

TESTIMONY of MAUREEN M. MARTOWSKA**2 Edgewater Dr.****Lakeville, MA 02347****January 9, 2014**

TO: Task Force to Study Legal Disputes Involving the Care and Custody of Minor Child

Madame Chair, Members of the Committee:

I am here to testify as a grandmother on the lack of accountability by GALs and the failure of the courts to obtain it AND to state my support of issue # 3 re: the presumption of shared parenting in law per

Substitute House Bill No. 6685, Special Act # 13-24.

In particular, I will be using my personal family experience as it relates to my granddaughter, Meghan Martowska-White (8 years old), who has not seen her father (my son) for over 1 year and has endured a string of successive patchwork visitations over the last 8 years despite a final parenting plan being ordered in October 2007.

This is my opinion alone as a grandmother, as a mother, and as a party who holds a J.D. degree with not only personal experience, but significant legal knowledge.

3 critical points:

1) If one were to draw up a hierarchy of human rights protected by the Constitution, I would have thought that very near to the top would be the right of a child, while he or she is growing up, to have meaningful participation by both of his/her parents in his/her upbringing.

2) Parents who cannot agree ("high conflict") should not be criticized, demonized, and marginalized simply because they hold deeply felt beliefs on what they feel is in their child's best interest that prevent them from reaching compromise. They come to the courts for the purpose of resolution –not for rounds of counseling and therapy that come much too late in the game and at much great expense, a process further exacerbating emotion, conflict, financial burdens, and stress that destabilize and destroy families.

3) There is a competing dynamic that inherently creates a conflict of interest between GALs and parents:

- A GAL HAS A FINANCIAL INCENTIVE FOR NOT RESOLVING ISSUES – "BILLABLE HOURS"**
- THE OBJECTIVE OF THE PARENTS IS TO OBTAIN A SPEEDY, LESS COSTLY RESOLUTION TO RESOLVE ISSUES, INCLUDING OBTAINING ACCESS TO THEIR CHILD.**

I. DESCRIPTION OF SON'S PARTICULAR CASE

- Custody action started 8 years ago.
- Both parents were indigent.
- The minor was assigned a GAL shortly after a custody action was filed.
- The minor's grandparents paid for the representation of the parties.
- The case from the get-go was labeled "high conflict" simply because one party wanted equal visitation, the other did not (and would have preferred if the father and paternal family weren't involved in minor's life and continues to hold that position).
- My son submitted his detailed proposal for a parenting plan to both the other parent and the GAL and asked for their input so that they could focus their time on the areas of disagreement. No response was ever received from either, including the proposed holiday schedule within which was effectively the same as what the court would ultimately order.
- My son has been very flexible in trying to negotiate agreements, but is described in court by the GAL as being equally at fault in not reaching agreements with the other parent, a person striving to minimize contact with the father and paternal family, does only what the court forces her to do via court order when it comes to visitation, and as even the GAL admits, is a difficult person from whom to get a response to simple questions.
- Final parenting plan ensued in 2007.
- 2 ½ yrs later one party was going through a divorce with a 3rd party and that was used by one of the parents to leverage no visitation.
- The GAL was carried over post judgment and has been at every hearing since first assigned to the case in 2005.
- The GAL sought consolidation of a separate name change case of the minor child filed in Superior Court.
- The GAL sought consolidation of the father's divorce case concerning another relationship and minor (with her own GAL) unrelated to the child custody case filed in 2005.
- 1 year of supervised visitation ensued after false allegations made by father's spouse and his subsequent filing for divorce
- Son drove twice a week 5-hr round trips each time for visitation not exceeding 1.5 hours, paying for gas and the visitation itself.

II. HOW HAS CHILD'S LIFE BEEN IMPACTED

1.5 yrs of no visitation (*February 28, 2010 through August 27, 2011*)

fighting false claims by a divorcing spouse and getting the resulting criminal charges dismissed,

1 year of supervised visitation (*August 27, 2011 through August 13, 2012*)

done by stipulated agreement to afford the mother a degree of comfort after false allegations made by divorcing spouse and despite the Enfield Court order (ref. App. A17) restoring the October 9, 2007 order and unsupervised visitation as defined therein, and

4 months of stepped visitation (*beginning August 13, 2012*)

following a 2-day trial held on July 16 and August 13, 2012, unsupervised visitation that would subsequently cease as of December 1, 2012 per unilateral decision by the Defendant

Over 1 year of no visitation (*December 1, 2012 to current*)

Mother curtailed visitation despite excellent progress because Mother felt empowered to do so once an Appeal was filed regarding enforcement of the visitation plan per the court order of 2007 and the release of psych evaluations performed on both parents DESPITE a court order providing for comparable visitation. Two Motions to Enforce visitation as ordered in 2007 were made, both were denied (and no alternative visitation schedule recommended by the GAL or ordered by the Court when Father last asked for visitation of any sort).

TOTAL TIME CHILD HAS NOT SEEN FATHER DURING HER LIFE = 2 ½+ years and counting

III. IMPACT UPON FAMILY

A. STIGMATIZE THEM WITH THE LABEL "HIGH CONFLICT"

When one wishes to MARGINALIZE parents who can't agree:

- a. Label them with a badge of "high conflict" without defining it
- b. Declare them as the "minority" of cases

B. COSTS TO OUR FAMILIES

Financially penalize/punish them for their "*unwillingness to compromise*"

- Private representation at \$350/hr
- GAL at \$250/hr
- Supervised visitation at \$585/month (\$7,020/yr) (\$67.50/visit; 2 visits weekly)
- Cost of travel at \$372/month (\$4,464/yr) (244 mi round trip x 8.67 brief visits monthly)
- Cost of unpaid medical bills
- Cost of psych evaluation (\$3,000 plus additional costs for court appearance)
- Cost of couples therapy, child therapy (reduced rate of \$150/hr), family

- therapy
- Psychiatrist bills
- Cost of a potential “coordinator”
- Foreclosure
- Loss of college funds
- Loss of retirement funds of minor’s grandparents
- Loss time from work
- Emotional stress with increased financial burdens and no access to children
- Minor’s loss time with extended families
- Children’s loss of family (grow up without knowing their siblings or feeling their parent doesn’t want access)
- Loss of holiday time and bonding time – and memories
- Disrupt family bonding with parents and extended families
- Wreak financial devastation – loss of home, loss of college funds

IV. PERSONAL EXPERIENCES WITH GAL

- Calls not returned to parties or their attorney
- Status conferences called as a pretext to moving forward GALs own agenda (misuse of court to get expedited access)
- GAL who sits by when a Motion to Reargue is erroneously cited by the judge as already having been addressed / yet he acknowledges to us he knew it at the time but did not speak up
- GAL escalates costs by attending a deposition and appeal hearing instead of getting transcripts (the latter requiring sitting through multiple hearings)
- GAL consolidated an unrelated divorce case with this custody case
- GAL consolidated a separate name change case filed in Superior Court with this custody case
- GAL felt that name sharing both parents last name was a “Badge of Conflict” (child was under age 2 at the time); judge disagreed with GAL
- GAL who fails to timely follow up to arrange for psych evaluations, thereby extending limited visitation schedule unnecessarily
- GAL who fails to timely follow up to arrange for psychologist
- GAL unethically retained refunded monies from the psychologist who was returning monies to the grandparents who paid psychologist directly for her services (and continues to hold those funds)
- GAL never spoke to child in over a year
- Never in 4 years picked up the phone to speak with the Boston psychiatrist even though my son signed a release allowing him to do so (judge disagreed)
- GAL who instructs noncustodial parent and grandparents that you can never say:
 - o Daddy loves you, or
 - o Talk of activities in the future with the child
- GAL prevented son from accessing records of minor child with child therapist though he had joint custody

- GAL walked a thin line in making recommendations much reduced from that of the psychologist's own recommendations when he has no license as a practitioner and may actually be doing more harm – there is danger in GALs who have been doing this for so long they step in the shoes of other professional/clinicians w/o even having a license.
- GAL states that though both parties are indigent he did not want to see a HUSKY therapist provider selected because of the
 - o "Inferiority of the panel of doctors"
 - o "Delay of 6 months to get an appointment" BOTH WERE INCORRECT
- GAL excludes son from participating in selection of a child therapist despite numerous verbal AND written requests to do so
- GAL recommends and custodial parent selects a child therapist without vetting (discovered the therapist was served with a show cause by licensing authorities in MA as to why she should not have her license pulled for unprofessional conduct and breach of confidentiality – something that was readily available had the GAL inquired)
- GAL recommends he coordinate visitation of a 2nd minor child from a different relationship where a divorce was pending in a different state and has court adopt recommendation and in an order dated Aug. 12, 2012 in pertinent part states:

"Once father has access to his daughter, Olivia, father will provide Guardian all information regarding father's contact with Olivia arranged by the Massachusetts court."

- GAL recommends to court and Court adopts in an order dated Aug. 12, 2012 that during the unsupervised visitation by noncustodial father that:

"The Father shall come up with a plan to engage the child. Recommendations for this plan include activities such as going to the park, Connecticut Children's Science Museum, or Six Flags. The Guardian will approve the activities undertaken during these visits beforehand." [aka "Disney Dad"]

- GAL who refused to engage the father in selection of a therapist despite numerous written requests to do so.
- GAL who slips in his billing into a court hearing at the last minute without previously sending bill to parent
- GAL ignores numerous requests to supply regular invoices
- GAL increase billable hours by sitting in on depositions and the appeal to the CT appellate case.
- GAL warned my son that if he filed his appeal such that it included holding up the release of the psychological evaluation that he wouldn't see his daughter for the year it would take for the appeal case to conclude and would have to start phasing in visitation all over again. (The GAL was previously made privy to a prior psych evaluation performed on my son and had no expectation of receiving a less positive report.)

- Too much hearsay gets introduced by GALs.- as we all learned in law school hearsay is inadmissible in most situations because of its “untrustworthiness” yet we accept it routinely in the case of GALs
- There is no report given to the court, only verbal testimony in most cases, preventing both parties from having time to supplement the report where needed.
- The verbal testimony provided in court has is inconsistent with the position he expresses to the parties prior to the hearing just prior to its start
- A GAL that knew temp visitation order was going well but when other party stopped visitation:
 - a. GAL remained unresponsive when asked by the Court for his recommendation
 - b. GAL did not request a status hearing --WHY? – We speculate because he was no longer getting paid by my son who was indigent.
- Son had a GAL assigned with costs impossible to pay. Ironically after court approved GAL’s fees as reasonable, shortly thereafter Court reduced GAL fees to state rates retroactive approx. 2 years in accord with a prior court order when GAL consolidated the divorce and custody case and agreed to take state rates.
- When invoiced fees were questioned (such as travel time to court being hours), my son was told that he would be billed for the time to checking into the records and making appropriate corrections
Grandparents took on other jobs to pay for legal and other expenses and are now living geographically apart to locate where the higher paying jobs are in order to pay some of the legal fees still owed.

V. CURRENT FAILINGS OF GAL & COURT SYSTEM

- A. No Oversight
- B. No Accountability
- C. Immunity
- D. Scope and duration of GAL rarely defined
- E. No TIMELY Follow up
- F. Unresponsiveness
- G. Lack of metrics to determine quality of services to child
- H. Micromanagement
 - 1. GAL substitutes his/her judgment for therapist/psychologist
 - 2. does not respect paramount authority of parents
 - 3. hinders/interferes with parents’ ability to work with one another
- I. GAL’s stated function of serving “best interest of the child” (expeditious resolution) is often at odds with GAL’s objective of BILLABLE HRS (delays and continued conflict increases billable hours when GAL refuses to simply decide what his recommendation to the court will be and advises the parties of that recommendation)
- J. Hearsay persistently introduced by GAL
- K. Quasi judicial aura/role of the GAL
- L. See multiple judges – families are retraumatized multiple times by reliving the history each time they get to court – extreme stress on 2 fronts: loss of a

relationship and loss of access to children – if you didn't have it before arriving to court, heightened risk of depression, PTSD, acute stress disorder, transitional disorder, etc.

- M. Perception that judges are delegating their authority to the GAL possibly due to the overload of cases. GALS SHOULD INVESTIGATE ONLY. THEY SHOULD NOT USURP THE JUDICIARY ROLE OF INDEPENDENT DECISIONMAKING –
- N. Court orders for sole custody are more easily obtained when there is an assertion of the inability of a couple to work together/cooperate. A few parents leverage false accusation of “inability to cooperate” to obtain sole custody and deny access of the other parent.
- O. Many times court orders are NOT enforced. Instead, motions are continued until further testimony, etc.
- P. Many court orders and recommendations from GALS are poorly crafted – by being too vague, perhaps meant to allow parties to reach an agreement. HOWEVER many times this works to infuse more conflict and is to the detriment of the child.
- Q. Hasty agreements resulting in returns to court for years at great expense.
- R. Many orders for supervised visitation mandate one parent pay for it even though that parent has not been deemed a risk to the child. It should be both parents paying for it so there is incentive by both parties to move beyond it as soon as possible. (Exceptions can be made in the cases of child abuse by a parent.)

VI. RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Establish criteria for when and how GALS will be assigned.
2. Provide a metric to measure:
 - what types of cases GALS are assigned to (pro se vs represented)
 - what charges are assessed to each party
 - what fees the GALS are charging
 - how many GALS are full time
 - how many on the GAL list are used and have repeat assignments and how frequently they are rotated
 - track what other 3rd party sources the parties are engaging on a fee basis (e.g., child therapist, couple counseling, coordinator, psych evaluators, etc.)
 - outcome of Family Services intervention (e.g. any resolution or agreements prior to walking into court) to keep judges currently informed of financial burdens upon families and stress level to child.
3. Define “high conflict.”
4. Demand that once a GAL is assigned that the order MUST define the scope, duration, deliverables (stipulated agreement or recommendation), and how a GAL will be paid.
5. Prior to each hearing, the court file shall be marked with the last time the child saw each parent and when the GAL last spoke with the child.
6. Require a written report be submitted by the GAL to the court with supporting documentation - RESTRICTING hearsay- that requires the GAL to note when they last met with the child, when they last spoke to the

parents, and require that parties shall be in receipt of such 5 days in advance of any court hearing to provide adequate notice for rebuttal at the hearing.

7. The GAL should be able to be cross examined and questioned as to how he arrived at his findings.
8. Eliminate full time GALs if they exist.
9. Establish a uniform fee for GALs so as not to burden hardworking families more than they are already and so as to assure GALs of payment for their work but on par with the realization that GALs are only to be assigned for a limited scope, purpose, and duration.
10. Require that GALs provide updated invoices to the court and the parties 5 days prior to any court hearing.
11. Dispose of the notion that more skilled GALs are assigned based on complexity of case and a party's ability to pay and replace it with the presumption that all certified GALs are deemed equal in their ability to advocate for the best interest of the child.
12. Establish uniform criteria, training, and evaluation of all GALs that will put all those that pass and are placed on a GAL list equal opportunity to be selected on a rotation basis. This shall include mandatory internships. *(Note: This should be done to restore confidence and credibility in capability of GALs re: training and abilities to provide services and remove perception of favoritism by judges.)*
13. Develop measurements to review and analyze a GAL's performance on a routine and periodic basis.
14. Provide a complaint avenue on GALs for parents that is independent of the judiciary and holds representation by parents by which corrective measures can be taken, including reprimand, sanctions, removal or replacement
15. Provide a rehabilitation avenue for underperforming GALs.
16. Make public claims brought against GALs and ensuing corrective actions.
17. Perform a release/termination mechanism for those GALs who have egregiously failed to abide by the standards established.
18. Remove immunity for GALs realizing that there is a cost benefit analysis that must apply. Is it more important that GALs be protected from litigation or more important to serve the public good that they be held accountable for actions –OR INACTIONS- that deprive families of their constitutional rights?
19. Have 1 case/1 judge.
20. Articulate the need for judges to craft clearer and more precise instructions to eliminate conflict and confusion.
21. Split equally the costs of the GAL.
22. Instruct the Court on the need to enforce court orders.

We must acknowledge the constitutional rights of the parents and child:

- The child's liberty right of association.
- The parent's constitutional right to parent.
- BOTH SHOULD BE VIEWED WITH STRICT SCRUTINY.

VII. REGARDING ISSUE #3 OF THE PRESUMPTION OF SHARED PARENTING

I believe a presumption of shared parenting is the right approach.

The welfare of the child] will be furthered by involvement in the child's upbringing of each parent of the child who can be involved in a way not adverse to the child's safety. It sets the dynamics for the parents to work with each other, NOT AGAINST! It supports, rather than undermines, the parents' ability to parent. It places parents on equal footing without making them further adversaries, despite allegations and absent incontrovertible evidence.

There is a core legal principle that parents have "paramount authority" (a legal term rarely acknowledged anymore) over their children. Parents are given that authority because there is a presumption that they will operate in the "best interest" of their children. The Court has the burden to overcome that presumption in proving that such is not the case before asserting its *Parens Patriae* (*a doctrine that grants the inherent power and authority of the Court to protect persons who are legally unable to act on their own behalf—i.e., the children*) authority by assigning a GAL. Arguing that a case is "high conflict" does not necessarily meet that burden. The state/court must first be able to define "high conflict" and next be able to pass a strict scrutiny test demonstrating that the parents are not working in the child's best interests before asserting its authority. A hearing should be held for that purpose.

This is why the 3rd issue the Task Force has to deal with on presumption of shared parenting is so important. It keeps in tact the constitutional right of each parent and places the burden on the opposing party to prove otherwise.

Respectfully submitted,



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ATTACHMENTS

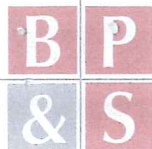
ATTACHMENTS
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**RE: Task Force To Study Legal Disputes Involving the Care and Custody
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Substitute House Bill No. 6685, Special Act # 13-24

- 1) Invoices from GAL, Barry Armata**
- 2) Letters/Emails from Counsel, Parent, &
Grandparent to GAL re: GAL's Repeated
Unresponsiveness**
- 3) GAL's Request for Status Conference**



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Re: Matthew Martowska vs. Kathryn White
Docket No. **HHD FA 05 4017673 S**

Dear Matthew:

With regard to the above-captioned, enclosed please find a copy of all invoices prepared by Brown, Paindiris & Scott LLP:

Invoice #46924
Invoice #51180
Invoice #65198
Invoice #65199
Invoice #65513
Invoice #66779
Invoice #67570
Invoice #67767

Sincerely yours,

Barry F. Armata

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Enclosures

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Inv. Date: Jul 2/2009
File #: 09-851a
Inv. #: 46924

Re: Guardian Ad Litem - Father 50%

DATE	DESCRIPTION	HOURS	INIT
Jul-02-09	Balance forward from The Law Office of Barry Armata.		BFA
Aug-17-09	Write-off Services/Non-payment	0.00	BFA
	Totals	0.00	\$90.15
Total Fees and Disbursements			\$90.15
Previous Balance			\$0.00
Previous Payments			\$0.00
Balance Due Now			\$90.15

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Inv. Date: Jun 30/2010
File #: 09-851a
Inv. #: 51180

Re: Guardian Ad Litem - Father 50%

DATE	DESCRIPTION	HOURS	INIT
Mar-29-10	Telephone call with Atty Tarpey; time includes prior calls with Atty Tarpey and Clifford- re meeting and access time for Martoskas	0.50	BFA
Apr-06-10	Travel to and from meeting with Attys re current situation	0.75	BFA
May-05-10	Review email and letter from Atty Tarpey; discussion with Margaret Romanik	0.20	BFA
Jun-01-10	Telephone call to Attorney Tarpy re: Meeting. Telephone call to Attorney Clifford re: Meeting.	0.13	JLH
Jun-14-10	Meeting with parties, attorneys and Family Relations [Margaret Romanik]	1.00	BFA
Jun-28-10	Travel to and from and meeting with Megan and discussions with Katherine White re Marten Martowska access	1.00	BFA
Jun-30-10	Meeting with Maureen and Mark Martowsk and Katherine White	1.00	BFA
	Totals	4.58	\$1,141.25

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Total Fees and Disbursements

\$1,141.25

Previous Balance

\$90.15

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\$90.15

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Inv. Date: Nov 30/2011
File #: 09-851a
Inv. #: 65198

Re: Guardian Ad Litem - Father 50%

DATE	DESCRIPTION	HOURS	INIT
Jul-19-10	Telephone call with Katherine re Maureen Martowska phone contact	0.20	BFA
Aug-04-10	Meeting with counsel and parties on case, including meeting with Margaret Romanik	2.50	BFA
Aug-07-10	Letter to parties	0.20	BFA
Oct-28-10	Telephone call with John Clifford	0.15	BFA
Nov-01-10	Travel to and from court re hearing; meeting with attorneys and parties; discussion re Meghan, Martowska access, Matthew, psych reports; telephone call with Dr. Christinana, etc.	1.75	BFA
Jan-04-11	Telephone call with Atty Tarpey	0.20	BFA
Jan-30-11	Telephone call with Maureen and Michael Martowska re access to Meghan and issues	0.25	BFA
Jan-31-11	Telephone call to Atty Tarpey re access, counseling, etc.	0.10	BFA
Feb-01-11	Telephone call Atty Tarpey re Martowska request	0.20	BFA
Feb-04-11	Letter	0.20	FEC
Feb-28-11	Review letter from Maureen Martowska to Atty Tarpey	0.25	BFA
May-10-11	Travel to and from court re motions; meeting with Family Realtions; meeting with Judge Taylor argument to Judge Olear; obtain pre-trial and trial dates	1.50	BFA
May-13-11	Draft letter; memo; Affidavit of fees	0.25	FEC
Jul-11-11	Travel to and from court re status conference with Judge Olear; discussions with counsel re access; review correspondence from Atty Clifford, including motions; telephone call to Atty Clifford re social security dependency allowance for Meghan	1.00	BFA

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Jul-13-11	Travel to and from court; meeting with parties, counsel; family relations; argument to court [Adelman,J.] attempts to facilitate access	2.50	BFA	
Jul-14-11	Telephone calls with Dr. Christianna ; obtain dates and rates re case; Michael Martowska and left messages fro Attys Tarpey and Clifford	0.25	BFA	
Jul-18-11	Telephone call with Atty Tarpey re Dr. Christianna	0.15	BFA	
Jul-21-11	Letter following-up several phone calls	0.20	FEC	
Jul-22-11	Review Email	0.10	BFA	
	Letter	0.15	FEC	
Jul-23-11	Review email	0.20	BFA	
Jul-25-11	Telephone calls with Martowskas- Michael and Maureen; telephone call to Atty Tarpey re counseling for Meghan; telephone call to Dr. Christiana- left message	0.40	BFA	
Aug-02-11	Telephone call with Martowskas-- Maureen and Michael; discussion with Atty Tarpey	0.25	BFA	
Aug-08-11	Letter to Attys and parties re counseling and reunification	0.20	BFA	
	Letter	0.40	FEC	
Aug-15-11	Review emails re court on Tuesday 8/16/11	0.20	BFA	
Aug-21-11	Letter to counsel re pension evaluation; access, reunification, etc.	0.25	BFA	
Aug-23-11	Letter to Counsel	0.25	FEC	
Aug-30-11	Travel to court re: Motion for Contempt discussionwith attorneys; review agreement; presentation to court (Olear, J.)	0.50	BFA	
Aug-31-11	Discussion with Atty Tarpey re court; access; depositions; evaluation, etc.	0.25	BFA	
Oct-10-11	Review Deposition of Dr. Grimaldi and Kathryn White	0.50	BFA	
Oct-24-11	Trial Prep	0.50	BFA	
	Home visit in Somers to see Meghan	1.00	BFA	
Nov-07-11	Telephone call with court re status conference; telephone call to Atty Tarpey re same	0.20	BFA	
Nov-08-11	Travel to court re Status conference;	0.50	BFA	
Nov-17-11	Review correspondence from Atty Clifford	0.10	BFA	
Nov-22-11	Telephone call to Atty Tarpey re status conference; telephone call with Kian Jacobs	0.20	BFA	
Nov-23-11	Travel to and from court for status conference with Judge Wetstone and Attorneys	1.75	BFA	
Nov-30-11	Email to counsel re case	0.10	BFA	

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Totals

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Previous Payments

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Dec-02-11	Meeting with Katherine White; Telephone call with Atty Tarpey; prior email review	0.75	BFA
	Meeting with Katherine	0.50	BFA
Dec-05-11	Discussion and meeting with counsel; travel to court for Ex parte Motion and continuance request	2.50	BFA
Dec-06-11	Telephone calls with Dr. Smith re Meeting with all; review report	0.50	BFA
Dec-09-11	Summit meeting with all and Dr. Smith	3.00	BFA
Dec-16-11	Travel to court re interim parenting plan and access; related issues, meeting with counsel; Kathy Service; Judge Wetstone	1.25	BFA
Dec-20-11	Telephone call with John Clifford	0.15	BFA
Dec-21-11	Adjustment due to entries billed at \$275 and \$300 per hour that should have been at \$250 per hour		BFA
	Totals	8.65	\$1,375.00

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December 21, 2011



Total Fees and Disbursements

\$1,375.00

Previous Balance

\$6,765.50

Previous Payments

\$0.00

Balance Due Now

\$8,140.50

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c/o Maureen Martowska
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Inv. Date: Jan 12/2012
File #: 09-851a
Inv. #: 65513

Re: Guardian Ad Litem - Father 50%

DATE	DESCRIPTION	HOURS	INIT
Dec-05-11	GAL Proposed Orders; Letter to school; Letter to Pediatrician; Letter to Therapist	0.50	FEC
Dec-21-11	Travel to and from court re status conference with Judge Wetstone and discussions with Attys and parties	1.25	BFA
	Discussions with Martowskas- and Atty Davies- no charge	0.35	BFA
Dec-22-11	Email to Attys re resolution ideas	0.20	BFA
Dec-30-11	Letter	0.15	FEC
Jan-10-12	Telephone call with Atty Clifford re case; re send email re options	0.20	BFA
	Totals	2.65	\$464.50
	Total Fees and Disbursements		\$464.50
	Previous Balance		\$8,140.50
	Previous Payments		\$0.00
	Balance Due Now		\$8,605.00

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TRUST STATEMENT

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		Disbursements	Receipts
Jan-04-12	Received From: PC Ck. 1106 Retainer/on acc't.		200.00
	Total Trust	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Trust Balance		\$0.00

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Inv. Date: Apr 30/2012
File #: 09-851a
Inv. #: 66779

Re: Guardian Ad Litem - Father 50%

DATE	DESCRIPTION	HOURS	INIT
Feb-07-12	Travel to court re status conference and motions; meeting in chamber with Judge Olear; review interim agreement; telephone call to Dr. Smith re Evaluation; transmittal of order to Dr. Smith.	1.00	BFA
Feb-10-12	Email Dr. Smith re evaluation and her call	0.10	BFA
Feb-27-12	Prepare stipulation off email from Dr. Smith	0.15	BFA
	Stipulation; emails	0.25	FEC
Mar-16-12	Telephone call with Atty Clifford re stip, etc.	0.10	BFA
Mar-22-12	Travel to and attend status conference at court; revise authorization for Dr. Smith	1.00	BFA
Mar-23-12	Review email re Courtney and authoriation; email to all re options	0.20	BFA
Mar-29-12	Travel to and attend status conference with Judge Wetstone and counsel re Psych Exam and issues	0.50	BFA
Apr-03-12	Work on file including arranging for contact Humphrey Center; making great relative to new therapist for Meghan; coordinate for EIP including contacting special masters Attorney Kim Duel and Dr. Sidney Horwitz	0.20	BFA
Apr-04-12	Review e-mail from attorney Clifford	0.10	BFA
Apr-05-12	Telephone call with Atty Clifford	0.10	BFA
Apr-09-12	Letter to counsel re EIP program; telephone call with John Clifford re email	0.15	BFA
Apr-30-12	Telephone call and discussion with Attys re Special Master's date	0.20	BFA
	Totals	4.05	\$970.00
Apr-10-12	State Comptroller Ck. 13744621		\$988.12

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April 30, 2012

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Total Fees and Disbursements

\$970.00

Previous Balance

\$8,605.00

Previous Payments

\$0.00

Balance Due Now

\$8,605.00

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Inv. Date: Jul 26/2012

File #: 09-851a

Inv. #: 67570

Re: Guardian Ad Litem - Father 50%

DATE	DESCRIPTION	HOURS	INIT
Apr-10-12	Letter	0.20	FEC
May-09-12	Meetings with counsel on case	0.75	BFA
Jul-10-12	Travel to court re status conference with Judge Wetstone	0.75	BFA
	Draft proposed orders/stip	0.25	BFA
Jul-15-12	Prepare for hearing	1.50	BFA
Jul-16-12	Travel to court for hearing on Motion for access	3.25	BFA
	Guardian Ad Litem Orders	0.20	FEC
Jul-23-12	Meeting with Meghan in Glastonbury	0.50	BFA
Jul-25-12	Affidavit of Fees, Request for Payment	0.25	FEC
	Totals	7.65	\$1,802.00

Total Fees and Disbursements

\$1,802.00

Previous Balance

\$8,605.00

Previous Payments

\$100.00

Balance Due Now

\$10,288.88

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Inv. Date: Aug 13/2012
File #: 09-851a
Inv. #: 67767

Re: Guardian Ad Litem - Father 50%

DATE	DESCRIPTION	HOURS	INIT
Aug-12-12	Preparation for hearing	0.50	BFA
	Totals	0.50	\$125.00
Total Fees and Disbursements			\$125.00
	Previous Balance		\$10,288.88
	Previous Payments		\$0.00
Balance Due Now			\$10,413.88

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Maureen Martowska <maureen.martowska@gmail.com>

Martowska v White: Invoice clarification

2 messages

Matthew Martowska <matthewmartowska@gmail.com>

Fri, Oct 5, 2012 at 1:39 PM


To: Barry Armata <barmata@bpslawyers.com>

Bcc: maureen.martowska@gmail.com

Hi Barry,

→ Thanks again for making time to meet Tuesday. Please see attached for edits/ clarification to invoice.

Thanks,
Matthew Martowska

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Maureen Martowska <maureen.martowska@gmail.com>

Fri, Oct 5, 2012 at 1:47 PM

To: Michael Martowska <michael.s.martowska@gmail.com>

Cc: Michelle Miceli <michelle.miceli7@gmail.com>

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From: **Matthew Martowska** <matthewmartowska@gmail.com>

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October 5, 2012

Dear Barry,

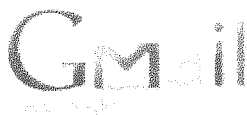
Thank you for making yourself available for me to meet you at your office so I could review your billing Tuesday. I hope that you will be able to provide me with the corrections as we discussed, including some of which we did not have time to cover.

Below is an itemized list for your attention, all are from the eight invoices noted in your August 21, 2012 letter which was sent to me in response to my request for a detailed itemizations of your billing.

- 1) Please clarify the hourly rate at which JLH bills.
- 2) There appears to be an invoice missing between the June 30, 2010 invoice and the November 30, 2011 invoice because the balance carried over reflects \$1,603.26 not the \$1,141.23 from the June 30 invoice. This leaves \$462 (\$1,603.25-\$1,141.25) unaccounted for. Please advise.
- 3) Invoice #65199 dated Dec. 21, 2011) on the last entry indicates that an adjustment was made to entries due to erroneous overbilling at \$275 and \$300/hr. Please advise specifically which entries were adjusted. (Note: It appears you credited \$787.50 on this invoice.)
- 4) Invoice #65513 dated Jan. 12, 2012 indicates \$200 from "PC." Which did not show as a charge or a credit. What is this?
- 5) Invoice 66779 dated Apr. 30, 2012 – last line item reads "State Comptroller Ck. 13744621 \$988.12" What was this check about?
- 6) Invoice #66779 dated Apr. 30, 2012 seems to have overcharged by \$45 (should be \$925 not \$970). I believe the error can be found in the hourly rate charged by FEC (which should be \$80/hr).
- 7) Invoice #67570 dated July 16, 2012 shows an exorbitant amount of monies charged (\$812) just for traveling to court, however, I believe this included time in court.

Thanks for your help.
Matthew Martowska

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Maureen Martowska <maureen.martowska@gmail.com>

Re: Martowska v White: Invoice clarification

1 message

Matthew Martowska [REDACTED]

Tue, Oct 23, 2012 at 4:18 PM

To: Barry Armata [REDACTED]

Bcc: [REDACTED]

Hi Barry,

I have not heard back from you regarding my inquiries attached or phone messages. In an attempt to obtain answers to my billing inquiries, I have gone through my records to inquire about my presumed financial obligations by the court both past and future to pay counsel for minor fees/or G.A.L fees and I seem to be missing any postjudgment private engagement or reappointment by the court as required under Connecticut's General Statute's.

Would you have a copy of such an aforementioned engagement/order that you could please send me? This will be helpful in addressing how the court is expecting me to pay for whichever scope of services for Counsel for minor/or G.A.L both past and future; even though, as you know from affidavits and my discussions in meeting with you, I have no means to pay except to beg my family and not pay other necessities such as, but not limited to, medical expenses. Meanwhile, any clarification you have to my billing inquiries, which I have attached again for your convenience, would be very welcomed.

Thank you,
Matthew Martowska

On Fri, Oct 5, 2012 at 1:39 PM, Matthew Martowska <matthewmartowska@gmail.com> wrote:

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Thanks,
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June 12, 2012

Via Facsimile: (860) 522-2490

Barry Armata, Esq.
Brown Paindiris & Scott, LLP
100 Pearl Street
Hartford, CT 06106

Re: Matthew Martowska v. Kathryn White

Dear Attorney Armata:

Not having heard from you in response to my earlier correspondence, I am writing to update you as to what I think is the status of this matter. When we met with Judge Wetstone on March 29, 2012, she had recommended that the visitation between Matthew and his daughter transition out of Klingberg on an unsupervised basis as all agreed continued visitations at the Klingberg Center were no longer in the best interests of Meghan. So far, this transition has not occurred. Judge Wetstone also suggested an alternative therapist for Meghan with whom the Judge had some familiarity as a result of a recent Trial. I understand you did follow up with Ann Webb, MSW in Wethersfield but I have heard nothing beyond that. Now that we have received confirmation that Meghan is no longer seeing Kian Jacobs, MSW, LCSW, please let me know whether there are plans for Meghan to see an alternative therapist. Matthew has indicated on several occasions that he desires to be part of the process of selecting an appropriate therapist.

It was also suggested that the parents take advantage of the program provided through the Humphrey Center at UCONN in Storrs. We did investigate that program and provided you with information as well as the name and phone number for contacts, in addition to asking Ms. Doris LaPlante, former Director of the Humphrey Clinic, to forward information to you. The new Director, Denise Parent, has indicated that the Humphrey Clinic cannot move forward without some authorization and direction from you. Finally, since we were unable to utilize the previous work and report rendered by Dr. Linda Smith (though Matthew had prepaid her for his portion of the psych evaluations in regard to the Martowska/White case), you suggested another psychologist, Dr. Leite, for purposes of psychological exams associated with the Martowska/White matter. Again, not having heard from you, Matthew has attempted to make arrangements directly with Dr. Leite's office to get the process started and is prepared to submit to whatever evaluation and testing is required. Unfortunately, Dr. Leite has indicated that she is unable to proceed until she hears directly from you for authorization. Please let me know if there is anything else Matthew should be doing at this stage. If we don't hear from you, we will assume that you feel no further action is necessary and will stand by your recommendations as set out in your letter of April 9, 2012 regarding the move to unsupervised visitation between Matthew and his daughter.

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ata, Esq., letter

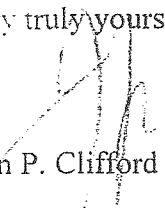
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Enclosed is the most updated report dated May 1, 2012 from Kathy Service of Klingberg regarding the status of the visitation process.

In order to try and move these issues to a head, I am filing the enclosed Motion with the Court.

Finally, when you have the opportunity, I would like to review your file in this matter. Please have your office contact me with some dates that are convenient.

Very truly yours,


John P. Clifford Jr. Esq.

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cc: Kerry Tarpey, Esq.
Matthew Martowska

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Thursday, May 31 at 2:43 PM

From: Matthew Martowska <matthewmartowska@gmail.com>**To:** [REDACTED]**Cc:** John Clifford**Subject:** Re:Psych_Eval_ Court_Ordered

Hi Barry,

It has now been several months since the court order was issued in February to conduct psych evaluations on Kathryn and me as well as securing recommended counseling. Neither has been accomplished. Three weeks ago, Kathryn herself indicated her desire to move forward with the psych evaluation at our last court date on May 9. I am disappointed that nothing has moved forward despite my and Kathryn's desire to do so, let alone the fact that there is already a court order in place. I would appreciate it if you could timely get back to me on why we are not moving forward on these issues so that I can timely address them in an appropriate manner.

Please note that I contacted Dr. Stephanie Leite in an effort to prepare for these evaluations. Not having heard from you, I followed up with Dr. Leite to get the process moving and to schedule my evaluation. Unfortunately, Dr. Leite indicated that she has never heard from you and therefore could not go any further without authorization and direction from you.

I also have heard nothing from you regarding rescheduling the EIP which was originally scheduled on May 14 and then cancelled as a result of Attorney Duell's unavailability.

Also, as you recall, the Humphrey Center was recommended by Judge Abery-Wetstone as a program which we should consider for counseling between me and Kathryn. My mother and I contacted the program many weeks ago and received very positive feedback. Accordingly, we asked that they send information to you so that upon your return from vacation it would facilitate your review of this organization and the services they provide so that we all can move forward. I am hopeful that you received this information. I also thought it might be helpful if you and the other parties would be willing to meet with the Humphrey Center for an informational meeting and therefore have made a request to them for such. Though you mentioned Anne Webb as a possible therapist, she was only one source of counseling referenced for Meghan. As you know, I travel 5 hours round trip twice a week for Meghan's limited one and one half hour visit with me. I have now made approximately 75 such round trips and counting.

Since it is my intention to participate in the selection and choice with whichever therapist is used for Meghan, location of the therapist does bear some consideration. Ms. Webb is located further out, and I am concerned whether she will be able to provide the continuity and level of care that Meghan may require in the future along with the concern that Ms. Webb possesses less credentials (i.e., a social worker rather than a psychologist such as Dr. Christiana) than originally desired and originally agreed upon with first selections which was later reneged upon by Kathryn.

Lastly, I would like to be included in the selection of any provider for Meghan and have previously advised Kathryn of such. Ms. Jacobs has recommended (per her letter dated 5/28/12 to you) that Kathryn pursue another provider for Meghan. I am concerned that her recommendation to Kathryn did not include engaging me in that selection process. Again, I have concerns that this provider will be unilaterally selected without my input as was previously done when selecting Kian Jacobs and not being notified until my daughter had already been brought to her for visits. In the past, I have been left out of this process, though I took the step of providing you and Kathryn with many names of other providers within Husky and despite prior attempts to exclusively engage a professional of higher credential, i.e., a child psychologist. I have not heard from either you or Kathryn. Once again, I want you to know that it is my desire to participate in the selection of and treatment by a provider to my daughter. As mentioned in previous conversations, I reiterate the request that moving forward, I would like to not be left out but rather to be present upon the initial meeting of any provider as I am sure Kathryn plans to be in order to have both parties treated equally.

As you know Barry, I want Meghan's sister and Myself to have as much of an opportunity to be a family with

A21

Maureen Martowska

From: maureen.martowska@verizon.net
Sent: Wednesday, April 25, 2012 1:41 AM
To: barmata [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Meghan Martowska-White
Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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"Dear Barry,

As I sit here tonight, I find it difficult to understand why Meghan must continue to attend supervised visits and more importantly why nothing has changed since December.

For quite some time now we all have been aware of Dr. Smith's recommendations for unsupervised visits back in December 2011. Yet here we are almost 4 months later, still in the identical situation we found Meghan in back in December. Four months in the life of a child is an eternity. I don't think Dr. Smith would be at all pleased to learn of how this case has remained stagnate with regard to Meghan and the very limited access she has been given to her father and paternal family.

At this point, it is not only shameful but reprehensible that Meghan continues to be prevented from assimilating back into a normal father/ daughter relationship.

I recently had the opportunity to visit with and observe Meghan during last Saturday's visitation. I am disappointed and extremely saddened that she continues to be brought to these supervised visits where she is restricted to one room, a sagging sofa, and games and toys that are far below her age level. That is not to be construed as a criticism against the Klingberg Center, for I know they do the best they can with what limited resources are available. However, the fact that my granddaughter is subjected twice a week to the physical constraints of remaining in the same room for 1.5 hours instead of enjoying the outdoors or engaging in other activities that children of her age have the freedom to engage in is extremely disturbing. Surely, we can do better than this. Being sequestered in a room with such little stimulation can only serve to undermine a child's freedom to discover. Past activities have included building a volcano, decorating an Easter egg cookie, reading, fingerpainting, making "magic" wands, etc. These are all activities that Matthew brought in despite his meager finances. However, even now Matthew struggles to find new ideas to keep Meghan from being completely bored out of her mind. It is painful to watch.

As you know, Meghan is prevented from participating in outdoor activities and is confined to a very small table with 4 chairs suitable for younger children. Her father cannot even sit at the same table with her unless he crouches down to join in any activities, which he always does. Additionally, whenever Meghan needs to use the restroom, she must be escorted by a monitor to do so. I wonder just what she thinks about now that she is at an age where she more fully observes and appreciates her surroundings. I wonder just what message this is conveying to her. This is not a good situation.

I once again am asking you to immediately take action. I have tried for the life of me to understand how Meghan is allowed to continue under these circumstances. What matters now is whether serving Meghan's "best interests" are only words. Certainly, at this point a question is raised as to why this situation is being allowed to linger.

Maureen Martowska

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4/26/2012

memories as Kathryn has had the opportunity. Meghan has missed having a normal relationship with her sister and myself for quite some time now. I am hopeful that we can work together to provide the best for Meghan. I am doing my best to accomplish that, but I need your help as opposed to any indifference or inaction.

Sincerely,

Matthew Martowska

P.S. Kathy Service and I have agreed to make ourselves available to sit down with you should you have any questions regarding how these supervised visits have been going.

A23

Maureen Martowska

From: Maureen Martowska
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2012 4:00 PM
To: barmata[REDACTED]; [REDACTED]
Cc: 'John Clifford'
Subject: Martowska - Dr. Smith update
Importance: High

Barry,

I, Matthew, and John Clifford have made several attempts to find out the necessary information needed to move forward so that we can timely coordinate the psych evaluation that the Court ordered earlier this month. Several weeks have gone by. By this time, I would have anticipated that we would at least have had a date in hand . . . whatever that might be.

Meanwhile, Meghan is continually stuck in a time warp that binds her to a single secluded room at the Klingberg center with a monitor constantly observing her and Matthew's every move . . . a situation that sends forth its own message to Meghan as to how she is allowed to visit, interact, and relate to and with her father . . . a situation if my memory serves me correctly that has transpired since late summer last year. At some point this can work to its own detriment. Supervised visitation has been going on much longer than is needed or recommended, as I am sure you are aware of Dr. Smith's recommendations. It is hard to comprehend how ongoing supervised visitation at Klingberg serves Meghan's BEST interest. I can think of many other environments that would be better suited for her, and I am disheartened that all the parties that profess to be looking out for her best interest have not addressed the current situation in a manner that best comports to serve Meghan's (not Kathryn's) best interest . . . including the type of visitation currently taking place.

We would appreciate your timely response to our inquiry as soon as you are able.

Thank you.

Maureen Martowska

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2/24/2012

**GUARDIAN AD LITEM
REQUEST FOR STATUS CONFERENCE**
JD-FM-219 New 2-12

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Instruction to preparer:

Fill out this form and file with the court.

Instruction to clerk or caseload coordinator:

Schedule the status conference and notify all appearing attorneys and self-represented parties in the case.

Judicial District of Hartford	At (Town) Hartford	Docket number HHD FA 05 4017673 S
Judge's name	Date of judgment	
Plaintiff's name (Last, first, middle initial) Martowska, Matthew	Defendant's name (Last, first, middle initial) White, Kathryn	
Plaintiff's address 2 Edgewater Drive, Lakeville, MA 02347	Defendant's address 459 Four Bridges Road, Somers, CT 06071	

As court-appointed guardian ad litem for the minor child/ren in this matter, I request a status conference be scheduled by the court with all parties and counsel present.

I represent to the court that:

☒ This is an urgent matter affecting the children:

☒ Regarding the safety of the children.

☒ Regarding compliance with existing court orders.

☒ This is not an urgent matter but requires the court's attention.

☐ This matter is about fees.

☐ This matter is on appeal. I am requesting the appointment of an attorney under Section 67-13 of the Connecticut Practice Book.

Signed Guardian Ad Litem for the minor child/ren <i>Barry F. Armata</i>	Print name of person signing at left Barry F. Armata	Date signed 06/15/2012
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Certification

I certify that a copy of this document was mailed or delivered electronically or non-electronically on (date) 06/15/2012 to all attorneys and self-represented parties of record and that written consent for electronic delivery was received from all attorneys and self-represented parties receiving electronic delivery.

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Attorney John P. Clifford, Jr. Esq., 214 Main Street, Hartford, CT 06106

Attorney Kerry Tarpey Esq., 11 South Road, P.O. Box 400, Somers, CT 06071

*If necessary, attach additional sheet or sheets with name and address which the copy was mailed or delivered to.

Signed (Guardian Ad Litem) <i>Barry F. Armata</i>	Print or type name of person signing Barry F. Armata
Mailing address 100 Pearl Street, Hartford, CT 06103	Telephone number 860-522-3343

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