reversed by the supreme  
9 court, the law changes at a later point in time, the  
10 legislature steps in and makes a change. That  
11 doesn't mean you were acting in bad faith.

12           And I understand that bad faith isn't the  
13 only issue you have here, but was there a willful  
14 violation of Ms. Silva's rights? No. She had the  
15 opportunity leading up to that hearing and she would  
16 have had the opportunity at the show cause hearing  
17 and, respectfully, it wasn't four months. That  
18 hearing was set before the four-month period of  
19 time.

20           So with that, we would ask that you find  
21 that the charges in the complaint filed by the  
22 special prosecutor are dismissed. We appreciate  
23 your time.

24           JUDGE STOCKARD: Thank you. I'd like to  
25 just express, I think, on behalf of both counsel for

1 their professional manner in which they presented  
2 their respective cases. We will now retire to our  
3 deliberations and we'll be in recess.

4 MR. TERRY: Mr. Chairman, may I inquire. I  
5 know the rules allow for it, if you ask for it. We  
6 would be happy to submit briefs, if you want. If  
7 you don't, then I understand.

8 JUDGE STOCKARD: I think under our rules I  
9 think we won't -- within five days we can request  
10 it, and I think right now I don't think there's any  
11 inclination to request it. I think we'd like to  
12 begin our deliberations.

13 MR. TERRY: Okay.

14 JUDGE STOCKARD: Thank you.

15 MR. BRADLEY: Can we have five minutes to  
16 get our stuff out?

17 JUDGE STOCKARD: Of course.

18 (End of proceedings at 1:36 p.m.)

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1 STATE OF NEVADA )

2 ) ss.

3 COUNTY OF WASHOE )

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5 I, CHRISTINA MARIE AMUNDSON, a Certified Court  
6 Reporter in and for the states of Nevada and  
7 California, do hereby certify:


8 That I was personally present for the purpose  
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17 DATED: At Reno, Nevada, this 7th day of June 2018.

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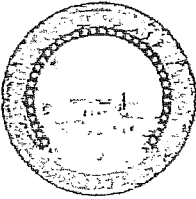
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## NEVADA COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL DISCIPLINE

## VERIFIED STATEMENT OF COMPLAINT

(Please Clearly Type or Print All Required Information)

Part I: General InformationDate: 6.19.16Name of Person Completing This Form: WELTHY SILVAMailing Address of Person Completing This Form: 1433 COTTONWOOD PLACE  
LAS VEGAS, NVDaytime Telephone: (702) 460-9438 Email: WELTHY@HOTMAIL.COMPart II: Specific Information Regarding ComplaintName of Nevada Judicial Officer (Only One Name Per Complaint Form): RENA HUGHESName of Court or Judicial District Involved: EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT - FAMILY COURTCase Number (Please Include All Letters and Numbers): D-12-467820-D

When and where did the alleged misconduct or disability occur?

Date: 6.8.16 Time: 2:30 PM Location: COURTROOM 4 - 601 N. PECOSDate: 6.15.16 Time: 1:30 PM Location: COURTROOM 4 - 601 N. PECOSThis Case Is (Select One): ☒ Pending In Trial Court ☒ On Appeal ☐ Not Pending or ClosedNature of Complaint (Select One): ☒ I have attached my own explanation page(s)  
☒ I have used the standard Complaint Form

Revised Nevada Code of Judicial Conduct Section(s) Violated. If Known [(Example: Canon 3B(4))]:

Part III: Obligations Of Complainant

I hereby acknowledge the following agreements and/or waivers:

**Consent to Investigate.** I expressly authorize the Commission on Judicial Discipline ("Commission"), staff and contractors, to investigate my complaint and take any and all actions, including interviewing any relevant witness(es) or request by subpoena or otherwise any documentary evidence and to verify the statements I have made herein to be true and correct (or if stated to be on information and belief, that the statements are believed in good faith to be true and correct). I agree to promptly supplement and amend this complaint if I learn that the facts I have alleged are materially incorrect. I understand that deliberately misstating the truth of any material fact could subject me to various sanctions including, but not limited to, dismissal of my complaint, contempt or a separate action for perjury.

Part III Obligations of Complainant (Continued)

**Full Cooperation.** I agree to fully cooperate with the Commission, staff and its designated contractors with regard to my complaint. I understand that even if I wish to withdraw my complaint that the Commission retains independent grounds to pursue it and that the information contained within and attached to the complaint becomes the property of the Commission and the Commission may pursue the complaint even if I seek to withdraw it. I understand that all documents submitted become the property of the Commission and will not be returned.

**Appeal Warning.** I understand that the Commission, its staff and contractors are not an appellate court and that my filing of a complaint does not stay or stop any time I am provided to appeal a decision I disagree with or any decision that adversely affects me. I understand that I must timely file an appeal to preserve those rights. I acknowledge that filing a complaint with the Commission does not and cannot preserve those rights.

**Legal Advice.** I understand that the Commission, its Commissioners, Commission staff, investigators and contractors are precluded from giving me legal advice regarding my case or actions I should be taking in my case and I understand that should I require advice I will seek appropriate assistance apart from the Commission, Commissioners, Commission staff, investigators and contractors.

Part IV: Attachments

Relevant documents: Please attach any relevant documents which you believe directly support your claim that the judge has engaged in judicial misconduct or has a disability. **Highlight or otherwise identify those sections that you rely on to support your claim.** Do not include documents which do not directly support your complaint, for example, a copy of your complete court case. **Keep a copy of all documents submitted for your records as they become the property of the Commission and will not be returned.**

Part V: Signature and Verification of Complaint

After being duly sworn, I state under penalty of perjury that I am the above-referenced complainant whose name appears in Part I and who submitted this complaint. I know the contents thereof, and the matters set forth in this complaint are true and correct based upon my own knowledge, except as to matters stated to be on information and belief, and those matters are believed to be true and correct. I request that the conduct set forth above or referenced in the attachments and exhibits provided with the complaint be investigated by the Nevada Commission on Judicial Discipline.

Walter S.  
Signature of Complainant

8-29 2016  
Date

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COMPLAINT

On June 10, 2016 I received a letter in the mail which had errors by the Judge. I have attached a copy and notated errors. It informed me to bring Annie to the courthouse or I would be thrown in jail for 25 days. I was very much hoping the judge would FINALLY listen to my child and protect her. I was wrong.

On June 15, 2016 Annie and I went in to court along with her father and his counsel. I had no representation because her father, Rogerio Silva has refused to pay child support or alimony for more than 6 months and never reimbursed me for Annie's medical/dental bills. That has been conveniently ignored. I stated my name for the record and then we were all, except for Annie asked to leave. She had no child advocate or attorney present. You will have to watch the video to see the extreme abuse of discretion committed by Judge Rena Hughes. After about 3 minutes, the bailiff came into the hall and stated he was to "escort the mother off the property." As you can see on the video, Rogerio and his counsel go back in the court room and more questionable actions and over reaching of power take place.

At this time all my parental rights have been stripped without any evidence of abuse on my part. Further more the US Dept. of Justice cites: Saunder's study shows removing a child from the attached parent is a "harmful outcome" and always wrong.

**STANDARD COMPLAINT FORM (STATEMENT OF FACTS)**

The following is my explanation as to why the judicial officer named in this complaint has violated the Revised Nevada Code of Judicial Conduct or suffers from a disability.

Please identify yourself as **[select one]**: ☒ a litigant; ☐ a witness or interested party; or ☐ a member of the general public who witnessed or viewed this conduct (but not otherwise involved).

The following are the specific facts and circumstances which you believe constitute misconduct or disability (please be as specific as possible about the event(s) or action(s) and attach additional pages, if necessary):

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I have **[select one]**: ☐ appealed the judge's decision ☐ not appealed the decision  
☒ not decided to appeal the decision yet ☐ not applicable

*Attach Additional Pages as Necessary*

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FRIDAY'S  
LETTERDISTRICT COURT  
CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

Divorce - Complaint

COURT MINUTES

June 08, 2016

D-12-467820-D      Welthy Silva, Plaintiff  
vs.  
Rogerio Silva, Defendant.

June 08, 2016      2:30 PM      Minute Order

HEARD BY: Hughes, Rena G.

COURTROOM: Courtroom 04

COURT CLERK: Tiffany Skaggs

## PARTIES:

Annie Silva, Subject Minor, not present

Rogerio Silva, Defendant, Counter Claimant,      Lesley Cohen, Attorney, not present  
not presentWelthy Silva, Plaintiff, Counter Defendant, not      Pro Se  
present

## JOURNAL ENTRIES

- Per Judge Hughes

NRCP 1 and EDCR 1.10 state that the procedure in district courts shall be administered to secure efficient, speedy, and inexpensive determinations in every action. Pursuant to EDCR 2.23(c) and 5.11(e), this Court can consider a motion and issue a decision on the papers at any time without a hearing. Further, pursuant to EDCR 2.20(c), this Court can grant the requested relief if there is no opposition timely filed.

This Court has read and considered the current underlying pleadings in this matter.

This case has a lengthy, troubled history. Since the parties divorce on April 26, 2013, they have been before this Court no less than 9 times, primarily on Father's motions to enforce his rights of custody and visitation, and regarding his objection to the minor child ( Annie ) being home schooled by

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Mother. The parties are also disputing the handling of the HELOC account after divorce.

The Decree of Divorce granted the parties joint legal, and Mother primary physical custody of the minor child, Annie. Father's visitation period was weekly from Saturday at 11:00 a.m. to Monday at 10:00 a.m.

In April 2014, Father filed a motion to have Annie tested to determine her educational level, and to have her placed in public school. Mother was home schooling Annie over Father's objection, and allegedly in violation of the joint legal custodial provisions of the Decree of Divorce. A hearing did not take place on this motion, because counsel for Father failed to file a valid proof of service.

HE CONSENTED TO HOMESCHOOLING FOR 3 YEARS BEFORE DIVORCE.

In January 2015, Father filed a second motion for academic testing, to have Annie placed in public school, to modify child custody to primary to Father, and enforce the Decree of Divorce with respect to the HELOC. The Decree ordered Mother to refinance or sell the former marital residence because Father's name is on the HELOC. Father requested a change in custody based on Mother's decision to home school Annie, without his consent. Father alleged that when he objected to Mother about the home schooling, she denied him visitation. At the hearing in February 2015, the parties were ordered to mediation to address Father's visitation, and for a child interview. It was alleged that Annie did not wish to visit, with Father. NEVER DENIED HIM VISITATION -

In or around April 2015, Mother began withholding the minor child during Father's custodial time. NOT TRUE - ANNIE REFUSED TO GO.  
In May 2015, Father called the police to assist him in facilitating his visitation, and Mother refused to turn over the child. ANNIE SPOKE WITH POLICE OFFICERS HERSELF.  
The parties stipulated in July 2015 to reunification therapy for Father and Annie. The Court ordered reunification therapy with Keisha Weiford and Father to bear the cost. The Court also ordered Mother to have math testing performed, and that Father would have compensatory time over the summer break. The Court further ordered the parties to provide a history of the HELOC payments and the current balance.

Keisha Weiford provided reports in early July and August 2015, informing the Court that Father met with her for reunification therapy and paid all fees. In July 2015, Mother arrived for the initial - 3<sup>RD</sup> APPT. appointment, but did not leave the parking lot, alleging Annie would not get out of the car. Keisha Weiford went to meet Mother and Annie in the parking lot and spoke to them. Ms. Weiford spoke with Annie and calmed her fears, but then Mother ended the conversation by stating that Annie was too stressed to go forward with the appointment. Mother reiterated that Annie does not want to meet with her father. Ms. Weiford also reported that Mother called days prior to the first appointment and told her Annie did not want to come to the appointment or was unwilling to get in the car. Mother wanted to know if Annie could terminate the reunification session if Father started to lie in session. Father met with Ms. Weiford and reported that Annie was upset with him for having her tested, and for questioning her home schooling. Ms. Weiford contacted Mother again and AMONG OTHER THINGS.

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requested she bring Annie to meet with her father for reunification. Mother stated to Ms. Weiford that Annie was not willing to meet with her Father because she did not want to be around his negative energy. Annie agreed to meet with Ms. Weiford individually.

The following is an excerpt from Ms. Weiford report of the July 8, 2015 meeting with Annie. Annie definitely displayed irritation with me at our meeting. She reported she told me at the beginning of our previous session that she did not want to be reunified, with her Dad. I asked her if Mom explained to her that even though she told me that I would still need to meet with her and Dad. Annie reported that her mother did not explain that to her because her mother did not understand why I could not take her word only. Annie reported to me that she was not joking, and did not want to be reunified. She reported that anyone that knows her is aware that she does not give second chances and she has already given her Dad too many chances. She reported that the only reason that her Dad is pushing for this reunification is because he likes drama.

Ms. Weiford reported I am having a hard time distinguishing what were the problems in the marriage and what are the problems in the parent-child relationship. It seems very much intertwined with Mom's relationship with Dad. I am concerned with the possible enmeshment that Annie and Mom might have. Ms. Weiford recommended Mother get behind the reunification and share the financial responsibility of reunification therapy. Father paid Ms. Weiford a total of \$1,800.00 for reunification therapy that never occurred. Ms. Weiford then canceled the remaining reunification appointments.

In October 2015, the Court issued an Order to Show Cause against Mother for not following the Court's Order to engage in reunification therapy, and ordered reunification therapy to continue. The Court further ordered the parties to equally divide the cost of therapy for the previous sessions, and for Mother to pay for all future sessions.

Mother terminated the reunification with Ms. Weiford, reporting that finances were an issue ..and Annie was done.

Before terminating the reunification therapy, Ms. Weiford conducted three (3) sessions with Father and Annie. According to Ms. Weiford's report of November 2, 2015, Annie was tearful at first, but by the time of the second session, she was comfortable with her Father and played games with him. Annie left the second session cheerful. Before starting the third session, Annie told Ms. Weiford, she did not want to be reunified and did not want to have a relationship with her father.

Ms. Weiford had authority to contact Annie's therapist and received a report that Annie did not report abuse, neglect, or any other issues with her father concerning safety and welfare. In Ms. Weiford's opinion, the issues between Annie and her Father had more to do with his conflicts with her Mother than with his personal relationship with her. Ms. Weiford further opined that Mother was creating the rift between Father and Annie, because Annie's thoughts appeared to be those of her

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Mother, from her difficult relationship with Father.

In January 2016, the Court issued an Order to Show Cause against Plaintiff for having violated the Court's Orders of May 5, 2015, July 21, 2015, October 7, 2015, and January 5, 2016 to have the child subjected to standardized testing for math proficiency. Further, because Mother was not facilitating reunification therapy, the Court ordered visitation exchanges occur at Donna's House, so the exchanges could be observed, and a report to the Court generated. Visitation was ordered for 2.5 hours on dates certain throughout February 2016, with eventual overnights at the end of February, to take place each week. On February 16, 2016, Donna's House reported that the parties completed the orientation process, but Annie refused to go with her Father for visitation, and they canceled future exchanges.

The Court then issued a referral Order for Outsourced Evaluation Services with Claudia Schwarz on February 28, 2016. Each party was ordered to pay one half of Ms. Schwarz's fees. On March 1, 2016, Ms. Schwarz reported to the Court that Father was in compliance with the Court's order and was ready to begin services, however, Mother contacted her and explained she cannot pay for services at this time. Because Mother could not pay for services, the Court AGAIN ordered child custody exchanges to resume, at Donna's House, as previously ordered. The Court FURTHER ADMONISHED Mother that if she did not encourage and facilitate the exchanges on weekends, Annie would spend the entire summer with Father, Mother may be held in contempt, and further sanctions could issue against her. Mother brought Annie to Donna's House for the exchange and Annie refused to go with Father. NOT TRUE - I HAD A FRIEND TAKE ANNIE TO FURTHER "FACILITATE" VISITATION.

This Court FINDS that Mother has failed to facilitate Father's visitation with Annie. Because Mother has failed to facilitate visitation with Father, she has violated his parental rights and the orders of this Court. Mother was advised at the last court hearing that if she did not compel the minor child to visit with Father on weekends, the child would spend the entire summer with Father.

Based upon the reasons stated above: IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

This Court finds that Plaintiff is in contempt of the Court's order to facilitate visitation on weekends with the Father, AN ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE SHALL ISSUE.

AN ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE is also issued against Plaintiff for not complying with the Court's orders to refinance the HELOC, on the former marital residence, or in the alternative, to have it sold.

AN ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE is further issued against Plaintiff for not having Annie tested for Math proficiency in a timely manner as ordered by the Court.

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Mother shall bring the minor child to Dept. J, Court room #4, on June 15, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. If Mother fails to deliver the minor child to the courtroom on June 15, 2016, she shall be deemed in further contempt of Court, and sentenced to twenty-five (25) days incarceration. If Mother fails to appear, a bench warrant shall issue.

The Order to Show Cause hearing shall be scheduled for July 28, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. The Status Check, set for July 28, 2016, at 10:00 am, shall hereby, be VACATED. /

Counsel for Defendant shall prepare an Order consistent with this Court minute, and the Orders to Show Cause.

Clerk's note, a copy, of today's minute order was mailed, to Plaintiff and placed, in counsel's folder, at Family Court.

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Re: Silva v. Silva Case No. D-12-467820-D

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Dear Judge Hughes:

Your court has all pre trial memorandum. In those papers you will find proof as to my financial situation caused by defendant refusing to pay child support and reimbursement of medical/dental bills. I will gladly pay Ms. Claudia Schwartz when and if Rogerio Silva pays me.

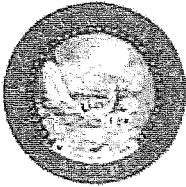
Sincerely,  
Welthy Silva



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COMMISSION CASE NO \_\_\_\_\_



## NEVADA COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL DISCIPLINE

## VERIFIED STATEMENT OF COMPLAINT

(Please Clearly Type or Print All Required Information)

Part I: General InformationDate: 12/19/16Name of Person Completing This Form: Steve SansonMailing Address of Person Completing This Form: PO Box 28211Las Vegas, NV 89126Daytime Telephone: (702) 2838088 Email: VIP1President@cs.comPart II: Specific Information Regarding ComplaintName of Nevada Judicial Officer (Only One Name Per Complaint Form): Rena G. HughesName of Court or Judicial District Involved: Eight Judicial District CourtCase Number (Please Include All Letters and Numbers): D124678201

When and where did the alleged misconduct or disability occur?

Date: 12/15/16 Time: 1340hrs Location: Clark County

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

This Case Is (Select One): ☐ Pending In Trial Court ☐ On Appeal ☐ Not Pending or ClosedNature of Complaint (Select One): ☒ I have attached my own explanation page(s)  
☐ I have used the standard Complaint FormRevised Nevada Code of Judicial Conduct Section(s) Violated, If Known [(Example: Canon 3B(4))]:  
\_\_\_\_\_Part III: Obligations Of Complainant

I hereby acknowledge the following agreements and/or waivers:

**Consent to Investigate.** I expressly authorize the Commission on Judicial Discipline ("Commission"), staff and contractors, to investigate my complaint and take any and all actions, including interviewing any relevant witness(es) or request by subpoena or otherwise any documentary evidence and to verify the statements I have made herein to be true and correct (or if stated to be on information and belief, that the statements are believed in good faith to be true and correct). I agree to promptly supplement and amend this complaint if I learn that the facts I have alleged are materially incorrect. I understand that deliberately misstating the truth of any material fact could subject me to various sanctions including, but not limited to, dismissal of my complaint, contempt or a separate action for perjury.

**Part III Obligations of Complainant (Continued)**

**Full Cooperation.** I agree to fully cooperate with the Commission, staff and its designated contractors with regard to my complaint. I understand that even if I wish to withdraw my complaint that the Commission retains independent grounds to pursue it and that the information contained within and attached to the complaint becomes the property of the Commission and the Commission may pursue the complaint even if I seek to withdraw it. I understand that all documents submitted become the property of the Commission and will not be returned.

**Appeal Warning.** I understand that the Commission, its staff and contractors are not an appellate court and that my filing of a complaint does not stay or stop any time I am provided to appeal a decision I disagree with or any decision that adversely affects me. I understand that I must timely file an appeal to preserve those rights. I acknowledge that filing a complaint with the Commission does not and cannot preserve those rights.

**Legal Advice.** I understand that the Commission, its Commissioners, Commission staff, investigators and contractors are precluded from giving me legal advice regarding my case or actions I should be taking in my case and I understand that should I require advice I will seek appropriate assistance apart from the Commission, Commissioners, Commission staff, investigators and contractors.

**Part IV: Attachments**

Relevant documents: Please attach any relevant documents which you believe directly support your claim that the judge has engaged in judicial misconduct or has a disability. **Highlight or otherwise identify those sections that you rely on to support your claim.** Do not include documents which do not directly support your complaint, for example, a copy of your complete court case. **Keep a copy of all documents submitted for your records as they become the property of the Commission and will not be returned.**

**Part V: Signature and Verification of Complaint**

After being duly sworn, I state under penalty of perjury that I am the above-referenced complainant whose name appears in Part I and who submitted this complaint. I know the contents thereof, and the matters set forth in this complaint are true and correct based upon my own knowledge, except as to matters stated to be on information and belief, and those matters are believed to be true and correct. I request that the conduct set forth above or referenced in the attachments and exhibits provided with the complaint be investigated by the Nevada Commission on Judicial Discipline.

  
Signature of Complainant

  
Date

**How Do I Submit My Complaint? Where Can I Obtain Additional Assistance?** This complaint, along with any supporting materials, should be sent by mail to the: **Nevada Commission on Judicial Discipline, P.O. Box 48, Carson City, Nevada 89702.** If you have questions regarding the completion of this form, please contact the Commission on Judicial Discipline at (775) 687-4017. In addition, if you have access to the internet, or can obtain access at a local library or other facility, the Commission's web site located at <http://judicial.state.nv.us> and provides additional information to help you prepare your complaint. The web site also includes the full and current text of the Revised Nevada Code of Judicial Conduct and other laws, statutes and rules governing the Commission.

STANDARD COMPLAINT FORM (STATEMENT OF FACTS)

The following is my explanation as to why the judicial officer named in this complaint has violated the Revised Nevada Code of Judicial Conduct or suffers from a disability.

Please identify yourself as **[select one]**: ☐ a litigant; ☐ a witness or interested party; or ☒ a member of the general public who witnessed or viewed this conduct (but not otherwise involved).

The following are the specific facts and circumstances which you believe constitute misconduct or disability (please be as specific as possible about the event(s) or action(s) and attach additional pages, if necessary):

*40 page attachment enclosed*

I have **[select one]**: ☐ appealed the judge's decision ☐ not appealed the decision  
☐ not decided to appeal the decision yet ☐ not applicable

*Attach Additional Pages as Necessary*

(Revised 12/28/2015)

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Judge Rena Hughes Judicial Discipline Commission

1) The Judge had ex-parte communication without the presents of the mother whom was representing herself. Rule 2.9. Ex Parte Communications.

(A) A judge shall not initiate, permit, or consider ex parte communications, or consider other communications made to the judge outside the presence of the parties or their lawyers, concerning a pending or impending matter, except as follows:

(1) When circumstances require it, ex parte communication for scheduling, administrative, or emergency purposes, which does not address substantive matters, is permitted, provided:

(a) the judge reasonably believes that no party will gain a procedural, substantive, or tactical advantage as a result of the ex parte communication; and

(b) the judge makes provision promptly to notify all other parties of the substance of the ex parte communication and gives the parties an opportunity to respond.

(2) A judge may obtain the written advice of a disinterested expert on the law applicable to a proceeding before the judge, if the judge gives advance notice to the parties of the person to be consulted and the subject matter of the advice to be solicited, and affords the parties a reasonable opportunity to object and respond to the notice and to the advice received.

(3) A judge may consult with court staff and court officials whose functions are to aid the judge in carrying out the judge's adjudicative responsibilities, or with other judges, provided the judge makes reasonable efforts to avoid receiving factual information that is not part of the record, and does not abrogate the responsibility personally to decide the matter.

(4) A judge may, with the consent of the parties, confer separately with the parties and their lawyers in an effort to settle matters pending before the judge.

(5) A judge may initiate, permit, or consider any ex parte communication when authorized by law to do so.

(B) If a judge inadvertently receives an unauthorized ex parte communication bearing upon the substance of a matter, the judge shall make provision promptly to notify the parties of the substance of the communication and provide the parties with an opportunity to respond.

(C) A judge shall not investigate facts in a matter independently, and shall consider only the evidence presented and any facts that may properly be judicially noticed.

(D) A judge shall make reasonable efforts, including providing appropriate supervision, to ensure that this Rule is not violated by court staff, court officials, and others subject to the judge's direction and control.

- 2) Judge interviewed child without legal representation or advocate. <http://www.leg.state.nv.us/NRS/NRS-432B.html>
- 3) The Judge ordered the mother to leave the courthouse while leaving the Father and his attorney in the courtroom.  
(Violating Rule 7.50)
- 4) The Judge never asked the child "why didn't she want to live with dad"? (9 minutes of the video is missing)
- 5) The Judge committed perjury, lied to the child and said "if you don't go with dad I will send you to Child Haven it's not fun they will put you in a holding cell. (NRS 199.120)

NRS 199.120 Definition; penalties. A person, having taken a lawful oath or made affirmation in a judicial proceeding or in any other matter where, by law, an oath or affirmation is required and no other penalty is prescribed, who:

1. Willfully makes an unqualified statement of that which the person does not know to be true;
2. Swears or affirms willfully and falsely in a matter material to the issue or point in question;
3. Suborns any other person to make such an unqualified statement or to swear or affirm in such a manner;
4. Executes an affidavit pursuant to NRS 15.010 which contains a false statement, or suborns any other person to do so; or
5. Executes an affidavit or other instrument which contains a false statement before a person authorized to administer oaths or suborns any other person to do so,

↵ is guilty of perjury or subornation of perjury, as the case may be, which is a category D felony and shall be punished as provided in NRS 193.130.

[1911 C&P § 85; A 1949, 111; 1943 NCL § 10034] --- (NRS A 1967, 464; 1977, 640; 1979, 1420; 1985, 129, 788; 1987, 654; 1995, 1174)

- 6) The Judge alienated the child from the mother. (NRS chapter 126)
- 7) The Judge sealed the case 5 days after we made it public.
- 8) Over two dozen mothers have complained about this Judge. It is clear that this Judge has a bias towards mothers that appear in her courtroom.

## **Rule 2.3: Bias, Prejudice, and Harassment**

(A) A judge shall perform the duties of judicial office, including administrative duties, without bias or prejudice.

(B) A judge shall not, in the performance of judicial duties, by words or conduct manifest bias or prejudice, or engage in harassment, including but not limited to bias, prejudice, or harassment based upon race, sex, gender, religion, national origin, ethnicity, disability, age, sexual orientation, marital status, socioeconomic status, or political affiliation, and shall not permit court staff, court officials, or others subject to the judge's direction and control to do so.

(C) A judge shall require lawyers in proceedings before the court to refrain from manifesting bias or prejudice, or engaging in harassment, based upon attributes including but not limited to race, sex, gender, religion, national origin, ethnicity, disability, age, sexual orientation, marital status, socioeconomic status, or political affiliation, against parties, witnesses, lawyers, or others.

(D) The restrictions of paragraphs (B) and (C) do not preclude judges or lawyers from making legitimate reference to the listed factors, or similar factors, when they are relevant to an issue in a proceeding.

See all three videos:

**Deplorable actions by Family Court Judge Rena Hughes  
against a minor child Part 1-3**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wlfJWLABhxo>

**Deplorable actions by Family Court Judge Rena Hughes  
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**Deplorable actions by Family Court Judge Rena Hughes  
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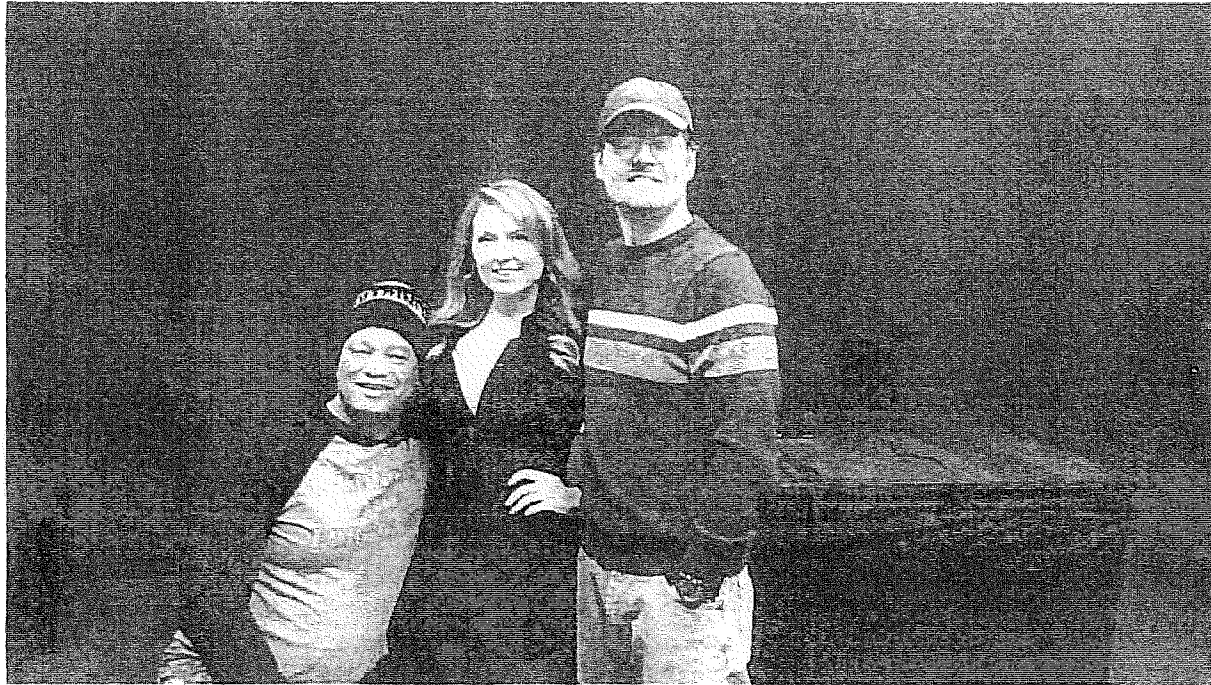
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# Clark County Family Court Judge willfully deceives a young child from the bench and it is on the record



Click onto "Deplorable actions by Family Court Judge Rena Hughes against a minor child".

On October 6, 2016 the Veterans In Politics International (VIPI) highlighted the actions of Family Court Judge Hughes in three separate videos.

After doing more research we discovered that Judge Hughes actually lied to this young child in open court.

Judge Hughes made the following statement: *"it's not fun in Child Haven, they put you in a holding cell, exactly like a jail"...*

Click onto video:



Part 3 threatened the minor child with Child Haven

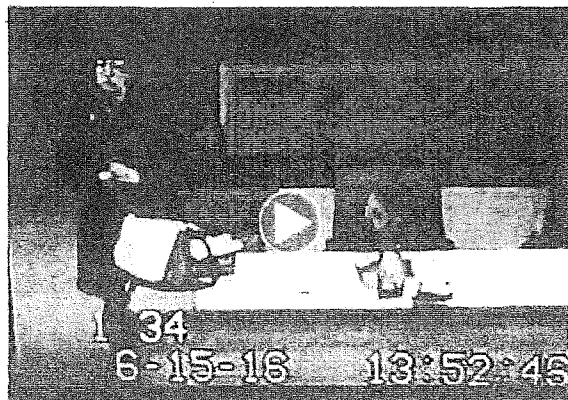
After speaking to the Manager of Child Haven, we were told that this statement made by the Judge is false.

Click onto Child Haven Website:

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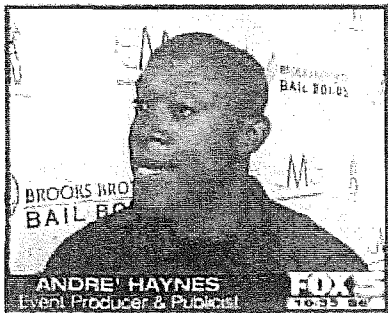
Part 1 on the Record



Part 2 Heart wrenching video between the Judge Hughes and a minor defenseless child.

**How can a parent helplessly watch their child be chastised by anyone?**

Andre Haynes, host of the EMG Radio Show and officer of Veterans In Politics said the following:



*When I watched the video of the minor child having a discussion on the record with Family Court Judge Rena Hughes without a parent or child advocate being present, I was shocked and in disagreement. After I saw the manner that Judge Hughes handled the minor child and the child's fearful and distraught emotional reaction, I was angry. I was angry because I pictured my 7 year old son in the same seat as the minor girl, without me, without his mom, without a child advocate and without an attorney. Minor children are often terrified to speak to adults, especially without their parent or someone familiar present and especially if the adult is perceived to be an authority figure.*

*Does the law allow for Judge Hughes to interview and interrogate a minor child without their parent or an attorney or child advocate present? If the law does allow this are there exceptions to this rule? Is there another way that Judge Hughes could have handled this manner? Those are questions that replay in my mind. My heart goes out to the minor child and especially to her mother. The worst feeling that a parent can experience is being helpless to defend their vulnerable child. If it were my 7 year old son in that video, helpless, distraught and angry is exactly how I would feel. Does the law and a Judge's behavior take precedence or hold more value than the emotions and perceived fear of a child or a parent's ability to protect their child?*

We commend Channel 8 I-Team for taking a proactive approach to expose this judge:

It was also reported that in the I-Team news coverage that the records were sealed on October 11<sup>th</sup> five days after we made these videos public.

In an unrelated story we exposed how Judges and Lawyers seal cases to cover their own bad behaviors. This is definitely an example of that.

Is this the type of behavior we should continue to expect from our judicial system?

Should judges continue to cover-up and down-play their  
colleague's bad behaviors?

Does this Family Court Judge have children of her own?

Should this Judge be reprimanded for this?

If you believe that this Judge should face sanctions or/and a  
public apology join us and file a complaint with the Nevada  
Judicial Discipline Commission by clicking onto the link below:

Any Judge that willfully deceives a child and especially on the record  
should be tossed off the bench!

Please watch the videos in full and come to your own conclusion.

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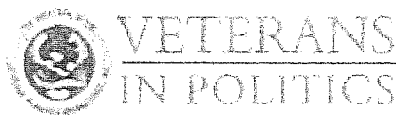
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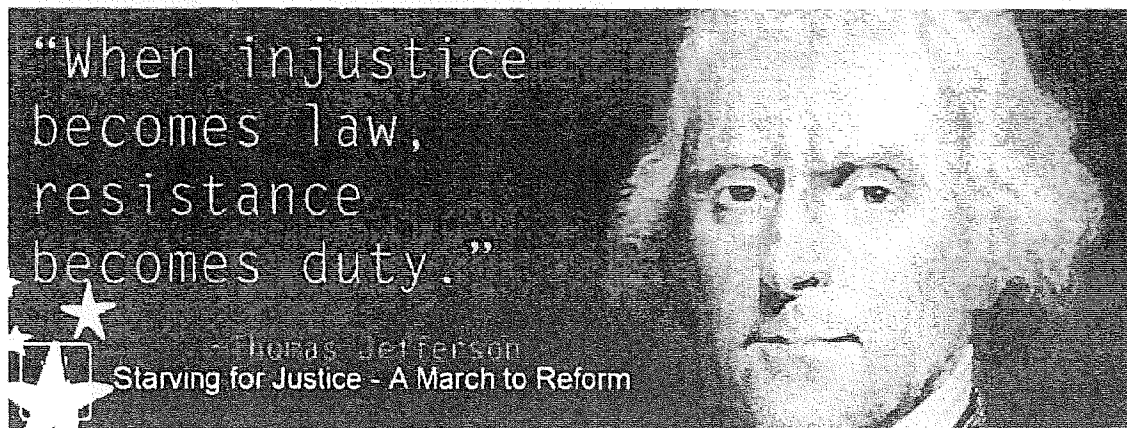
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## Deplorable actions by Family Court Judge Rena Hughes against a minor child



## A child's nightmare; Judge Hughes alienated a daughter from her mother

FIND OUT MORE

Clark County, Nevada in the 2014 elections former Judge Kenneth Pollock battled to retain his seat in the Clark County District Court Family Division Department J and had an upset by Rena Hughes.

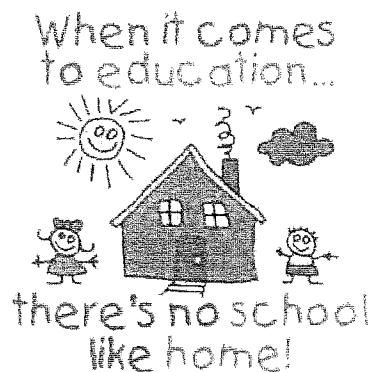


We have always echoed how important it is to know the candidates running for Judgeship because they will impact your life on a very personal level for the rest of your life.

The events that took place on June 15, 2016 with a minor child

is an example of family court going horribly wrong.

The matter was brought to the court; Father requested a change of custody because of mother's decision to Home School the child.

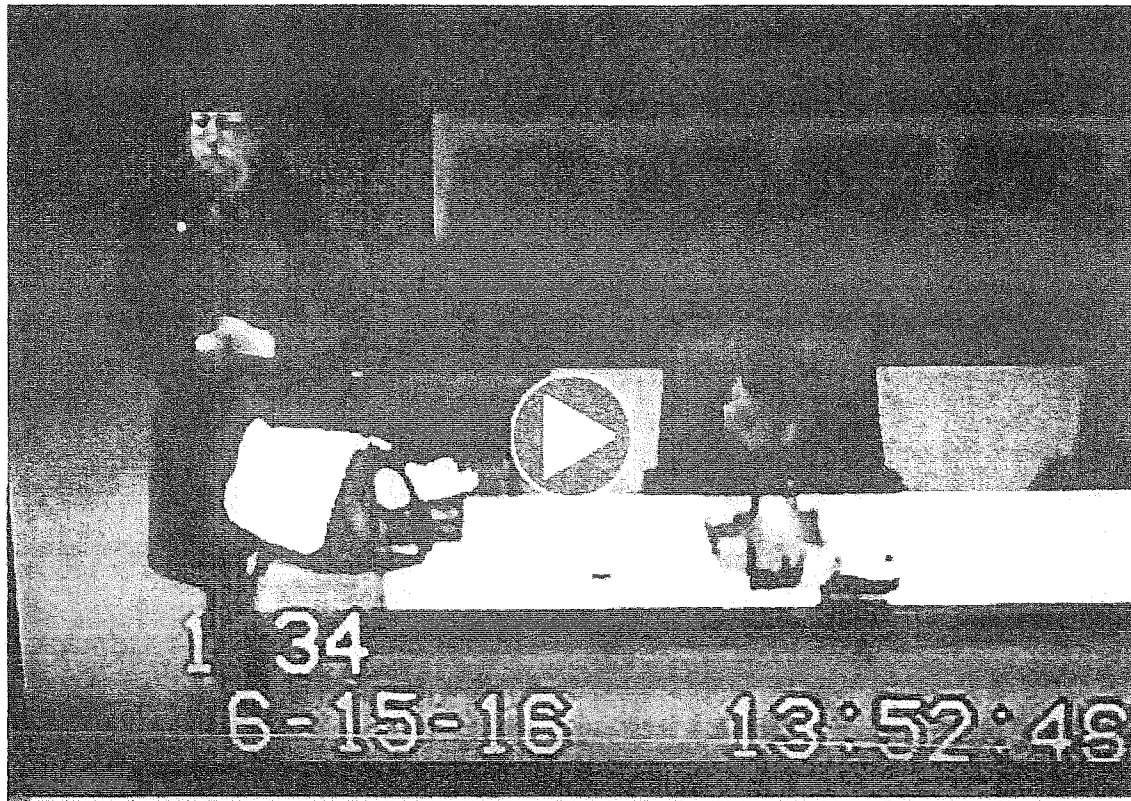


The Father is the defendant and represented by Lesley Cohen and the mother was in proper person without council.

The video's you are about to see is upsetting, damaging to the child and absolutely appalling (click onto videos).



Part 1 on the Record



Part 2 Heart wrenching video between the Judge Hughes and a minor defenseless child.

**Judge Rena Hughes**

Gave dad sole legal and sole physical custody.

**Annie**

Please I don't want to go.

**Judge Rena Hughes**

That's too bad Annie.

This is based on Mothers failure to facilitate visitation and to compel the child to visit.

When your mother was last in court, I told her if you do not go with your dad you would spend the entire summer with him.

You decided and your mom decided you were not going to go.

Annie

She didn't decide.

Judge Rena Hughes

Child support obligation will cease immediately and you are to enroll Annie in public school in your district.

There is to be no contact with Ms. Silva and the minor child.

Submit a memorandum of fees and cost.

Annie

Please I want to be with my mama.

Please I don't want to be with him.

Judge Rena Hughes

I have made my decision I have already told you that.

Annie

I beg of you.

Judge Rena Hughes

You don't need to beg I have made a decision for your best interest.

Annie

How do you know my best interest, you don't know me.

Judge Rena Hughes

Because I told you that I am a grownup and you are a child.

Annie

Please, please, please.

Can I please see my mama, please?

Judge Rena Hughes

Annie stop!

I already discussed it with you, it won't do any good, and you are just upsetting yourself.

Annie

I miss her.

I just want to see her please, I don't want to go with him.

**Judge Rena Hughes**

You have a father and you are going to spend time with him.

**Annie**

I don't want too.

**Judge Rena Hughes**

That's too bad you are going to do it anyway.

**Annie**

I don't want to, please I am begging you, and you can't do this.

I don't want to go with you, can I please stay with mama.





Part 3 threatened the minor child with Child  
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**Judge Rena Hughes**

The Marshall will accompany you to your car, if you have any  
difficulties the child will go to Child Haven.

It's not fun in Child Haven, they put you in a holding cell, and  
it's like it would be jail!

**Annie**

Can I please see my mama?

**Judge Rena Hughes**

You already saw her.

**Annie**

You don't understand, I Love her!

I am going to miss her so much, please don't do this to me.

**Judge Rena Hughes**

I am done do you want to submit the order?

**Annie**

I don't want to go!

**There are many unanswered questions  
and statements:**

- Why was the child punished? Drug Abusers and Domestic Violence parents have custody of their children.
- Did the parties consent to the ex parte interview with the child?
- Was there a mediator assigned, this is protocol for situations like this (to assist with conjoint parenting).
- Why was the child in the courtroom much less sitting at counsel table during the ruling?
- Why was mom ordered to leave the courtroom and dad and his attorney was present during the questioning of this child? Mom has a constitutional right to be present at every step of the proceedings. Rule 7.50 requires either a writing signed by the party or a stipulation placed on the

record to waive the written order requirement. Case law says an oral order cannot be used, only a written order is enforceable. No agreement or stipulation between the parties or their attorneys will be effective unless the same shall, by consent, be entered in the minutes in the form of an order, or unless the same is in writing subscribed by the party against whom the same shall be alleged, or by the party's attorney.

- Why Judge Hughes did not ask the child "why she does not want to live with dad"?
- Why did Judge Hughes isolate the mother from this decision in court appearing to take advantage of the mother, because she had no attorney representing her?
- When Judge Hughes was a candidate on 3/12/14 she stated in a radio interview PR Connections, that compassion is one of her strong suites. Where was Judge Hughes compassion with this minor child?
- Why did Judge Hughes place this child into that kind of a setting, threaten a child with Child Haven and tell the minor child it's like sitting in a holding cell.
- Where is the child's attorney or advocate for her rights?!
- Why did the Judge not order counseling for both parties?
- Why was the Judge discussing adult issues in front of the child, to the child and without child have any support or representation?!
- Why was the mother who is in proper person not present while these adult decisions took place? The mother's rights

were grossly disregarded.

This Judge has psychologically damaged this child.

This judge appears to be nonchalant and insensitive to this child as she takes custody away from her mother (whom the child has been with her whole life). This is one of the most traumatizing situations a child can go through (removal from the most important person in their life unjustly and for no good reason).

More damage to this child was done on this day, instead of solving a problem, getting supports who can assist this family to co-parent the Judge rips this child away from her mother without just cause!

This judge threatened this child like a criminal!

Judge Rena Hughes should be tossed off the bench!

Please watch the video in full and come to your own conclusion.

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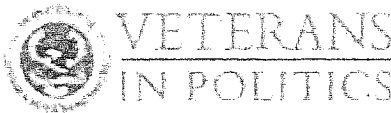
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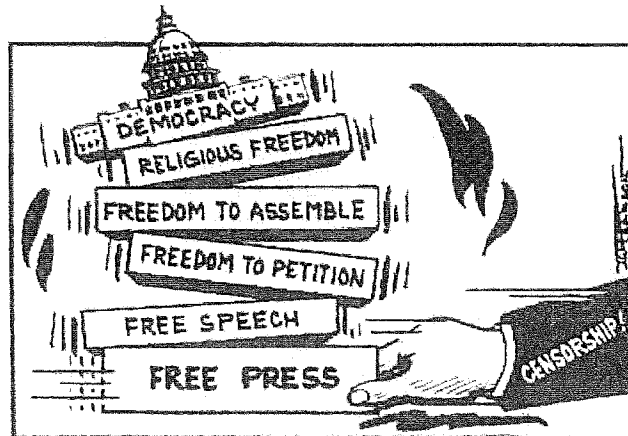


## Law Frowns on Nevada Attorney Jennifer Abrams' "Seal-Happy" Practices

Clark County, Nevada  
November 6, 2016

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Its importance cannot be overstated!

State and federal courts, including Nevada's Supreme Court, recognize that public access to court proceedings serves vital public policy

interests, including, serving as a check on corruption, educating the public about the judicial process, promoting informed discussion of government affairs, and enhancing the performance of the judge, the lawyers and all involved.

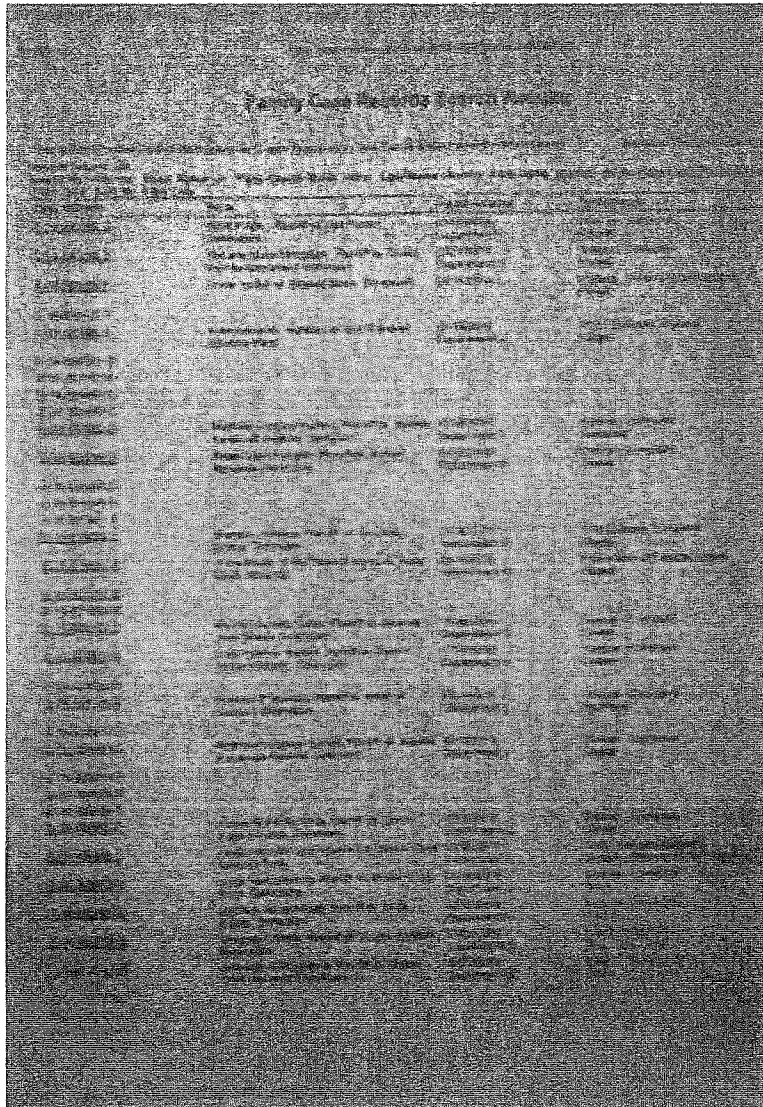
As former Nevada Supreme Court Justice Nancy Saitta wrote earlier this year regarding the Supreme Court's rules on sealing civil records, *"the cornerstones of an effective, functioning judicial system are openness and transparency. Safeguarding these cornerstones requires public access not only to the judicial proceedings but also to judicial records and documents."*



At least one lawyer in Nevada, however, Jennifer Abrams, appears to be **"seal happy"** when it comes to trying to seal her cases. She appears to have sealed many of her cases in the past few years, including filing a petition to seal in at least four cases just this past week, on 11/3/2016!



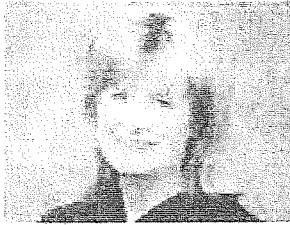
It also appears, however, that at least one of her cases, and perhaps more, may have been sealed to protect her own reputation, rather than to serve a compelling client privacy or safety interest.



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Veterans In Politics International (VIPI) recently released a video of Abrams bullying Judge Jennifer Elliot during a family court hearing in a case entitled Saiter v. Saiter, Case No. D-15-521372-D.





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In response to our article, Abrams sought and obtained a court order from Judge Elliott which does not name VIPI, but which purports to apply to the entirety of the general population. VIPI, however, was served with the Order. The document orders all videos of Abrams' September 29, 2016 judicial browbeating to be taken off the internet.

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The Order further prohibits anyone from "publishing, displaying, showing or making public any portion of these case proceedings." The order goes on to state that "nothing from the case at bar shall be disseminated or published and that any such publication or posting by anyone or any entity shall be immediately removed."

While the order claims in a conclusory fashion to be "in the best interests of the children," nothing in the order explains why. Indeed, the September 29, 2016 video of the proceedings that is on the internet focuses on Abrams's disrespectful exchange with the judge, and does not materially involve the children in the case.



Start 12:13:00 in the video the following conversation took place in open court.

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Moreover, while the Court Order is broadly stated and purports to prohibit the public viewing or dissemination of "any portion of these case proceedings," such blanket prohibition on public access to the entire case is specifically **disallowed by law.**

**Entire cases cannot be sealed. Moreover, even if a judge wants to seal part of the case, the judge must specifically justify such sealing and must seal only the minimum portion necessary to protect a "compelling privacy or safety interest."**

The issue of open proceedings is so important that in 2008 the Review Journal reported the Nevada Supreme Court convened a special task force to address the issue of over-sealing.

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The Supreme Court thereafter enacted rules requiring judges to specify in writing why sealing a record or redacting a portion of it is