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ALL GLORY & HONOR TO THE LORD

REJECTING ILLINOIS'

'SEE SOMETHING, DO NOTHING' MENTALITY

WHO WE ARE

The Father's Fund is a business organization founded in response to the utter failing that Illinois calls its family law court system. We represent the would-be victims of depraved judges who care nothing for children and don't bat an eye at the prospect of torturing a good father for the purposes of financial gain.

But, what the men in charge of these courts could never understand is that we live for our children, would set our lives down to protect theirs, that we can not be intimidated, we do not give up, and that we'd never even consider surrendering to scum like them.



OUR MISSION

Beyond fighting for our children, we fight for a higher power. The enemy has tried to break our hearts and, if it weren't for Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, they would have surely succeeded. Now, as we prepare to get into the mud with these pigs, we pray not only for success but for the strength to fight with the integrity that our opponents lack.

In this war, the truth is the only weapon that we have, need, or will use. Our objective is simple; we will stop at nothing until the sickness that pervades Illinois' family law courts has been eradicated from the face of the earth.

Along the way, we hope to make a positive impact in our communities, to be a champion for causes that serve children everywhere and to make Illinois' many great fathers look even better by providing them with merch designed by dads and made for dads.

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You ask what the aim is? I tell you it
is victory - total victory.

— Winston Churchill —

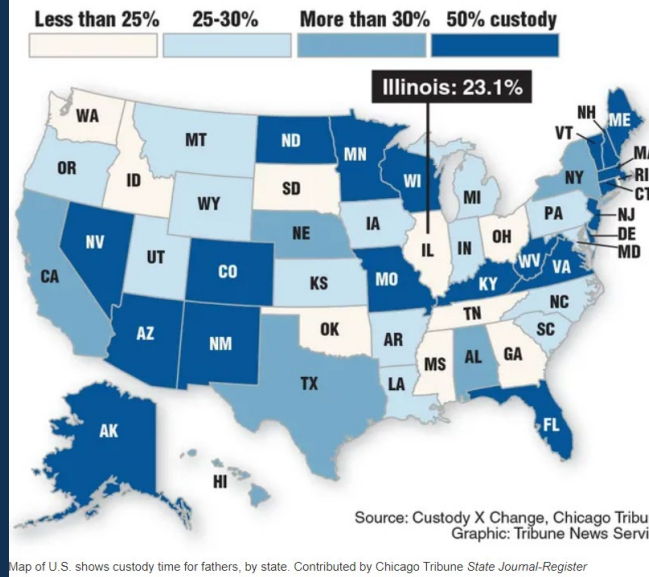
OUR GRIEVANCES

Illinois' is well known for its history of government corruption, as a terrible state to do business in, and for its brutal tax load.

These are some of the reasons residents have been fleeing the state for the last decade and help explain why a recent Gallup poll identified Illinois as the “state with the highest percentage of residents who say it is the worst possible place to live.”

It's hard to imagine the state's reputation getting any worse, but news that its family law courts have sacrificed fathers' legal rights in favor of feeding **a wild pack of dogs** that call themselves ‘divorce attorneys’ certainly isn't going to help attract new residents.

Custody time for fathers, by state



“Children in Illinois spend an average of 23.1 percent of their time each year with their dad, putting those fathers in 47th place in the U.S., followed by other states with low dad time: 48th-place Mississippi, where dads get 23 percent; 49th-place Oklahoma with 22.4 percent and last-place Tennessee, where fathers get 21.8 percent.”

Chicago Tribune

Illinois divorced dads have among least amount of time spent with kids, study says

“Our study shows 40 percent of states aim to give children equal time with each parent,” Coltrin said in the release.

<https://www.chicagotribune.com/lifestyles/parenting/ct-life-divorced-dad-custody-study-20180606-story.html>

How We Will Convict Illinois' Judges of the Sin of Hating its Fathers

By comparing IL custody
schedules to national trends
and other states.



By reviewing the terms of
Illinois Child Custody laws.



By summarizing the opinions
of experts in child
development.



By identifying and explaining
legal loopholes.

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We will put an end to the disgusting 'games' these
Babylonians like to play with children's lives.

WHAT ILLINOIS' CHILD CUSTODY LAWS SAY



Nowhere does Illinois law say that 'sole' custody is the preferred arrangement judges should use to resolve child custody disputes. In fact, Illinois' average custody schedule is contrary to the express terms and objectives of its own laws.

As such, there simply is no legal justification to support a judge's decision to limit (on average) a father to spending **a maximum of 23.1% of their time together with their child.**

Premises

- Recognizes children's right to a strong and healthy relationship with both parents
- That parents have a 'concomitant' or, naturally occurring right, to create and maintain strong relationships with their children.
- That frequent contact with both parents promotes the healthy development of a child.

Goals

- To secure the maximum involvement and cooperation of both parents.
- To preserve and protect parent / child relationships.
- To minimize litigation costs and encourage parental cooperation.

Source: 750 ILCS 5/102

<https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs5.asp?ActID=2086&ChapterID=59>

What Experts Say



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That the average custody schedule provided by Illinois judges is not in children's best interest.

These types of 'limited-contact' schedules are traumatic for children and cause them to suffer psychological harm.

The damage caused has long-term effects.

That these types of arrangements increase conflict between parents.

Family Law Judges Should Know This

Joint Custody is Unquestionably Beneficial.

The American Psychological Association (APA) is the leading authority on child psychology and child development. In 2012, the APA published a meta-analytic review that summarized the results of research comparing the developmental impact of children raised in 'sole' versus 'joint' custody arrangements. Their findings included that:

- Children in joint custody scored significantly higher on adjustment measures than sole-custody children.
- Children in joint legal custody and children in joint physical custody were better adjusted than children in sole custody.
- Children in joint custody were overall better adjusted in the following areas:
 - Family relationships.
 - Self-esteem.
 - Emotional adjustment.
 - Behavioral adjustment.
 - Divorce specific adjustment.
- Children in joint-custody arrangements **reported less current and past conflict than did children in sole-custody arrangements.**

Significantly, multiple studies have also “found **no significant difference in adjustment** among children in **shared custody** and those living in **intact family situations.**”

Because This is How They Make Kids Feel

Children accustomed to interacting with a parent on a daily basis were suddenly required, as a sole result of the parents' separation, to wait twelve days before seeing that parent for forty-eight hours, and then wait, yet again, another twelve days for the next forty-eight hour contact.

This protracted separation from a loved parent caused great anguish and confusion for many children, particularly for the youngest children, with poor memory and sense of time, limited or no language skills, and no cognitive capacity to understand why this abrupt decrease in their contact with the object of their affection occurred.”



Sources:
<https://www.apa.org/pubs/journals/releases/fam-16191.pdf>
<https://www.apa.org/monitor/jun02/custody>
A PSYCHOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVE ON SHARED CUSTODY ARRANGEMENTS, The Wake Forrest Law Review
http://wakeforestlawreview.com/wpcontent/uploads/2014/10/Buchanan_LawReview_4.08.pdf

Not that Illinois' Judge's Care, but Research Shows:

That children raised in sole custody **wanted**

- More time with their fathers.

That children raised in sole custody **believed**

- Their fathers wanted to spend more time with them.
- Their mothers did not want them spending more time with their father.

Sources:

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“In sum, much evidence examining family relationships and parenting suggests that **joint legal and joint physical custody are associated with** aspects of relationships and parenting that tend to **predict positive outcomes** for children: lower interparental conflict, parenting that is as or more consistent and attentive than in sole custody arrangements, and closer relationships between children and both parents. **In the words of Robert Emery, “In many ways, joint physical custody is the ideal arrangement for children because they still have two parents very much involved in their lives.”**



The Costs for Sacrificing Father's Rights Is Paid for by the Entire Community.

Forcing father's to be absent after a divorce causes psychological trauma to both parents and their children. It also increases the potential for the development of long-term problems that impact the entire community.

Lower performance at school (boys and girls)

Increased unemployment rates for boys

Early childbearing for girls



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IL's Custody Outcomes Are Inexcusable



What Experts Say

IL's average schedules
are harmful for children

They are not good for
parents either

What Illinois's Law Say

Does not support these
outcomes

Is against the State's
public policy

What Other States Do

Not like what IL do

IL Ranks 47th in equity

UNDERSTANDING THE
PROBLEMS WITH ILLINOIS'
COURT SYSTEM



Lesser-known facts about IL Courts



Judges in Illinois are elected officials.

Judges run for office, require, and accept campaign donations.

Most of these donations the come from attorneys.

IL laws allow attorneys to appear before judges they helped elect to office.

IL law does not require a judges to disclose to the parties when an attorney of record is one of their campaign donors.

The Illinois Bar Associations (ISBA) is aware of these facts and sees this as a threat to the credibility of the court.

Is Justice for Sale in Illinois?

The better question to ask is what precautions has Illinois taken to preserve the integrity of its courts? Well, let's look at some of the campaign finance rules that are specific to judges.

The Illinois Code of Judicial Conduct

“The campaign committee may solicit and accept campaign contributions from lawyers and others who might appear before the candidate. The candidate should instruct the campaign committee to be cautious in connection with such contributions so it does not create grounds for disqualification.”

Rule 4.4 Comment 2

Illinois Judicial Ethics Committee

Q: May I accept donations from attorneys?

A: No, you may not, but your campaign committee may.

If a party, a party's lawyer, or the law firm of a party's lawyer has made a direct or indirect contribution to the judge's campaign in an amount that would raise a reasonable concern about the fairness or impartiality of the judge's consideration of a case involving the party, the party's lawyer, or the law firm of the party's lawyer, the judge should consider whether recusal would be appropriate.

<https://www.isba.org/sites/default/files/ethics/Judicial%20Election%20Campaign%20FAQs.pdf>



Thoughts from the ISBA

The Illinois State Bar Association or ISBA was founded in 1887. Its aims include assisting “Illinois lawyers in the practice of law and to promote improvements in the administration of justice.” The following are excerpts taken from their article “Perception is Reality: Recusal and Judicial Campaign Contributions.”



In 2004, Illinois was home to the nation's most expensive judicial election campaign on record, when two candidates for a district-based seat on the supreme court raised \$9.3 million.

"The **ISBA** has long been on record supporting merit selection of judges," Thies said in his inaugural President's Page column in the July issue of the *Illinois Bar Journal*.

"However, until our state has the political will to adopt this alternative form of judicial selection, we should look at other ways to advance the public's trust in the fairness and impartiality of our courts and judiciary."

Now, as money pours into judicial races in our state... We don't want the public to think that justice is for sale," Hurley said.

"We're lacking two things in Illinois right now: A reasonable standard that the judges can use to decide whether they should recuse themselves, and a clear procedure for parties to get review of a decision where a judge decides not to recuse himself," Hurley said.

The ISBA's Special Report

To address the poor public perception of the judiciary and the issue of campaign finance, the ISBA formed a Special Committee on Judicial Disqualification Standards ('Special Committee').

In 2012, the Special Committee issued its report and related recommendations. The Committee determined there was a need to address the 'widely held, and negative public perception that campaign contributions influence judicial decision-making' and proposed new rules to safeguard justice in Illinois.

<https://www.isba.org/sites/default/files/committees/judicialdisqualification/Report%20and%20Recommendations%20of%20the%20ISBA%27s%20Special%20Committee%20on%20Judicial%20Disqualification%20Standards.pdf>

Their Proposed Solution

Revising Illinois Supreme Court Rule 63 to require "a judge to disqualify himself or herself from a proceeding in which the litigants or lawyers have provided campaign contributions or other related support to the judge's campaign sufficient to create a probability of bias. It is an objective test."

The IL Supreme Court's Response

Was to reject the proposal and do nothing to strengthen its own courts or prevent taxpayers from the harm caused by appearing before a judge who would gladly sell justice or, his soul, for the right price.

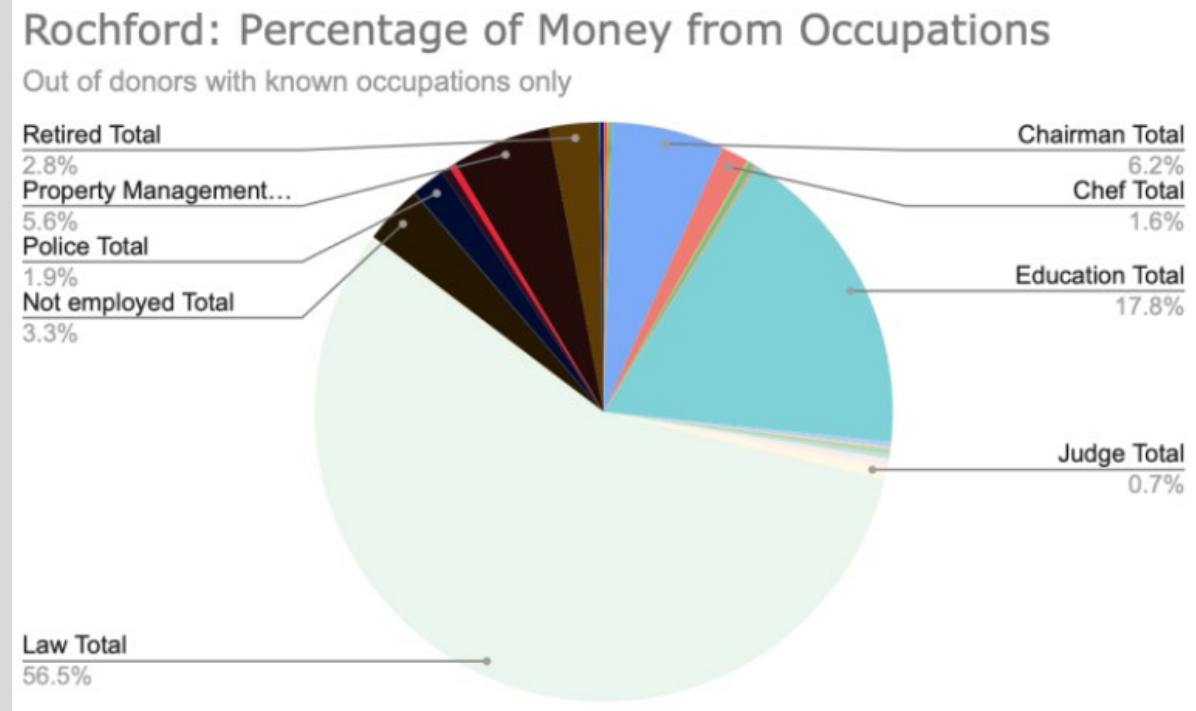
History is Repeating in Illinois

- Operation Greylord was an investigation conducted jointly by federal agencies including the FBI and IRS in tandem with Illinois law enforcement. It focused on corruption at the judiciary in Cook County.
- The FBI named the investigation "Operation Greylord" after the curly wigs worn by British judges.
- The undercover operation was in the 1980's and lasted 3-years and 8 months.
- It resulted in the indictment of over 92 public officials.
- Most of the accused were convicted.
- The 'Greylord' trials lasted over ten years.

Source: Wikipedia https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Operation_Greylord

Time for another Greylord

The chart below summarizes the percent of money received by occupation that Democrat, Elizabeth Rochford, raised for her election campaign onto the Illinois Supreme Court. In all, Rochford raised over \$3.9 million or, about 5.5 times more than her opponent, and was elected with 54% of the popular vote.



Source: <https://cu-citizenaccess.org/2023/06/pritzker-lawyers-and-insurers-helped-finance-illinois-supreme-court-elections-but-transparency-lacking-for-many-other-donors/>

Illinois’ Supreme Court Rules Are Another Source of Corruption in Child Custody Disputes

What the Rules Say They Are For

‘Trial courts have a special responsibility in cases involving the care and custody or allocation of parental responsibilities of children. When a child is a ward of the court, the physical and emotional well-being of the child is literally the business of the court.

The purpose of this article (Rules 900 et seq.) is to expedite cases affecting the custody or allocation of parental responsibilities of a child, to ensure the coordination of custody or allocation of parental responsibilities matters filed under different statutory Acts, and to focus child custody or allocation of parental responsibilities proceedings on the best interests of the child, while protecting the rights of other parties to the proceedings.’

<https://ilcourtsaudio.blob.core.windows.net/antilles-resources/resources/c2987221-3674-4a00-a289-6a7afba205e/Rule%20900.pdf>

Article	Rule #	Rule Title
IX	Rule 900	Purpose and Scope Amended March 8, 2016, effective immediately
IX	Rule 901	General Rules Amended Sept. 29, 2021, eff. Oct. 1, 2021
IX	Rule 902	Pleadings Amended March 8, 2016, effective immediately
IX	Rule 903	Assignment and Coordination of Cases Amended March 8, 2016, effective immediately
IX	Rule 904	Case Management Conferences
IX	Rule 905	Mediation Amended Sept. 29, 2021, eff. Oct. 1, 2021
IX	Rule 906	Attorney Qualifications and Education in Child Custody and Visitation Matters Amended Feb. 27, 2023, eff. immediately
IX	Rule 907	Minimum Duties and Responsibilities of Attorneys for Minor Children Amended March 8, 2016, effective immediately

But Do They Work?

Its hard to tell how effective these Rules are, since they aren’t followed or enforced by Illinois courts. That is a fact our Founding Father has proved.

Proposed Change to Illinois Supreme Court Seal



How this plays out.

When parents can't agree on custody issues, Illinois Supreme Court Rule 907 allows judges appoint a divorce attorney to act as a '*guardian*' *ad litem* or 'GAL' to represent the children's legal interest by investigating their circumstances in order to provide the court with a recommendation that is in the 'best-interest' of the child to resolve the dispute.

In other states, this critical role is reserved for childcare specialists **and attorneys are specifically not allowed to serve as GAL's.**

The GAL's Role

- To investigate the children's lives.
- To provide the court with 'fact-based' recommendations that are in the 'best interest' of the child to help the judge resolve the dispute.

The GAL Relationship to the Parties

- Is an 'agent' of the court.
- Is paid for by the parents.
- Represents the legal interest of the minor children.
- Can only be fired for doing a 'bad job' by the judge who appointed him in the first place.

Why the Rule is Ridiculous

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Allows divorce attorney's to 'self-police' for conflict of interests.

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Acknowledges that the American Bar Association (ABA) recommends that attorneys not serve as GALs.

03

Permits divorce attorneys to act '*in loco parentis*' or '**in place of a parent**'.

Source: <https://ilcourtsaudio.blob.core.windows.net/antilles-resources/resources/5a02d824-2b8b-4f54-9cdb-2e6747c21ff3/Rule%20907.pdf>

How it Makes Justice Two-Faced in Illinois

The GAL's relationship to the judge

- His agent (in your case).
- Probably a great campaign financier for him too.
- Responsible for most types of misconduct by the GAL.
- In all other cases, appears before the judge as a **divorce attorney**.



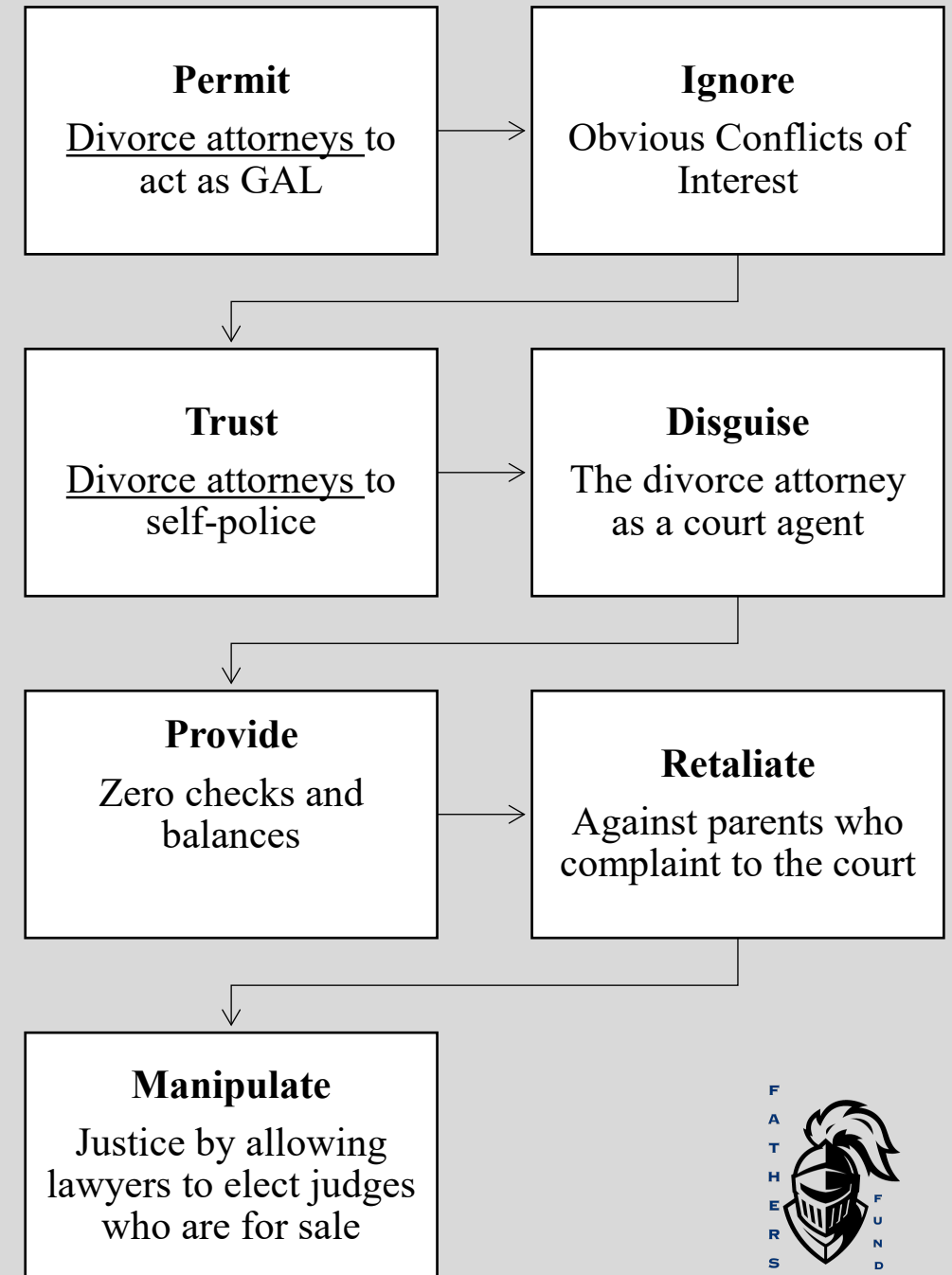
The GAL's relationship to the parent's attorneys

- Refers to them as GAL in your case (and probably others too)
- Refers to them as 'opposing counsel' the other 99% of the time.
- Your attorney may be acting as the GAL in other cases for them.

These Ingredients



Perpetuate
Injustice in Illinois



YES, IT'S A BIG MESS



BUT WE CAN CLEAN IT UP



Short-Term Goals

Basic Legal Reform

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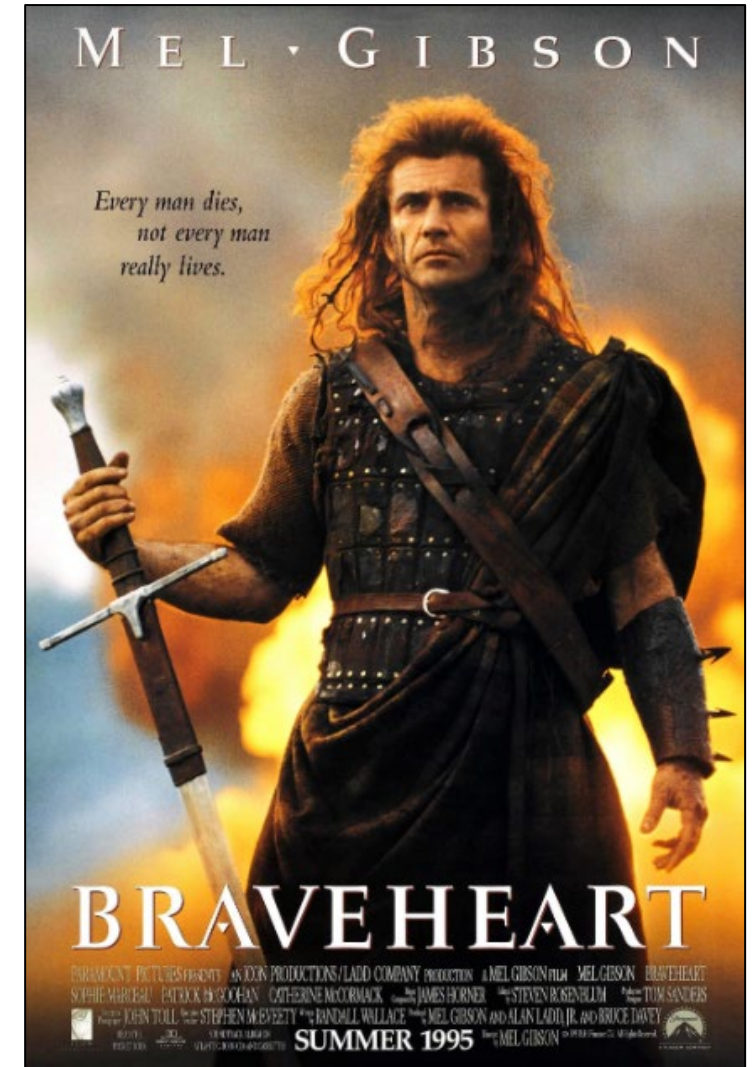
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- Immediately bar attorneys from acting in any capacity as a GAL or child representative.
- Reduce ambiguity concerning the role and expectations for child advocates in custody dispute cases.
- Promote justice by establishing mandatory requirements for investigative activities, strict timelines for their completion, and formalize the process for reporting these findings to the court.
- Prevent retaliation by providing 'whistleblower' type protections for parents reporting deficient work by child advocates in ongoing custody disputes.
- Provide relief for parents and children adversely impacted by past abuses of the legal system.

Short-Term Goals

Restore Order

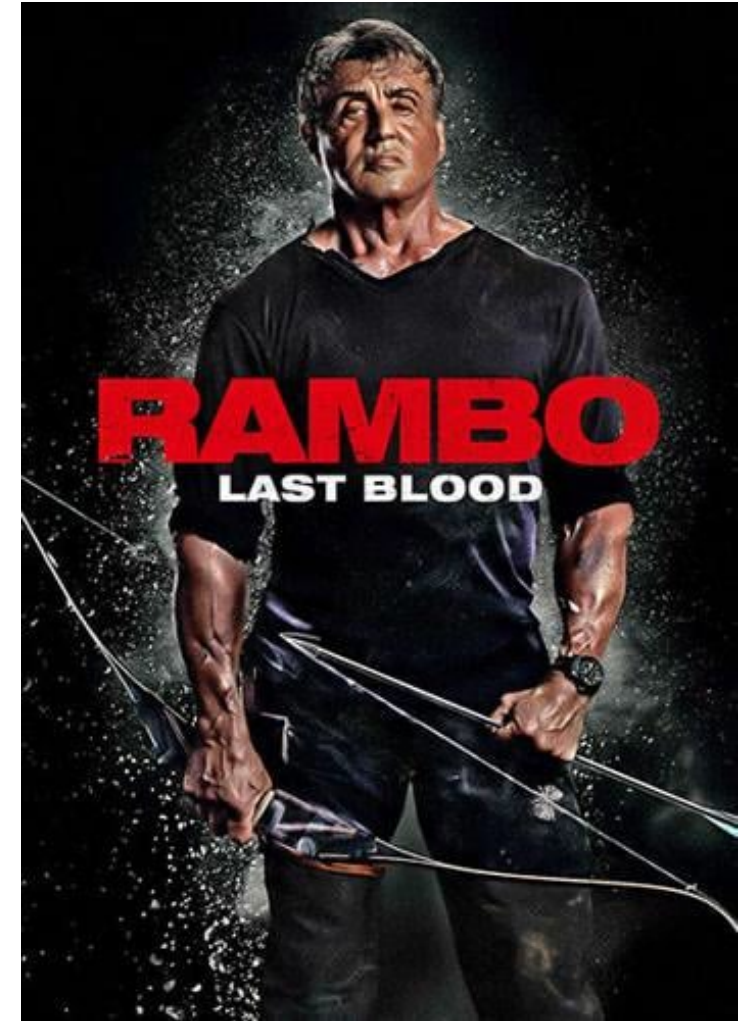
- Immediately remove from office judges who tolerate deficient work by GALs.
- Immediately remove from office judges that do not follow Illinois law to resolve child custody disputes.
- Create a special task force to investigate attorney and judicial misconduct in child custody cases.
- Treat violations of laws by judges and attorneys in child custody cases as the crimes they are.



Short-Term Goals

Create Accountability

- Strengthen civil and criminal penalties for these types of white-collar crimes.
- Restore trust and promote transparency by regularly publishing statistics showing the average distribution by individual family law judges.
- Improve confidence that the courts respect the law and the will of the legislature with joint communications that speak on behalf of both branches of government.



Long-Term Solutions

Take Back the Judiciary

- Ban attorney campaign finance donations for all elected positions in the judiciary.
 - The Father's Fund supports the recommendations provided by the in their 2012 report.
 - State legislatures should ask voters if they want a merit-based system for appointing judges.
 - Start doing meaningful conflict of interest checks.
- Develop some sort of checks and balances to monitor for irregularities in the administration of law and order.
 - Collect, review, and evaluate data that is focused on case outcomes.
 - Look for indications of new forms of white-collar-crimes in Illinois' courtrooms.



Long-Term Solutions

Take Back the Judiciary

Change the culture in Illinois' courts

- Raise the stakes for the consequences of playing 'games' with the law.
 - Throw judges that don't follow the law or decide cases on improper grounds in jail.
 - Justice is not a popularity contest, and it is not for sale!
- Agree that there are many forms of legal abuse that occur within other practices of law.
- Realize that many of Illinois judges (and certainly most of its divorce attorneys) are nothing beyond well-dressed white-collar criminals.



Kangaroo judges for hire are fundamentally no different than any criminal. Law degrees and fancy outfits don't make them above the law.



Long-Term Solutions

Take Back the Judiciary

Eliminate parasitic practices of law that involve applying antiquated methods to resolve painfully simple issues. For example, the State legislature has provided mathematical formulas that are used to determine child support and / or maintenance obligations. Answers to these types of questions come from X-cell spreadsheets, a computer program that most divorce attorneys don't know how to use.

Also, keep in mind that most divorce attorneys who act as a GAL use a 'canary-in-the-coal-mine' approach to monitoring the welfare of a child. This is another fact that our Founding Father, Alex, can attest to. He paid over \$250,000 to divorce attorneys in his custody case and that mindboggling sum was not enough to get his GAL to leave his office, interview a single person, or do anything than to bill him a bunch of time to gossip with his swamp pals.



One of the many problems with the 'methods' divorce attorneys use when representing the interest of a child is that they keep the canary in their office. This is how they hold parent's hostage, and their unimaginable failure of responsibility is part of their business model.

Long-Term Objectives

Redefining Expectations



- The Father's Fund hopes to lead the charge in redefining citizens expectations for their government and we have full confidence that Illinois legislature will rightly treat news that divorce attorneys have clawed holes into their child custody laws as serious as a heart attack.
- Beyond that, we want to see Illinois live up to Lincoln's legacy but greatness for this state will never be realized until we stop 'investing' in the destruction of families and into our communities.
- We hope to find capable men and women who are like-minded and willing to use their talents for public service and pray that an endorsement from the Father's Fund can help get the right people into the right offices for a change.
- The Father's Fund also hopes to raise the bar for men's fashion and apparel. So do your dad a favor and check out our merch store!