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## A COMMENTARY ON THE CHARACTER & EMPATHY OF OUR STAFF

Upon speaking with a consultant/staff member of the FCVFC, an attorney no less, I was distressed by his level of distress following a meeting with one of our clients. All of our clients come to us in a state of crisis, lamentable anguish, courage and dedication to advancing the protection of their children. I suggested that I would shield him from client contact and have him confine his attentions to causes of action and filing legal documents. The following statement was his very moving reply!

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Dear Jill,

Please do not misread the message. I obviously HAVE to speak to clients.

I look at it this way..... pain is injury, and if I cannot feel and suffer from the injuries that others have suffered, I cannot be an effective advocate for their pain and suffering. Advocacy and truth is what I care about and you should Not try to insulate me from feeling pain or even from temporarily, "Being Traumatized".

For several years.....was my top client and remained a friend for a long time afterwards. Why?, because in her first phone call to me, on the Friday before Mother's Day 2008, we talked for hours, non stop by phone about her pain regarding her divorce.

Another top client and major supporter to this day is..... From the first day I spoke to him, I was in complete sympathy and empathy with his sense of loss and alienation. We shared many life events that were similar, shared ancestry, life's vagaries.

My passion for the subject of illegal evictions and mortgage foreclosure victims is because I understand what it means to lose all that one cares about in life. Now, so many Americans, and Europeans, are learning through leveraged credit the brutality of bank-expropriation, which is hardly more human than forcible eviction by police troops, and in some cases is exactly the same.....

And as with you, from the first time I talked to you.....and heard what you had to say about the misery exacted by the family courts, nation wide, inflict on children in the name of the Best Interests of the child.... this is why I think we are meant to work

together.....and don't ever think that because I tell you I was deeply moved by case, it is a bad thing..... suffering with others is the first step towards understanding them and trying to alleviate the misery. Emotional suffering is one of the most distinctive features of our human brains and souls, and it is worth more than any money or gold or property could ever be, but it is the measure of what money and gold and property represent in law, in cold insurance actuarial tablets, and in every dispute which tries for a solution life for another child's life.

In this way, I am more than a bit romantic, I guess.  
As Percy Byshe Shelley wrote "Ode to the West Wind"  
"I fall upon the thorns of life! I bleed!"