## SEEKING A SMALL ARMY OF FEARLESS LAWYERS: What Children Need, What Parents Demand, What Judges Fear

The Foundation for Child Victims of the Family Courts (headquarters 275 Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10016) has a modest proposal which requires us to ask for volunteers to a small army of lawyers on a simple mission: we demand the complete reform of the family and domestic relations courts and codes throughout the United States.

On March 4, 1933, Franklin D. Roosevelt, in his first inaugural address, told a beleaguered and weary nation: "we have nothing to fear but fear itself."

Fear of arbitrary and capricious, corrupt judges and lawyers pervades and rules our family court systems today. The concepts of fairness of justice, of due process of law, of fundamental rights, such as freedom of speech, have next to no place in today's courts where the rights and obligations of parents and children are decided. The very phrase "best interests of the child", under which many of the state family courts pretend to operate, has become a cynical joke.

Today, every parent who walks into a contested child custody, divorce or post-dissolution hearing on any "continuing jurisdiction" suit affecting the parent-child relationship knows or quickly learns that the system is rotten. Judges, who enjoy something like absolute monarchical or imperial immunity from challenge or prosecution of almost every kind, take action concerning the most intimate moments in each family's life in manners which are only predictable insofar as chaos is the norm.

The presiding judicial officers (judges, magistrates, special masters, whatever they are called) are arbitrary, capricious, and corrupt, and their assistants, attorneys, clerks, and other "officers of the court" for the most part either for sale, ignorant, impotent, or willfully blind.

Within the ruins of a judicial system which has all but destroyed the family as an operational unit of society, there are a few "reactionaries" who demand that their individual rights and autonomy be returned to them.

The Foundation for the Child Victims of the Family Courts came into existence to defend against state judicial, administrative, and regulatory deprivation of rights asserted by and rightfully belonging to protective parents caught in the modern legal webs which entangle almost all Americans and Canadians to a greater or lesser degree.

We believed, when we first started, that we would find lawyers ready to stand up for the rights of children and good parents, but after years of experience, we find we are wrong. Lawyers fear judges and each other, and they fear the Bar and for their licenses if they challenge the system from the inside. We need a new generation, a new army of lawyers who will stand up to abusive judges and court administrators, and above all who will fight against the law itself when the law itself is wrong, or poorly designed to produce positive results.

Within the letter and spirit of Rule 11(b)(2) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, we ask for volunteers willing to fight to offer wherever necessary "a nonfrivolous argument for extending, modifying, or reversing existing law or for establishing new law." Sometimes this will require challenging judges face on, and thinking of creative ways to remove bigoted or wrong-headed judges.

Whenever decent, loving parents find that it necessary to fight for their childrens' safety or their very lives when threatened by the arbitrary, capricious, overreaching authority of the Family Courts and administrative or regulatory "protective" apparatuses across the country, the FCVFC aspires to help righteous parents secure themselves and their offspring. We believe our children are our own and our world's future, and that (through a sad convergence of bad policies) this future, our genetic and social heritage as members of the human race, is being attacked and systematically degraded BY the very institutions and officers of the law and government ostensibly designed to uphold this future.

Too often, it seems, modern judicial, administrative, and regulatory policy and "law" favor abusive and destructive parents. Whether accidental or intentional, such favoritism not only destroys or injures individual lives, but throws entire families and communities, and indeed, society as a whole into an ever deepening whirlpool, a vortex of dependency and despair.

All too often, decent, loving, and protective parents find themselves faced with uphill battles and vastly unequal struggles in trying to prevent child custody transfers into the hands of obsessive abusers who seek custody as a means of securing predatory access, covering heinous crimes or profiting from the larges secured through the advantageous equity position obtained by being the beneficiary of child support payments.

The modern world has created court systems lacking in secure legal foundations or clear precedents in favor of positive good. The world tendencies of "moral relativism" and "cultural marxism", supported by many good intentioned academics and social workers lacking bona fide experience or sound judgment, have fed and benefited from the doctrines of Judicial Discretion and Immunity....often extended by self-interested lawyers and bureaucrats far beyond any judge's bench to cover all the abusers' agents, advocates, and administrators....

Specifically, FCVFC condemns and seeks to influence and change the nationwide propensity of Family Court Judges to assert authority over individual lives by mandated treatment for psychiatric and psychological interventions merely for the purposes of exercising control over litigants and their families.

And so we invite the lawyers of the United States and Canada to come forward and dare to volunteer.