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To – Judge Patrick J. Carol the 3rd.

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Dear Judge Carol,

I am the Executive Director of the Foundation for the Child Victims of the Family Courts, a not for profit organization and the consultant to Jane Powell, mother of Caroline and Elizabeth Powell, the immediate victims of the egregious ruling put forth by Judge Erika Tindill.

The Foundation deals with advocacy and legal defense of the Constitutionally, Federally protected Civil Rights of vulnerable children who have been egregiously impacted by the courts. We are currently reviewing the pattern of Judge Tindill's rulings and will be addressing her multiple malfeasances. We hope that this complaint will be reviewed with the urgency and serious contemplation deserved.

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Re: Complaint Against Judge Erika Tindill

Dear Judge Carol,

On Fr. 4/22/2016 Judge Erika Tindill pronounced a death sentence for two adolescent girls who appeared through their attorney to seek relief from the brutal, unremitting terror, physical and emotional horror experienced and described by these two young girls. Their accounts of five years of abuse, which followed similar accounts of sexual, emotional abuse, animal abuse of their pets, prior to their removal from protective parent and extended family, at ages eight and eleven.

Judge Erika Tindill pronounced their death sentence after a hearing, 4/22/16 countering a Protective Order first issued 3/21/16. Judge Erika Tindill issued her order remanding the girls returned to their accused brutal abuser, prior to the New Canaan Police Department's ability to complete their criminal investigation. The Connecticut Department of Children and Families had also not completed their investigation of Child Sexual Abuse and Neglect though charges of criminal abuse and neglect were initially upheld, supporting the Emergency Protective Order issued 3/21/16. Despite incomplete and inaccurate testimony provided to the court, including failure to meet with or access testimony from the girls who are subjects of this life eviscerating decree, Judge Erika Tindill felt no compunction about issuing an order for the two adolescents to be immediately transferred by DCF case workers, after the custodians of the girls delivered them to the hands of the transfer agents, to return them to their accused vicious abuser.

The testimony of the accused abuser, Scott Powell, indicated that he wished to have his daughters returned so that he could hospitalize sixteen year old Caroline and maintain thirteen year old Elizabeth at home. The girls have stated that they have survived the time away from their mother and extended

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family through their mutual support. They have also made clear through their testimony that Caroline was the major target of Scott Powell's aggressive abuse (Protective Order Attached), while Elizabeth was the target of Scott Powell's most aggressive sexual incursions. We might add that the girls importance to Scott Powell includes the largess supplied by Jane Powell's generous Social Security Disability payment.

Thirteen year old Elizabeth Powell and sixteen year old Caroline Powell became so intensely suicidal upon the news, prior to their grandparents being able to reach them, that they had to be immediately taken to Norwalk Hospital emergency room where they were immediately hospitalized. Judge Erika Tindill was informed that the onset of the Protective Order hearing that the girls had made a pact to commit suicide if they were not able to get away from their father. They sought help to escape from their father, first with a family friend, then they turned to their grandparents whom they had barely had any communication or contact over the past five years of living with their father because Scott Powell forbade any such contact and thoroughly contaminated the social/educational/medical environment as to false allegations against his ex wife's entire family.

Judge Erika Tindill heard testimony from Eric Fraser, PhD a psychologist who felt free to opine on subjects he had not seen in more than five years, the girls, and subjects he had never interviewed, the grandparents, temporary custodians of the girls. The meeting with the girls with whom Dr. Fraser felt free to malign and discredit in his report during a custody evaluation in 2011. The subjects of the custody evaluation were not informed that their meeting with Dr. Fraser was a custody evaluation or any sort of evaluation as the meeting lasted all of ten minutes as is documented by those who brought the girls to the appointment with Dr. Fraser. The girls description as documented in their account of their meeting with Dr. Fraser was highly unflattering. The only accounts of the interaction with subjects with whom Dr. Eric Fraser felt free to comment were from his client, as per Dr. Fraser's court testimony. Dr. Fraser's client is the accused abuser whose personal psychiatric and social functioning history was notably absent from Dr. Fraser's court testimony. Dr. Eric Fraser's association with Yale University whose controversial stand on Lyme Disease as a chronic, serious threat to life has never seemed to be vetted as a source of bias and seriously flawed scientific expertise.

Dr. Eric Fraser's testimony and his professionally uncharacteristic display of personal animus toward all parties in support of the vulnerable children, their protectors and any mention of other professional commentary on proceedings was met with the production in court of inaccurate information on the subjects about whom he was reporting, including his client. Dr. Eric Fraser's repetitive inaccuracies seem to be a hallmark of his testimony provided with arrogant, supercilious delivery.

Judge Erika Tindill issued orders to return the children to their accused abuser. She denied the girls' access to a court appointed attorney. The incredible speed with which this decision was produced, given the multiple truncation of rights that should have been made available, including the ability to

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remove Eric Fraser, PhD as an expert, as he had not met with the subject children in five years, his original report should have been subject to review for rebuttal by an expert for the girls and the Diehl family.

The level of depraved indifference displayed by this judge based on inadequate, incomplete, heavily biased, professionally compromised, to the point of mal practice, testimony, on the part of Eric Fraser, PhD, we suggest, reaches a level of Judicial ignorance, incompetence, bias, rush to judgment that has been rarely seen, other than in similar cases where judges have been complicit in the suicide/murder of children. We understand the state of ignorance and misinformation that has clouded the court's judgment on these issues has existed since the race to generate scholarly psychological studies discrediting children's reports of child sexual abuse following the McMartin case (1983 – 1990 - California) However, given that Family Court Judges are afforded the luxury of Judicial Discretion, so often abused in favor of the implementation of what little effective law exists in Family Court, Judge Erika Tindill preferred to summarily dismiss the most egregious, chilling statements of young litigants pleading for court intervention and protection, not allowing for Discretion to aid misguided judgment.

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