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To – Judge Douglas E. Hoffman
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Re: Complaint #2 against Judge Douglas E. Hoffman

From – Jill Jones-Soderman, PhD, MSW, MSHS
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Brook Altman – Appellant
v
Allison Scollar - Respondent

Case – Docket No.
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The seriousness and consideration with which Judge Hoffman approached many matters of concern were greatly appreciated.

Your sense of humor, quickness, timing were truly funny – except – to the object of the humorous denigrating quip – whose life is being made miserable by choices that you and your colleagues have forced upon her.

The child in question is shyly described by her lawyer in the most low key terms. Her lawyer does not speak in hyperbole. His words are carefully parsed, discreet, minimalist – yet moving and eloquent, as is the child herself.

H. does not need to speak for every incompetent, crooked, malevolent court appointed factotum paid off by the rich and powerful who simply have to have their way. She speaks of her experience with Sara Weiss – stating – “why did she do this to me? Why didn't she listen to me when I said – I want to be with my mother, my real mother! I do not want that woman on my case.”

While H. may not speak for the competence of “Every Forensic Evaluator I am sure the child has an opinion on every Forensic Evaluator.....”she does speak for every child who has experienced the soul eviscerating experience of children ripped from Protective Parents placed in the hands of their abusers. At age ten H. is experiencing the visible trauma of trust for adults disrupted. She has become increasingly wary, takes time to warm to adults, in that her normal easy flow of expression is curtailed. She states that she does not feel comfortable expressing emotion or crying anyplace but in her mother's arms. She walks around with a burden of emotion and fear, other than when she is with her mother. H. states, as do numerous other children in this situation that they are losing/have lost faith that their world will be restored. Along with the statement – I am not dealing with any more therapists. I do not trust them!”

While it may be beyond your scope of experience or exposure, but children do have thoughts, feelings and ideas that they do artfully and articulately express – over and over again in word, deed and multiple other forms of communication.

I for one have been a child analyst for many, many years. Early in my career I was presented with a two year old who was growling, biting her mother, screaming, urinating.....rather suddenly. In earlier months, at six months old, she was reading, speaking in sentences, fully toilet trained, loving.

I knew this child before she was born. I saw her parents as they were courting and warned my patient,

her mother, not to marry this man. I saw the couple together when the three month old baby was in a stroller. I saw her father rocking the stroller back and forth – rhythmically, then picking up speed.....the father, was on a front porch deck – in front of a flight of stairs.....my scream stopped him from throwing the baby down the steps.

Months later, the mother and grandmother were back in my office with this child - then crazed.

Because I video taped my sessions, the mother and grandmother were behind a one way mirror and what unfolded was thoroughly documented for the courts and police.

It took very little time to get the story – expressed in “Why did he do that to me” said over and over and over again. The true question was – why did the adults around her who knew – first hand what was going on, why did they allow this to happen.

It is the mission of the FCVFC to not tolerate any child asking that question without responding and taking every possible action to inform, educate, prosecute, where necessary. We hold every responsible authority who comes into contact with information that should raise questions, raise consciousness, raise concerns, raise the innate drive to shelter and protect – not ridicule, not denigrate, not minimize, not dismiss any child's question as to a proclivity for an adult to behave in a manner that betrays personal, professional, moral, ethical, legal responsibility to that child.

As per the appearance before you 1/9/17 I trust that any concern brought to your attention is taken with thoughtful, sincere consideration.

Jill Jones-Soderman