

Failings in the Family Court system.

This gentleman has made some relevant points regarding the failings of the Family Law Court. His statement has been shortened and links to his web page have not been included as the source identifies the parties.

The main issue is relevant skills. Are legal skills useful for helping families to care for their children and develop through disputes, to be successful parents. How useful are musty old law books for helping families. Legal training teaches to ignore family relationships and focus on the legal elements of the relationship. It is not surprising at all, that these people are ineffective at cost effectively and constructively solving family disputes. They are simply trained to be the wrong people. People with relevant skills don't have the heart to try to charge fragmented families large "professional fees", they love to work for an honest salary.

It is easy for the dispute to be milked for maximum "professional fees". The Family Law Act foresees the consequences of this conflict of interest and requires lawyers to promote conciliation. With no penalties provided, it is only a call to the conscience of lawyers and enough of them put the call of their wallet "paramount".

Judges erratic incompetent decisions further maximise the potential for milking the parties, until the wealth runs out and the lawyers lose "interest". The Family Court judge will not accept complaints, he encourages you to appeal until your family's money has run out. Appeals can only be made on a point of law, not for "misweighed facts". The largest source of problems in the Family Court cannot be resolved satisfactorily through an appeal, it is all about "milking". What a marvellous system, for lawyers.

Judges have more incentive to produce erratic decisions, than quality decisions. This will maximise frustration and generate the most litigation and appeals. There is a clear conflict of interest, against acting faithfully to serve the people paying their salaries.

Money talks, but not the way that you would expect! Which party consistently comes out best, in court hearings? Neither the respondent or the applicant! Has sufficient value for money been delivered to the customers?

Lets work together for a relevant and healthy working Family Court system, that protects children and all of their important relationships. Lets put our children's upbringing before the "paramount" interests of lawyers.

Citizens should be getting performance according to statute from the Family

Court, ie getting what they are paying for.

If the decisions of the court were clear and predictable, according to statute, then the number of disputes would be far fewer and parents would almost always resolve them themselves, out of court. This would keep family earnings for developing the family, as it should be. Good laws are clear and well understood by the public. Good judges weigh evidence on its merits, having read the affidavits and having listened to oral evidence.

At weddings, family are asked to promise to support this couple and to help them and their children through life's ups and downs. Family can do this better than judges, as they can see through any dishonesty, because they have known these people since they were born. If they don't know the truth, they can find out with a little effort, they don't have to guess the truth, like overpaid judges in a hurry. Family help is surer and SAFER than judges trying to guess their way through evidence, sometimes without listening or reading much of it anyway.

The irrelevance of legal processes to family problems, can only be solved by Parliament disbanding this bunch of rogues and replacing them with people relevantly trained for the task at hand. When Parliament discusses legislation, the non-lawyers **MUST NOT STEP BACK** and allow the lawyers free reign to pass low quality legislation. We owe it to our children!!!!

These are the consequences of a secret society with no independent external auditing, feedback or responsibility. Lawyers are responsible only to lawyers, judges are not accountable at all. The Family Court is supposed to put the interests of our children first, yet it clearly does not