

My name is Jerry Mastrangelo and I am a member of the National Parent's Organization. I am an alienated father of 14 year old triplets. I have been divorced since 2007 and strongly support the presumption of shared parenting. I have not been with my children for 3 ½ years. Despite having a parenting plan which allowed me to play a big role in my children's lives, my nightmare began four years ago when my ex-wife filed motions for sole custody, reduced parenting time, and more child support. These motions were denied, however my children stopped coming over 10 days later. This continues today- 3 ½ years later. In my case, the courts simply allowed my children's mother to continue to neglect them by not requiring them to spend time with me, their father, and there were no consequences. During the past 8 years of being involved with the family court system, I am truly able to understand how broken our system really is. Many professionals who are supposed to help families and end conflict actually perpetuate it due to their financial greed and lack of motivation to end the conflict. As a result of this system, thousands of families, like my own, have become devastated and destroyed in many ways.

My children have been denied a relationship with not only myself, but also their Grandparents, Uncles, Aunts and cousins. Our court system enabled this to occur and has resulted in my children's rights being violated. My children have a right to have both parents in their lives. This court system has also denied me custodial rights to have my children in my life. My ex-wife has severely alienated my children from me. Simply put, parental alienation is child abuse and our current system allows it to happen due to lack of knowledge and training, and oversight of GALs, AMCs, as well as therapists. People who are supposed to help families have placed their own self-interests and financial gain over the best interests of the child or children.

I have carefully watched each Task Force session. I feel that the two co-chairs that represent hundreds of GALs throughout Connecticut have tried to minimize the enormous problems that our current GAL system has. The current system that exists has little or no oversight, allows referral kickbacks, until recently no training (currently only 30 hours without no continuing required education or testing), no real accountability, allows GALs to charge rates of an attorney without acting in that capacity, have excessive discretion, and gives GALs financial incentives to continue the conflict, other than end it. All of this is a recipe for disaster. In one Task Force meeting, I heard from one of the co-chairs, Attorney Cousineau that a process does exist that allows for a GAL to be removed in the case of a problem arising. Perhaps that is true, but it rarely occurs. One of the numerous court appointed therapists in my case stated that in his 35 years of experience with the court system, he has yet to see a GAL removed. If that subject needs to be further debated, simply present the facts. How many complaints against GALs are filed and how many GALs are removed? (I believe Attorney Cousineau currently sits on that committee also). There are also statistics to support the direct correlation between pro se litigants and the increase of GAL appointments. Is this a coincidence, I don't think so, I consider it to be the view of attorneys and those in the family court system as a new revenue stream. In fact in another Task Force meeting, Co-Chair Dornfeld expressed a rather aristocrat opinion that if a person can afford an attorney, then they also should be able to afford a GAL. I guess her assumption is that if a person can afford \$300 or more per hour for their attorney, then the same person must be able to also afford another \$300 per hour for a GAL.

In my case, a GAL (Attorney Lynn Pellegrino) was appointed in 2006 and remained involved until 2013. She was paid over \$60,000 and I believe that if she did her job as the current program teaches, my children would not be without their father today. Simply put, Attorney Pellegrino failed my family.

During 2011, the court also appointed an AMC (Attorney Ann Epstein). I was pro se and a motion was presented on the day of trial to appoint an AMC. I objected as I felt it wasn't to my 12 year old children's best interest. At that time, I had not seen my children for over a year. When Judge Gould asked GAL Pellegrino for her opinion, she responded and agreed that my children needed their own attorney in addition to herself. That decision has resulted in hundreds of thousands of dollars in legal fees, and years of unsuccessfully fighting a broken system. I pleaded to Judge Gould that I have not seen my children in over a year and the appointment of an AMC in addition to our GAL would further delay visitation. His response was all cases are equally important and my case would now have to wait for the process to continue in February 2012. I disagree with his position. If a hospital felt that way, when someone walked in with a life threatening injury, then they should also wait their turn in line and risk losing their life.

I would like to briefly explain a few examples of the detrimental impact my GAL has had on my case: In 2006, (1 ½ years prior to my divorce being finalized), I filed a motion to prevent my children from vacationing with their mother and her boyfriend. When the judge asked GAL Pellegrino for her opinion, she answered that the children (age 7) "seem to like the boyfriend", "felt comfortable", and "would be disappointed if they didn't go". She opined that for those reasons, as well as the fact that they had gone on previous vacations with him, that it was acceptable for my children to be vacationing with my still not divorced wife and her boyfriend. My motion was denied and my 7 year old children were subjected to this GAL's lack of moral judgment.

In 2006 and 2007, the court ordered a family relations report, which is often customary. The evaluator strongly recommended that the Mother not continue to expose these young children to her boyfriend so soon and prior to a divorce. Despite these recommendations the GAL never presented this problem to the court's attention. This was the onset of parental alienation.

GALs are supposed to visit both parent's homes. GAL Pellegrino visited only one, the home of my ex-wife.

In April 2011, my girlfriend called GAL Lynn Pellegrino in an effort to share her perspective as to what she has witnessed between my children and I over the past 2 years, however, my GAL never returned her telephone call. In fact, my GAL stated that she didn't feel it was necessary to interview her; someone who was spending approximately 80% of her time with my children and I. Upon reviewing the GAL bill I realized that Attorney Pellegrino charged me \$30 for the phone call from her paralegal to my girlfriend.

When the AMC was appointed in 2011, she expressed how terrible this situation was for my children and family. To my surprise, she expressed how much differently she would have done things if she was the GAL in this case. (Attorney Epstein is also a GAL).

Today, Ann Epstein is the AMC for my minor children. Since they are now 14 years old, she refers to them as "her clients". She has billed more than \$50,000 and has spent more time in court asking for more money than anything else. She has financially benefited from attending many motions, depositions, etc. Attorney Epstein is so concerned in fact, with the financial gains she can make from my case and children, that while being interrogated on my finances in court one day, she asked me to take out my wallet and go through my credit

cards to discuss each card and its credit limit and amount currently on each card. (Transcripts attached). That interrogation simply demonstrated whose best interest she was looking out for.

There is no doubt that our current system is broken. Families are being emotionally and financially bankrupted by the court-appointed GALs, AMCs and mental health professionals. I understand in some cases, they might be needed, but certainly not to the extent they are being appointed and to the extent they are able to practice without state regulation or oversight however they enjoy absolute immunity. State Senator, Len Fasano described the broken family court system perfectly when he testified before the Judicial Committee on April 5, 2013 that it's simply, "A good old boy network." Reform is obviously in need of drastic change when a child's educational fund is forced to be liquidated in order to pay the GALs and/or AMC's exorbitant and unregulated fees. Is this in the child's best interest? The testimony by Christine Perra Rapillo, Director of Delinquency Defense and Child Protection on December 19, 2013 was revealing. It appears that the current state system of appointing GALs to indigent families is much more effective than it is for private pay families. GALs appointed to represent indigent families are required to have criminal background checks, mandatory of 6 hours of related continuing education annually, sign a state contract that allows for strict guidelines including auditing, which is absolutely not required for private pay families paying upwards of \$850 per hour for their GALs and/or AMC's. The bottom line is that higher standards are set and monitored for indigent families but none for private pay families. GALs representing indigent families have a great incentive to help these families and moving on opposed to private pay GALs and AMC's; keeping the fight going is their great incentive. Christine Perra Rapillo also testified that she believes the state system for appointing GALs is effective. When asked about complaints, during the past two years, Christine Perra Rapillo could not recall anything of significance and noted that the system was working well. She also stated that changes have been made accordingly over the past two years as ways to improve were identified.

In summary, Connecticut needs to recognize the current system is broken. Other states with similar problems have changed their laws and policies to work for children and families rather than against them. States such as Arizona, Maine and Massachusetts have made many changes to improve their system. Connecticut needs to admit that our current system has devastated thousands of families. It is not working effectively. Our system is antiquated and needs to be changed. When noncompliance occurs, swift consequences must follow. Studies continue to support the presumption that shared custody is in a child's best interest. A parent should not only be in a child's life every other weekend and for only a midweek dinner visit. GAL involvement should be limited as it once was. Judges need to be more involved in decisions rather than depending on a GAL. Family court is enabling GALs, AMC's and so-called experts and mental professions the ability to exploit families rather than help them. This must be end; our children's future depends on it.

Respectfully yours,

Jerry Mastrangelo

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1. Lied to Jennifer and stated she returned ^{her} call in April 2011 and actually told me she spoke to me until I didn't back down. Gal finally backed off and said I thought we talked. NOT
2. Knew Trudianne was not getting the kids to court ordered reunification therapy as early as February 2011 and did not report back to court. *did nothing.*
3. Knew Trudianne stopped seeing court ordered co parenting sessions with Dr. Zimmerman in January 2011 and did not report back to court. *did nothing.*
4. Only a judge can change court orders and on December 21, 2010, when Trudianne lied to Drs. Zimmerman and Pines and Gal that the kids are so unhappy even speaking to Jerry, Gal let the court orders to change and didn't report back to court.
5. Gal stated in open court on June 29, 2010 that she doesn't recommend coparenting counseling and Judge Wetstone disagreed. Judge Wetstone ordered Dr. Zimmerman and gal received detailed recaps of meetings. These meetings were working and gal knew this. She didn't want it to work because she has been manipulated by trudianne and the kids, thus didn't want it in the beginning.
6. Gal has given up on this family and doesn't know what to do except be a "Slidder" collecting her check.
7. Parental alienation was mentioned to gal in Dec 2006 and she didn't do anything.
8. Gal stated in an email to Jerry in Dec 2006, that she doesn't think the court has "Jurisdiction to order counseling" and by the time she was able to get Trudianne to agree was in Feb 2007. Counseling didn't actually begin until June 2007. So much damage had been done already.
9. GAL testified in court that she thinks its fine for the 8 yr old minor children to go to Bermuda on vacation with boyfriend. Judge listened to her and allowed.
10. Gal received a copy of family relations report in October 2007 stating relationship with boyfriend is not in the kids best interest. She didn't do anything.
11. Gal read two follow family relations reports in early 2007 that emphasized transitions were the center of the conflict and she didn't do anything about it. The role of a gal includes helping with transitions if need be. Family Relations had a solution and it was to avoid Jerry picking up the kids at the house but Trudianne did everything she could to make Jerry pick up the kids at home instead of from school. Gal didn't do anything.
12. Gal recommended in court in 2009 that after 7 15 minute appts with Dr. Pines the children have "bonded" with him so they should continue. Now almost 3 yrs later and nothing has happened.

The kids were taken out of school 13 times in 6th10 grade so they could drive to Glastonbury.
Bad decision.

13. Dr. Hiebel told Jerry in March 2011 that Gal has made up her mind about Jerry and the situation.
14. Gal treats Jerry poorly. She is bias. She is rude and disrespectful to him.
15. She keeps Jerry out of the loop regarding the kids. She doesn't tell Jerry she is going to meet with the kids or has met with them. He finds out when he gets her bill.
16. She doesn't ask Jerry his prospect on what the kids say. She doesn't investigate things, which is her role as a gal. Investigate and be the eyes and hears for the court. This comes right from Judge Murnro.
17. When she read the motions Jerry files in July, she didn't call him to discuss. She didn't saw "there's a lot of things on your motions that I wasn't aware of." She has her mind made up! She can't protect the best interest of the kids!
18. In 2006, after Gal was appointed, Carly was caught spying and Jerry brought it to the school psychologist, Tina Spagoletti. When Tina spoke to Carly and Trudianne, they told her it was information for Gal. Carly was taught by Gal and Trudianne to spy for Gal. We have the email stating this to from Tina.
19. Carly has stated that she has her own attorney and when she turns 12 she can decide who she wants to spend time with. This was stated in 2009.
20. Judge Wetstone ordered Drs. Zimmerman and Horowitz to get to the bottom of specific conditions and these were not all addressed. We have the letters that were drafted by Gal to these doctors and unanswered. Doesn't follow through.
21. GAL was in constant contact with Dr. Pines but yet never shared any information with me so that we could help the situation. The bottom line, no one wanted to fix the problem. They kept me in the dark.
22. GAL scheduled appointment to meet with Zimmerman and Pines Dec 21 2010. This appointment took 6 weeks to arrange due to GAL's schedule and Trudianne's schedule. There was not sense of urgency the first go around. How is it in the children's best interest to not see their parent? They all agreed in this meeting that it's important for me to be in their lives as I have been, but no one had a plan. The next appointment that had no sense of urgency is when Dr. Hiebel identified late February 2011 that Trudianne didn't have control of her children and wanted to meet with GAL to discuss his concerns, she was not available until March 7th. As

March 7th approached, GAL canceled their meeting because she wanted Dr. Pines to attend the meeting. They ended up having a telephone conference but the meeting didn't take place until May 2nd.

23. Dr. Hieble stated numerous times that it was the worst decision any therapist could make to cease contact and visitation, which is what Dr. Pines recommended after Trudianne lied, distorted and exaggerated the little bit of contact I was having with the children. The GAL went along with this and never brought it to court's attention. I never agreed to this.
24. There was an interesting email correspondence that involved all parties regarding the December 21, 2010 meeting. It appeared as though Trudianne was communicating at 9pm with GAL and I feel they're in cahoots together.
25. GAL never asked me to be present in any meetings with the children only Trudianne.
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AMC Billing

Ann Epstein

2011 6030

2012 22,675.50

2013 13,075

\$ 41,712.50

missing (6 months of billing)

4050 70⁹⁰

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January 04, 2012

In Reference To: FILE #291Y11
T. MASTRANGELO VS GERALD MASTRANGELO

Invoice #7118

Professional Services

	<u>Hrs/Rate</u>	<u>Amount</u>
12/1/2011 Telephone call with Martha Weiler	0.40 300.00/hr	120.00
Telephone call with Tom Esposito	0.40 300.00/hr	120.00
12/6/2011 Telephone call with Dr Pines	0.20 300.00/hr	60.00
Telephone call with father	0.30 300.00/hr	90.00
12/7/2011 Home visit at mother's home & travel	2.50 300.00/hr	750.00
12/8/2011 Telephone call with Dr Hiebel	0.30 300.00/hr	90.00
Telephone call with Lynn Pellegrino	0.30 300.00/hr	90.00
Telephone call with mother	0.40 300.00/hr	120.00
Telephone call with Norm Pattis	0.10 300.00/hr	30.00
12/12/2011 Meeting with father	2.50 300.00/hr	750.00

	<u>Hrs/Rate</u>	<u>Amount</u>
12/12/2011 Telephone call with Lynn Pellegrino	0.50 300.00/hr	150.00
Telephone call with Martha Weiler	1.20 300.00/hr	360.00
12/13/2011 Telephone call with Dr Panes	0.20 300.00/hr	60.00
12/14/2011 Home visit to father's home & travel	1.50 300.00/hr	450.00
12/20/2011 Telephone call with Martha Weiler	0.40 300.00/hr	120.00
Telephone call with Norm Pattis	0.10 300.00/hr	30.00
Telephone call with Dr Friedman	0.20 300.00/hr	60.00
Telephone call with Barry Armata	0.40 300.00/hr	120.00
12/22/2011 Telephone call with Dr Pines	0.20 300.00/hr	60.00
Disclosure of Expert Witness	0.50 300.00/hr	150.00
12/23/2011 Review of Documents	0.50 300.00/hr	150.00
1/3/2012 Telephone call with Martha Weiler	0.20 300.00/hr	60.00
Telephone call with Lynn Pellegrino	0.20 300.00/hr	60.00
For professional services rendered	13.50	\$4,050.00
Previous balance		\$2,100.00
Accounts receivable transactions		
12/8/2011 Payment - thank you. Check No. CC-TF		(\$3,000.00)
12/13/2011 Payment - thank you. Check No. 979-GM		(\$3,500.00)
Credit balance		(\$350.00)

805⁰⁰ due

Gerald Mastrangelo

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\$ 2310 70⁷⁰

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February 03, 2012

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T. MASTRANGELO VS GERALD MASTRANGELO

Invoice #7177

Professional Services

	<u>Hrs/Rate</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1/4/2012 Court	0.80 300.00/hr	240.00
1/5/2012 Deposition	2.50 300.00/hr	750.00
1/9/2012 Dictation	0.10 300.00/hr	30.00
1/18/2012 Telephone call with Dr Panes	0.20 300.00/hr	60.00
Telephone call with Lynn Pellegrino	0.10 300.00/hr	30.00
Telephone call with Martha Weiler	0.20 300.00/hr	60.00
1/19/2012 Telephone call with father	0.40 300.00/hr	120.00
Telephone call with Martha Weiler	0.20 300.00/hr	60.00
Telephone call with Attorney Pattis	0.10 300.00/hr	30.00
1/20/2012 Telephone call with Attorney Pattis	0.20 300.00/hr	60.00

Gerald Mastrangelo

	<u>Hrs/Rate</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1/20/2012 Telephone call with Attorney Pattis	0.10 300.00/hr	30.00
Telephone call with Attorney Wieler's office	0.20 300.00/hr	60.00
Telephone call with Attorney Weiler	0.10 300.00/hr	30.00
1/23/2012 Court	0.50 300.00/hr	150.00
1/24/2012 Telephone call with Dr Pines	0.20 300.00/hr	60.00
1/25/2012 Telephone call with Lynn Pellegrino	0.10 300.00/hr	30.00
1/27/2012 Email from Dr Pines	0.10 300.00/hr	30.00
1/30/2012 Telephone call with Dr Pines	0.20 300.00/hr	60.00
Telephone call with father	1.10 300.00/hr	330.00
2/1/2012 Telephone call with Dr Hiebel	0.30 300.00/hr	90.00
For professional services rendered	7.70	\$2,310.00
Previous balance		(\$350.00)
Accounts receivable transactions		(\$1,250.00)
1/31/2012 Payment - thank you. Check No. CC-GM		
Balance due		<u>\$710.00</u>

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\$1172⁰⁰ due

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March 05, 2012

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T. MASTRANGELO VS GERALD MASTRANGELO

Invoice #7252

Professional Services

	<u>Hrs/Rate</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2/6/2012 Telephone call with Martha Weiler	0.30 300.00/hr	90.00
2/7/2012 Deposition of Dr Pines	2.00 300.00/hr	600.00
Conference with Lynn Pellegrino & Martha Weiler	1.00 300.00/hr	300.00
2/8/2012 Deposition of Dr. Hiebel & conference with Lynn Pellegrino & Martha Weiler	3.50 300.00/hr	1,050.00
Deposition preparation/ meeting with Lynn Pellegrino	0.20 300.00/hr	60.00
2/13/2012 Telephone call with father	0.40 300.00/hr	120.00
2/15/2012 Telephone call with Attorney Pattis	0.20 300.00/hr	60.00
2/22/2012 Telephone call with father	0.90 300.00/hr	270.00
2/27/2012 Telephone call with Dr Pines	0.20 300.00/hr	60.00
2/28/2012 Email from Dr Pines	0.10 300.00/hr	30.00

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	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Amount</u>
For professional services rendered	8.80	\$2,640.00
Previous balance		\$710.00
Accounts receivable transactions		
2/22/2012 Payment - thank you. Check No. CC		(\$1,000.00)
Balance due		<u>\$2,350.00</u>

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Bal due = \$ 2,020⁰⁰

WERE GOING TO TELL THE JUDGE THIS IS WHAT WE WERE GOING TO DO IS TO MOVE FORWARD THE FOLLOWING WEEK, GAL GETS UP AND CALLS NORM OUT IN THE HALL TO SAY, MY DAUGHTER IS HAVING MINOR SURGERY ON MONDAY SO I WON'T BE ABLE TO ATTEND. THEY WERE ALL IN THE HALLWAY FOR 1 HOUR TALKING ABOUT THIS ARRANGEMENT BUT GAL NEVER MENTIONED UNTIL WE SAID WE'RE GOING FORWARD. DELAY UNTIL APRIL 24, 2012

DELAY 5

2/6/12

ANOTHER CONTINUANCE THAT DOESN'T SHOW ON DOCKET IS AMC TALKING JERRY INTO POSTPONING THE 2/6/12 TRIAL BECAUSE ANTHONY WAS ON BOARD WITH SEEING DAD. WHEN JERRY MADE A LITTLE REFERENCE ABOUT SEEING ANTHONY SOON, ANTHONY SAID HE NEVER SAID HE WOULD SEE HIM. NEEDLESS TO SAY, HE NEVER DID SEE JERRY EXCEPT FOR DR. HIEBEL 3 VISITS AND THEN IN JULY 2012. STAUL TACTIC ONCE AGAIN.

DELAY 4

289.00 10/21/2011 P MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE - WEILER FILED FOR CONTINUANCE IT WAS DENIED AND YOU CAN SEE WHAT SHE PULLED OUT OF HER HAT - THE CHILDREN NEED AN AMC - GRANTED - HENCE, THEIR DIRTY TRICK WORKED BECAUSE GAL AGREED. DELAY AGAIN!

RESULT: Denied 10/21/2011 HON BERNADETTE CONWAY

290.00 10/21/2011 P MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE

291.00 10/26/2011 P MOTION FOR APPOINTMENT OF ATTORNEY

DELAY 3

274.00 08/31/2011 D MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE - JERRY HAD TO FILE BECAUSE DR. HIEBEL WAS NOT AVAILABLE - NOTICE 289.00 ALMOST 2 MONTHS LATER THEY FILE FOR CONTINUANCE - THEY HAD PLENTY OF TIME TO PREPARE. THEY HAD NO INTENTION OF STARTING ANYTHING IN OCT 2012

RESULT: Granted 8/28/2011 HON HOLLY ABERY-WETSTONE

DELAY 2

271.00 08/01/2011 D MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE - JERRY FILED MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE BECAUSE HE THOUGHT HE WAS SUPPOSED TO. WEILER SHOULD HAVE DONE IT. TRUDIANNE WAS IN ITALY SO SHE COULD NOT ATTEND THIS.

RESULT: Granted 8/3/2011 HON HOLLY ABERY-WETSTONE

DELAY 1

245.00 12/14/2010 D MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE - JERRY FILED BECAUSE HE WAS HOPEFUL THAT THING WOULD WORK OUT EVEN THOUGH HE DIDN'T SEE THE KIDS FOR 2 MONTHS AT THIS POINT. HE WAS WAITING FOR A MEETING FOR IT TO WORK OUT.

RESULT: Granted 12/15/2010 HON HOLLY ABERY-WETSTONE

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On Jan 4, 2013, at 11:44 AM, "Sidney Horowitz, Ph.D." <sidneyhorowitz@comcast.net> wrote:

Per our earlier contractual agreement, you are responsible (as your attorney has subpoenaed me) for my professional fees for court attendance. Given that the subpoena is for me to appear at 2:00 PM I assume that this will be 1/2 day. The fee is \$1,500. Please have that payment available for me for Monday.

On Jan 7, 2013, at 3:42 PM, SIDNEY HOROWITZ <sidneyhorowitz@comcast.net> wrote

As you know, Mr. Pattis had his paralegal call me at 11:30am to at that I was nit needed today. And as you know, I cancelled my patients and blocked out 1/2 day (as well as having spent a fair amount of time in preparation based on our phone call on Friday.)

Please forward payment for my time (\$1500).

On Jan 18, 2013, at 11:49 AM, "Sidney Horowitz, Ph.D." <sidneyhorowitz@comcast.net> wrote:

This is a follow up to my previous email (see below). I expect that this will be paid in the near future.

(Canceling patients who are on need of professional services comes with the work of providing court room testimony. Not being reimbursed for time set aside for these services is more than rude and speaks to an individual's lack of character and integrity; something I would not have expected of you.)

March 20, 2013 from AMC

appointment Dr. Horowitz will be doing testing to "better understand their emotional status and psychological resilience".

It is anticipated that it will take seven to ten days to score/analyze the data.

June 27, 2013 -Court ordered a meeting with Horowitz and attorneys email to schedule a meeting

Subject: Re: Mastrangelo Reunification therapy

> Date: Thu, 23 May 2013 From Dr. Horowitz

I hold Dr. Smith in the highest regards for her dedication, clinical skills and professionalism.... but I did not make a recommendation that she become the *reunification consultant* in this matter.

On May 23, 2013, at 7:18 PM, Louis Kiefer <lkiefer1@hotmail.com> wrote:

Although I do not know Dr. Grant Hall, and although I know nothing about her knowledge base of PAS, my client indicates that (a) she has refused to take the case because she fears Mr. Mastrangelo will grieve her based upon information my client says, she was, came from you, Dr. Horowitz.

PAS is not something for amateurs. Some us feel that this is not a kid issue but a parent issue and change of custody is warranted. Furthermore perhaps Dr. Robin Deutch's Vermont camp is an alternative.

In any event, I would be satisfied with Dr. Linda Smith or someone with experience in PAS.

How else would recommend that has knowledge of PAS?

Louis Kiefer
Attorney at Law

CC: anneepstein9@aol.com; tae@wewlaw.net; lynnpellegrino@snet.net
From: sidneyhorowitz@comcast.net
Subject: Re: Mastrangelo Reunification therapy
Date: Thu, 23 May 2013 19:58:20 -0400
To: lkiefer1@hotmail.com

Lou-

For the record: I did not advise Dr. Grant- Hall concerning level of risk. Indeed, I was the one who recommended her based on her knowledge and general expertise in child related trauma.

(Regardless of whether the children were alienated or not - one can only imagine that this experience is truly traumatogenic. And although I feel badly for both Jerry and Trudianne, it pales in comparison to what I feel for the children.

I am not sure whether i have any vote or voice in this matter any more.

And as I stated earlier, I did not suggest Linda Smith but I do hold her in the highest esteem.

Sidney

May 24, 2013

Dear Dr. Horowitz:

As I understand the agreement/order "The parties agree to be bound by Dr. Horowitz's recommendation as to who the reunification therapist, if any, should be. Either party may suggest to Dr. Horowitz

the names of any possible reunification therapist."

You recommended a therapist who has declined - the reason is unimportant.

Would you provide either another recommendation or a statement indicating that you are unable to. My client believes the therapist should be someone centered more in New Haven County than elsewhere for his children's sake and his sake.

Louis Kiefer
Attorney at Law

From: sidneyhorowitz@comcast.net
Subject: Re: Mastrangelo Reunification therapy
Date: Fri, 24 May 2013 14:44:51 -0400
To: lkiefer1@hotmail.com

I spent a fair amount of time searching (again) for a highly skilled psychological specialist to engage the Mastrangelo family in a reunification process. The short of it is that I now recommend --under the circumstances -- that the Mastrangelo family get a consultation with a national expert: Dr. Robin Deutsch. She is located in Massachusetts. I expect that she would be best able to make appropriate suggestions in this most unfortunate situation.

From AMC to Horowitz May 29, 2013

Attorney Keifer, Attorney Weiler and myself were specifically taken aback by your email of 5/24/13 referring the Mastrangelo family for a consultation with Dr. Robin Deutsch.

From: sidneyhorowitz@comcast.net
Date: Wed, 29 May 2013 16:28:00 -0700
To: anneepstein9@aol.com

Not sure why you all were "taken aback" by following my charge of selecting a clinician (if dr. Grant-Hall is unavailable) but I will share my logic when we all get together.

For the record, I was not taken aback. However, I was surprised that the parties would make an unlawful delegation of judicial authority to Dr. Horowitz without, I presume, his consent; I was surprised that he was unable to recommend only one therapist in the state, the therapist apparently having little knowledge or experience with PAS.

Of course, if we presume that this is not an issue caused by the children; that the solution is one of parental responsibility, then I could understand why a therapist might not want to get involved.

I look forward to meeting with you all and Dr. Horowitz.

Louis Kiefer

Horowitz wants a 5 hour retainer at \$325 per hour for a meeting:

Date: Thu, 30 May 2013 07:16:57 -0700
From: jerrymastrangelo@yahoo.com
Subject: Re: Mastrangelo
To: lkiefer1@hotmail.com

Lou,
Please file something I am not paying for his 5 hours. I simply do not have the money for this.

Attorney Keifer sends email to Horowitz regarding his \$1625 retainer:

On May 30, 2013, at 7:59 AM, Louis Kiefer <lkiefer1@hotmail.com> wrote:

5 hours to come up with a name or two?

Louis Kiefer

From: sidneyhorowitz@comcast.net
Subject: Re: additional retainer
Date: Thu, 30 May 2013 08:00:45 -0700
To: lkiefer1@hotmail.com

Phone calls, emails, anticipated Atty meeting, thinking.

(Shame on you!)

Sidney S. Horowitz, Ph.D.

From: Louis Kiefer <lkiefer1@hotmail.com>
Date: Tue, 4 Jun 2013 10:22:53 -0400
To: Anne Epstein<anneepstein9@aol.com>; mwieler@wewlaw.net<mwieler@wewlaw.net>
Subject: Dr. Horowitz

If my client pays all of Dr. Horowitz's 5 hour bill; 70% of Atty Epstein's bill, and my bill, he is looking at between \$2700.00 and \$3,500. - just to get a name?

Under the circumstances, my client declines the suggestion by the court that we all meet with Dr. Horowitz.

Louis Kiefer

Subject: Re: Dr. Horowitz
To: lkiefer1@hotmail.com; mwieler@wewlaw.net
CC: heidi@adelmanlawct.com; sidneyhorowitz@comcast.net
From: anneepstein9@aol.com
Date: Tue, 4 Jun 2013 15:40:40 +0000

Dear Counsel,

I spoke to Dr. Horowitz this morning in an attempt to schedule a meeting. ***Dr. Horowitz was unwilling to schedule a meeting prior to being paid a retainer.***

From Attorney Kiefer:

The court authorized Dr. Horowitz to find a therapist. He found only one. The one declined. He now wants to delegate his (improperly received delegation) duty to another. Go to Boston to find out who Dr. Deutch recommends?

Indeed, even the idea that the children needed to be evaluated to see whether they were able to undergo therapy is preposterous. . Usually the worse the person is, the more therapy is recommended. I have never seen a pre-screening to see whether someone is able to undergo therapy. (HOROWITZ'S idea for \$3000)

Jerry's email to Attorney Kiefer on July 18, 2013:

Also I know we have a court order to visit Sidney Horwitz to find out why he recommended Dr. Deutch. I was wondering if I made an appointment to see her would we be able to avoid that meeting and all those expenses.

Observations re: Dr. Robin Duetsch

Robin Deutsch is > 2 hours and 135 miles away (> 4 hours and 270 miles round trip)

She is actively marketing a program at very high cost – she quoted Jerry the price of \$18,000 to \$20,000 for a weekend program – which represents a windfall profit for her. Therefore, she is likely to recommend that program. If she does, is Jerry willing to pay for it? Furthermore, to the best of my knowledge, she has no scientific data to establish that the program has produced any good outcomes among severely-alienated children or their targeted parents, or is clinically effective in that setting.

Dr. Horowitz knows nothing about Dr. Deutsch except what he has seen on paper and/or what he may have heard from her in a lecture. They have never worked together. He has never managed a case with her. He does not even know her personally.

Jerry's position about Dr. Deutsch: I do not agree with me going to Boston. I found out all I needed to find out through the phone call. Even Deutsch found no reason to go there since she gave me the info on the phone in regards to her \$20,000 weekend. I am not going to waste more of my time and money dealing with what I consider a stupid recommendation by Horowitz.

Robin Deutsch found no reason for you to go to Boston

Attorney Kiefer recommends Dr. Datz and after Horowitz spoke to this mental health professional, she declined to get involve with the Mastrangelo family.

To: lkiefer1@hotmail.com; mwieler@wewlaw.net
CC: heidi@adelmanlawct.com; sidneyhorowitz@comcast.net
From: anneepstein9@aol.com
Date: Wed, 31 Jul 2013 15:47:34 +0000

Dear Counsel,

Please be advised that Dr. Horowitz has spoken to Dr. Datz about working with the Mastrangelo family. Unfortunately, Dr. Datz is unwilling/unable to become involved with the Mastrangelo family.

Dr. Horowitz believes now more than ever the appropriate way to proceed is with a consultation with Dr. Deutch.

Sincerely,

Anne Epstein

Observations: July 31, 2013

Attorney

GAL Billing
Billing

2006 3937.50

2007 2172.50

2008 0

2009 6277.40

2010 8863.50

* 2011 ~~5892.50~~ 7106.50

2012 19,475.50

2013 12,817 (Jan-April)

Total \$ 67,212 (excludes 3 months)

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Invoice #2267

Professional Services

	<u>Hrs/Rate</u>	<u>Amount</u>
12/5/2012 Phone call with guidance counselor	0.40 295.00/hr	118.00
12/11/2012 Preparation of GAL Request for Status Conference	0.20 100.00/hr	20.00
Conference with Trudianne	0.80 295.00/hr	236.00
12/18/2012 Phone call with Jerry; pc with Attorney Epstein	1.30 295.00/hr	383.50
1/7/2013 Attendance at court for trial	6.50 295.00/hr	1,917.50
1/8/2013 Trial preparation; Deposition of Mr. Mastrangelo; Attendance at court for hearing	4.00 295.00/hr	1,180.00
1/10/2013 Attendance at court for trial	5.50 295.00/hr	1,622.50
For professional services rendered	18.70	\$5,477.50
Previous balance		\$11,591.50
Balance due		<u>\$17,069.00</u>

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Invoice #2339

Professional Services

	<u>Hrs/Rate</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1/17/2013 Emailing with Jerry	0.20 100.00/hr	20.00
1/25/2013 Copying of multiple sets of bills and notes; Emailing with Jerry	0.50 100.00/hr	50.00
1/28/2013 Emailing with Jerry; Letter to Jerry enclosing bills and notes	0.40 100.00/hr	40.00
1/29/2013 Letter to Trudianne enclosing bills; Letters to Attorney Wieler and Attorney Pattis enclosing updated notes	0.40 100.00/hr	40.00
1/31/2013 Research emails and computer file for documents	0.50 100.00/hr	50.00
2/6/2013 Copying of emails	0.20 100.00/hr	20.00
2/25/2013 Copying of notes	0.40 100.00/hr	40.00
3/11/2013 Conference with Attorney Epstein	1.50 295.00/hr	442.50
3/12/2013 Attendance at court for trial	6.00 295.00/hr	1,770.00
3/13/2013 Attendance at court for trial	6.00 295.00/hr	1,770.00

	<u>Hrs/Rate</u>	<u>Amount</u>
3/18/2013 Attendance at court for trial	9.00 295.00/hr	2,655.00
3/19/2013 Conference with Anne Epstein; Conference with children	1.50 295.00/hr	442.50
For professional services rendered	26.60	\$7,340.00
Previous balance		\$17,069.00
Balance due		<u>\$24,409.00</u>

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Invoice #2037

Professional Services

	<u>Hrs/Rate</u>	<u>Amount</u>
12/1/2011 Attendance at court for motions	2.00 295.00/hr	590.00
12/8/2011 Phone call to Don Heible; pc with Atty. Epstein	0.40 295.00/hr	118.00
12/12/2011 Phone call with Atty. Epstein; pc with Dr. Hieble	0.80 295.00/hr	236.00
1/4/2012 Attendance at court for motion; preparation for deposition	1.50 295.00/hr	442.50
1/5/2012 Deposition of Dr. Hiebel	3.00 295.00/hr	885.00
For professional services rendered	7.70	\$2,271.50
Previous balance		\$4,770.00
Accounts receivable transactions		
12/19/2011 Payment - thank you. Check No. 0995		(\$2,750.00)
Total payments and adjustments		(\$2,750.00)

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Balance due

<u>Amount</u>
<u>\$4,291.50</u>

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Invoice #2074

Professional Services

	<u>Hrs/Rate</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1/19/2012 Phone call with Anne Epstein re: proposal	0.20 295.00/hr	59.00
1/20/2012 Phone call with Anne Epstein re: court date, stipulation	0.20 295.00/hr	59.00
2/7/2012 Attendance at deposition; conference with Atty. Epstein, Atty Weiler	4.00 295.00/hr	1,180.00
Preparation for deposition	1.50 295.00/hr	442.50
2/8/2012 Conference with Atty. Epstein to prepare for deposition; attendance at deposition; conference with counsel	4.00 295.00/hr	1,180.00
3/6/2012 Phone call from Don Heible re: status; pc with Attorney Epstein; pc with Dr. Pines	0.80 295.00/hr	236.00
3/12/2012 Phone call with Anne Epstein re: status <i>Matches</i>	0.60 295.00/hr	177.00
3/22/2012 Conference with children	1.20 295.00/hr	354.00
Phone call with Atty. Epstein <i>Matches</i>	0.50 295.00/hr	147.50
3/28/2012 Emailing Jerry re: weekend; pc with Attorney Epstein; pc from Dr. Heible; pc with Jerry; review of correspondence from Attorney Pattis re: deposition	1.00 295.00/hr	295.00

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	<u>Hrs/Rate</u>	<u>Amount</u>
3/29/2012 Phone call with Dr. Pines re: status; pc with Trudianne; pc with Dr. Hieble with update; pc with Anne Epstein	2.00 295.00/hr	590.00
4/2/2012 Study and review of Motion for Continuance, Objection; emailing Jerry re: weekend visit	0.20 295.00/hr	59.00
4/9/2012 Emailing Jerry; emailing Trudianne; emailing Jerry, Dr. Hiebel and Atty. Epstein	0.40 295.00/hr	118.00
For professional services rendered	16.60	\$4,897.00
Previous balance		\$4,291.50
Accounts receivable transactions		
1/31/2012 Payment - thank you. Check No. 1045		(\$500.00)
3/1/2012 Payment from Gerald Mastrangelo- thank you. Check No. 1054		(\$500.00)
Total payments and adjustments		(\$1,000.00)
Balance due		<u>\$8,188.50</u>

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August 08, 2012

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Invoice #2155

Professional Services

	<u>Hrs/Rate</u>	<u>Amount</u>
5/3/2012 Drafting of Motion for Attorneys Fees	0.40 100.00/hr	40.00
5/15/2012 Conference with Atty Weiler, Attorney Epstein, and Atty. Esposito	2.50 295.00/hr	737.50
6/12/2012 Finalizing and filing of Motion for Attorney Fee's with the court; Copies of same to all other attorneys	0.20 100.00/hr	20.00
6/26/2012 Preparation and filing of Reclaim	0.20 100.00/hr	20.00
7/12/2012 Phone call with Anne Epstein	0.30 295.00/hr	88.50
7/18/2012 Deposition of Amy Baker; home visit; pc with Attorney Epstein	7.00 295.00/hr	2,065.00
7/19/2012 Letter to counsel re Dr. Hiebel	0.30 295.00/hr	88.50
8/6/2012 Phone call with Attorney Epstein re: status of the visits	0.20 295.00/hr	59.00
Fax to all attorneys regarding Motion for Counsel Fees	0.20 100.00/hr	20.00
8/7/2012 Phone call with Atty Epstein	0.50 295.00/hr	147.50

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	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Amount</u>
For professional services rendered	11.80	\$3,286.00
Previous balance		\$8,921.00
Accounts receivable transactions		
5/30/2012 Payment from Gerald Mastrangelo- thank you. Check No. 1093		(\$500.00
6/26/2012 Payment from Gerald Mastrangelo- thank you. Check No. 1119		(\$300.00
8/7/2012 Payment from Gerald Mastrangelo- thank you. Check No. 1164		(\$300.00
Total payments and adjustments		<u>(\$1,100.00</u>
Balance due		<u><u>\$11,107.00</u></u>

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August 16, 2012

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Guardian Ad Litem

Invoice #2173

Professional Services

	<u>Hrs/Rate</u>	<u>Amount</u>
5/3/2012 Drafting of Motion for Attorneys Fees	0.40 100.00/hr	40.00
5/15/2012 Conference with Attorney Weiler, Attorney Epstein, and Attorney. Esposito	2.50 295.00/hr	737.50
6/12/2012 Finalizing and filing of Motion for Attorney Fee's with the court; Copies of same to all other attorneys	0.20 100.00/hr	20.00
6/26/2012 Preparation and filing of Reclaim	0.20 100.00/hr	20.00
7/12/2012 Phone call with Anne Epstein	0.30 295.00/hr	88.50
7/18/2012 Deposition of Amy Baker; home visit; pc with Attorney Epstein	7.00 295.00/hr	2,065.00
7/19/2012 Letter to counsel re Dr. Hiebel	0.30 295.00/hr	88.50
8/6/2012 Phone call with Attorney Epstein re: status of the visits	0.20 295.00/hr	59.00
Fax to all attorneys regarding Motion for Counsel Fees	0.20 100.00/hr	20.00
8/7/2012 Phone call with Atty Epstein	0.50 295.00/hr	147.50

	<u>Hrs/Rate</u>	<u>Amount</u>
8/9/2012 Attendance at court for fees	1.00 295.00/hr	295.00
For professional services rendered	12.80	\$3,581.00
Previous balance		\$8,921.00
Accounts receivable transactions		
5/30/2012 Payment from Gerald Mastrangelo- thank you. Check No. 1093		(\$500.00)
6/26/2012 Payment from Gerald Mastrangelo- thank you. Check No. 1119		(\$300.00)
8/7/2012 Payment from Gerald Mastrangelo- thank you. Check No. 1164		(\$300.00)
Total payments and adjustments		(\$1,100.00)
Balance due		<u>\$11,402.00</u>