

Dear Sir / Madam, 11<sup>th</sup>. August, 2006

I write as the mother of two Children, who were aged 4 and 8 at the time their fate was determined by the Family Court of Australia.

In brief, my Children, whom I have cared for since their birth, were removed from my care, by Order of the Family Court following a long Trial which has been described by many as a horrendous miscarriage of Justice because I was "found" in the Family Court of Australia to be suffering from a psychological disorder called "Parental Alienation Syndrome". No evidence was presented for that, in fact evidence to the contrary was presented. My concerns with regards to my Children were supported by eminent and well respected child welfare experts.

“Parental Alienation Syndrome” or PAS was concocted by a psychologist, Dr. Richard Gardener, who believed that sexual contact between adults and children was acceptable. Gardener committed suicide in an appalling and disturbing manner but before he did, he succeeded in establishing with the assistance of lawyers, many years ago, a platform for a policy in the Family Court of Australia, where those parents who genuinely attempt to protect their children from an abusive parent are found invariably to be guilty of having manufactured those allegations as a sign of vicious and vindictive revenge and Children who say they are being abused are ordered by ill-educated, ignorant, apathetic and lazy judges to live with the parent they accuse of the abuse.

No psychiatric text book recognises PAS. It is not used in any other arena other than the Family Court...why not is the glaring question if it truly seeks to protect Children from abusive parents?

I was warned to cease my allegations in the Family Court and turn a blind eye to all that my Children were saying their father was doing to them countless times by lawyers, barristers and judges because if I did not, I would have my Children removed from my care.

I could not and would not concede on that; all three of us have paid a price. Would I turn a blind eye if I was in the same situation again: never.

Thus, the same, repeatedly used “mouths for hire” of so called Family Court "experts" and Family Court lawyers have managed, using PAS, to establish a multi-million dollar generating industry for themselves in the Family Court of Australia, where they utilise "PAS" ruthlessly and viciously in all abuse cases to discredit witnesses, experts who try to speak up for our Children and protective parents and thus further rape our Children.

The judges sit back and watch the spectacle. They know that due to legislation (S 121) put in place to allegedly protect our Children, no matter in the Family Court can be reported on nor fully opened up for public scrutiny. The judges and lawyers can say and do what they want and they do.

Lord Acton said power corrupts and the absolute power conferred on judges, lawyers and the same repeatedly-used “experts” under S121 corrupts absolutely.

So many are correct when they state that the legal fraternity holds real power in Child Protection. The vast majority of the Family Law legal fraternity and that is exactly what it is, in my experience, a tightly bound, incestuous, frightened little fraternity, are fully aware of the perpetuation of the abuse of our Children in the Family Court, a Court which parades deceitfully and deceptively as working “in the best interests of the child”. That fraternity chooses however to collectively collude and turn away from our Children for fear of ostracism from their peers and loss of the all pervading profit.

As a result, I am aware of Children with genital and other injuries being routinely ordered to have unsupervised contact with or being ordered into the custody of the abusive parent.

I have watched the impact of the Family Court's abuse of my own Children on them over the years; they reel and recoil at the fact that those authorities which trumpet and blare ad nauseam that they have the “child's best interests" at heart ignored their statements, accused and found them guilty of lying without ever speaking to them and refused so utterly and shamefully to protect them in their vulnerability and powerlessness when they sought help.

We do not carry the shame; their deceit and duplicity empowers us.

It is not only the misnamed Child Protection and Criminal Justice systems and the vast majority of lawyers, barristers, judges and police officers in this country who further abuse our children by sustaining and empowering the everyday predators and perpetrators against us; the Family Court of Australia is also complicit.

Juvenal said hundreds of years ago “Honesty is praised and left to shiver”. The rage and horror is that those words apply so aptly today in our so called “developed” society.

History shows us again and again that truth always finds its way in its own, lovely sweet time and indeed my babies remind me of that every single day.