December 1st, 2017

Mr. Josh Stein

Attorney General’s Office

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Raleigh, NC 27699-9001

Dear Mr. Stein:

Thank you so much for taking the time to read this very important request. My hope is that upon review of my correspondence and enclosed materials that you will find that an investigation is necessary into the actions/inactions of multiple individuals who were involved in a highly charged and emotional family law matter which I have been involved in for several years.

My name is Kenneth Gottfried and I am the father of three beautiful girls, two of whom I believe, based on the wrongful conduct of others have been abused not only psychologically, but have been abused by the “system” as well.

I write to you with the knowledge that the people I am asking you to investigate live for retribution, as they have proven that the rights and safety of children and families does not matter. Also, the inherent nature of their position(s) leads them to believe they are above the law.  I am also hoping that your office’s involvement will prevent this from happening to any other parents or children in the State of North Carolina.

  The individuals I seek investigation of include: Judge Harrison, Judge Hughes, Judge Eggers (all of the Watauga County Court), and Attorney Tamera Divenere. I am seeking investigation of the before-mentioned individuals based on their involvement in:

* Domestic Violence;
* Child Abuse;
* Double Jeopardy;
* Collusion;
* Abuse of Power;
* Wrongful Imprisonment;
* Wrongful eviction;
* Violation of Due Process;
* Extortion;
* Racketeering;
* Blackmail;
* Contempt;
* Federal & State Tax Fraud;
* Violation of Right to Free Speech;
* Refusal to Report Child Abuse; and
* Denial of Parental Rights; and
* Suppression of Evidence.

To provide some background, I turn your attention to the attached Complaints I have filed with the Judicial Standards Commission against Judges Harrison, Hughes and Eggers. The narratives attached provide detailed allegations which support the above referenced claims I wish for your office to investigate.

Judge Hughes

Judge Hughes allowed an "expert witness" (Lyric Fitzgibbons) to testify against me. With only 1 and ½ day notice, this expert witness was allowed to testify.  My attorney objected to the notification of time for an expert witness, which Judge Hughes overruled. My attorney objected to her testimony, Judge Hughes overruled. At the time, I had joint legal custody of my daughters. Mrs. Fitzgibbons was seeing my underage girls for approximately 4 months without my knowledge or consent. My attorney objected; Judge Hughes overruled and still allowed her to testify.

Mrs. Fitzgibbons testified that I needed a psychological evaluation without ever meeting me. Once again, my attorney objected. Judge Hughes overruled.  Judge Hughes refused to allow me to have any time (zero visitation-the DOJ's exact definition of domestic abuse, psychological abuse) with my daughters and ordered psychological evaluation for both me and Christy Gottfried.

Judge Hughes then continued the case for 6 months. (continuing the child abuse and domestic violence EXACTLY described by the DOJ). Without any notice, Judge Hughes allowed my oldest daughter to testify in August 2015. She stated under oath to the exact phrases and symptoms of psychological child abuse described in both books, Foundations and Divorce Poison. Judge Hughes once again continued the case. (continuing the child abuse and domestic violence as exactly described by the DOJ). Continuing the child/domestic abuse, and again, refusing to allow me any time with my children and (zero visitation-the DOJ's exact definition of domestic abuse, psychological abuse).  Judge Hughes completely ignored his last order in February 2016 and the results of the psychological evaluation(s).

Results of Psychologicals:

Kenneth Gottfried: Under stress, managing acceptably

Christy Gottfried: Paranoid tendencies

Mrs. Fitzgibbons continued to counsel my daughters for over a year without my knowledge or consent until she was ordered to stop by the NC Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and found guilty of ethics violations by The North Carolina Board of Licensed Professional Counselors.

As you are undoubtedly aware, there are rules/ethics for a Judge or attorney to report child abuse. As officers of the Court, they are mandatory reporters in the State of North Carolina.

On December 2, 2015, after over 2 years with little to no contact, Judge Hughes ordered my daughters in private chambers and witnessed my daughters visibly abused, traumatized. My children were shaking, crying, and saying things like “I wish my dad was dead” (once again, exact phrases and symptoms of psychological child abuse described in both books) (Psychological abuse DSM-5 V995.51). Judge Hughes, seeing this, refused to report child abuse.

Additionally, Tamera Divenere (then counsel for my ex-wife) met with and conferenced with my underage daughter without my consent when I had joint legal custody in December of 2015. Visual proof of discussion with my daughter who was visibly traumatized, crying and shaking in the halls of Watauga Courthouse. Tamera Divenere refused to report child abuse and engaged triangulating my daughter first hand with child abuse and engaged impersonating a therapist specialized in psychological child abuse.

On December 3, 2015, I protested the actions of Judge F. Warren Hughes outside of the Watauga County Courthouse. See <https://www.hcpress.com/news/business-owner-in-child-custody-battle-protests-in-front-of-watauga-county-courthouse-in-boone.html>.

Proper Identification of this type of psychological child abuse explained in the DSM-V V995.51 needs to have a specialist in this field of expertise as explained in the APA's code of ethics:

**Standard 2.01 Boundaries of Competence**

(a)  Psychologists provide services, teach and conduct research with populations and in areas only within the boundaries of their competence, based on their education, training, supervised experience, consultation, study or professional experience.

The symptoms of my child evidence a pronounced suppression of normal-range attachment bonding motivations toward a normal-range and affectionally available parent. The induced suppression of my child’s attachment motivations are the product of my child’s triangulation into the spousal conflict through the formation of a cross-generational coalition with one parent against the other parent (as defined and described by Jay Haley1 and Salvador Minuchin2). My child’s symptoms also evidence prominent narcissistic personality traits (e.g., grandiosity, entitlement, the absence of empathy, haughty and arrogant attitude, splitting) which are evidence of the influence on my child’s attitudes by a narcissistic personality parent.

The assessment, diagnosis, and treatment of the forms of pathology evidenced in my child’s symptom display requires professional competence in the relevant domains of attachment-related pathology, including the potential transgenerational transmission of attachment trauma from the mothers' childhood to the current family relationships,

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1 Haley, J. (1977). Toward a theory of pathological systems. In P. Watzlawick & J. Weakland (Eds.), The interactional view (pp. 31-48). New York: Norton.

Judge Harrison

My case was then transferred to Judge Harrison. Judge Harrison started the Court hearing on December 3, 2015 by calling me, a father that has not been with his children for over 2 years, "**DESPICABLE".**  17 min, 55 seconds into the Dec 3, 2015 hearing. Judge Harrison also stated that he knew everything about this case shortly thereafter. . I stated on the witness stand my daughters were being abused. At the end of the trial, my attorney asked for my children to be seen by a professional psychologist due to child abuse, Judge Harrison refused. Judge Harrison refused to protect my children and have them checked by a professional for abuse (Dec 3, 2015).

Judge Harrison also denied my rights of free speech ordering if I protested again, he would through me in jail.

Judge Harrison continued the child abuse and domestic violence (exactly as described by the DOJ), and refused to protect my children.

Judge Harrison refused to allow me to be paid as ordered by Judge McIntyre's previously entered Court order from December 2014 for past and future payments which were withheld from me without any notice or due process.

Egregiously, Judge Harrison, in a February 2016 court hearing, called my own attorney to the witness stand to testify against me without any notice.No due process. That attorney forged my name on the document in question while I was out of the state. I have e-mail correspondence proving this. Judge Harrison was working in collusion with my ex's attorney (Tamera Divenere) and had her ask questions for him under oath.

Following this egregious testimony, at the end of the hearing, Judge Harrison ruled:

* Even though I did not know the order existed, and testified as such, I was found guilty;
* Approximately $10,000 of business rent was considered personal;
* Approximately $1000 of stolen money that was returned by the bank was considered personal;
* Approximately $18,000 of (Court ordered by Judge McIntyre) land payments (deemed by Judge McIntyre-not personal) were now personal;
* $2988.00 monthly payments from Go Postal payments to Kenneth Gottfried, Court ordered by Judge McIntyre in December 2014, not to be paid; and
* Approximately $7,000, 100% of all of the domain names, hosting, online Advertising (Facebook, Adwords, cross-promotional links and more) were considered personal.

On December 2, 2015, Judge Hughes ordered an accountant to go over the accusations from Christy Gottfried (my ex) and her attorney Tamera Divenere.

In February 2016, Judge Harrison refused to have the accountant look over the accusations ordered by Judge Hughes 2 months earlier and subsequently ordered over $57,000 in business expenses deemed as personal. This unlawfully stripped me of income ordered by Judge McIntire from December 2014, and Judge Harrison also refused to change child support.

On May 17, 2016, (without any notification), Judge Harrison entered a restraining order from me doing my business taxes and from going into or having anything to do with any of my own businesses or property.  Judge Harrison **Specifically ordered me to remove all online personal involvement (According to the Feb 2016 Judgment 100% of all online items were personal).**  Additionally, I was evicted from where I was living (I stated on the witness stand in the Feb 2016 trial that I was living on business property). To this day, I have no itemized records from 2015 or 2016 to file my personal taxes properly.

On Thursday, May 20, 2016, I was handed a subpoena to be in court the very next day, May 21, 2016. This subpoena was for doing exactly what the May 20 restraining order ordered me to do. Judge Harrison even ordered me not to bring up the Feb 2016 decision while we were in court. This could be construed as double jeopardy.

On Friday, May 21, 2016, I showed up in court, without the assistance of counsel and improperly dressed (due to eviction without notice 3 days earlier and less than 1 day to prepare for court.) When I asked for a continuance, Judge Harrison denied it, intentionally and with malice. Judge Harrison sent me to jail for 30 days. (Over my daughter's high school graduation, exponentially amplifying the child abuse and Domestic violence as exactly described by the DOJ). Judge Harrison sent me to jail for not answering questions without an attorney on the stand. On the witness stand, I stated that I did not understand. I did not understand the questions being asked or the process which was taking place. This was not held in family court, but the Juvenile court.

Judge Harrison was well aware and worked in collusion to a $13,000 withdrawal (possible embezzlement) by Christy Gottfried out of Go Postal's business account the day after Judge Harrison's order dated May 17, 2016.

While I spent time in jail, I:

* Missed daughters high school graduation;
* Lost business lease (Gallery). Due to ZERO income and now personal issues;
* Loss of all future projects;
* Lost Vilas Creek (2-year-old business (Growing));
* Lost 50 ft x 140 ft metal building I was purchasing;
* Suffered a personal and emotional breakdown;
* Was wrongful imprisoned;
* Was denied my parental rights.
* When let out of jail: I was homeless, no income, in debt to child support, restrained from ANY of my business activity, unable to see my children.

When Judge Harrison saw in court July 2016 that I had PTSD and was ordered to take time off by my psychologist, Judge Harrison immediately ordered an arrest warrant for not showing up to court. Essentially abusing his power & position, and refusing to act in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

On August 18, 2016, Judge Harrison gave me an ultimatum: either go to jail or sign all of my parental rights over and almost everything I have ever owned or worked for since I was a child. The books Foundations and Divorce Poison are not just books. They are the stories of my life: The torture and abuse of myself and my children at the hands of these judges and attorneys.

Judge Harrison considered fair and equitable an order giving my ex and I the following:

Christy Gottfried receives:

* 6400 square foot house on 3-acre tract;
* 23-acre tract;
* 6-acre commercial tract;
* 7-acre commercial tract;
* Commercial business location;
* 1 Go Postal business doing $800K-1Mil;
* 2-year-old business-Vilas Creek;
* 100% time with children;
* Most of Ken’s personal items from childhood;
* All of Ken’s personal and business belongings on 7-acre property;
* All of Ken’s personal/business property in storage facility;
* Ken’s Art collection;
* Ken’s comic book collection;
* Ken’s Christmas ornaments, bicycles and tools;
* Ken's grade school, high school, college: trophies, plaques, and school records;
* 5 trailers;
* 2 box trucks;
* All equipment and several commercial BBQ grills; and
* Outdoor movie screen;

Ken received:

* Zero contact with children;
* Little to no pictures;
* Some old clothes and personal items;
* PTSD, Depression
* 16K debt from back child & spousal support (had to sell 2011 red truck to pay back child & spousal support even though I had next to zero income.
* Homeless;
* Penniless;
* Jobless;
* 2006 blue truck full of rust for sitting for 3 years;
* 1 motorcycle sitting outside for 3 years;
* Zero income;
* Debt on taxes for fraudulent filing;
* Denial of Parental rights.

Judges have much leeway in the courts but to my knowledge, they are not allowed to engage in and commit:

* Child abuse;
* Domestic violence;
* Federal & State Tax fraud;
* Double Jeopardy;
* Refusal to report child abuse;
* Intentional wrongful imprisonment;
* Intentional refusal of due process;
* Intentionally deny the right to free speech;
* Ethics violations;
* Intentional fraud;
* Collusion;
* Ignoring their obligation to be fair and impartial;
* Extortion;
* Racketeering;
* Blackmail;
* Contempt (Not following Judge McIntyre's orders for payments: personal or business, or joint land);
* Denial of Parental rights;
* Suppression of evidence;
* Abuse of power; and/or
* Wrongful eviction (From place of dwelling/living, left me homeless, with no income and no notice).

Please understand Mr. Stein that I was my daughter's soccer coach, school driver, hiking dad- I was and AM their father. I have no connection with them on any platform and have been blocked on every front (social, phone, mail, etc.). Every attempt of communication has gone unanswered. I have no idea where they are going to college, if they are going to college, what they are doing and absolutely no communication.  This is a direct result of the psychological child abuse perpetrated upon them by the abovementioned individuals.

It is one thing when you are fighting for your constitutional rights, protection of your children on a fair playing field. When you realize the game is rigged from the beginning and that malicious and sinister individuals are in charge. These Judges and lawyers not only disregard the rule of law but use constitutional rights, DOJ domestic violence and child abuse as weapons to wield at will.  Judge Harrison, Judge Hughes, Judge Eggers, and Tamera Divenere used the EXACT definition of domestic violence defined by the Department of Justice as a sinister and insidious weapon.

I have not had time with my daughters in over **4 years**.  They now have aged out and it is not looking hopeful anytime soon for a reunification.

The damage and loss caused by Judge Harrison, Judge Hughes, Judge Eggers, and Tamera Divenere is immeasurable. The pain, suffering, and torture are simply heartless. The kind of people that would do these types of abuse should be in jail, not on a judge’s bench or an attorney.

These actions were calculated, intentional and without remorse and they should be investigated immediately.

If at any moment these Judges or attorneys state that they did not know because they are not qualified to detect this abuse, then by the same answer they are guilty by committing these types of child abuse and domestic violence, because they had no right to take away my rights as a father or a US citizen.

Again, I ask that you review the materials herein and initiate criminal investigations into the abovementioned individuals as soon as possible. Should you need any additional information, please feel free to contact me directly at the phone number below.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Gottfried

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Enclosures

Attachments

**REFERENCE MATERIALS FOR YOUR REVIEW**

Definition of Domestic violence:

<https://www.justice.gov/ovw/domestic-violence>

**This is the EXACT definition of the DOJ's psychological abuse.**

**This is what exactly transpired and is the Exact definition.**

**Emotional Abuse:** Undermining an individual's sense of self-worth and/or self-esteem is abusive. This may include, but is not limited to constant criticism, diminishing one's abilities, name-calling, **or damaging one's relationship with his or her children.**

**Economic Abuse:** Is defined as making or attempting to make an individual financially dependent by maintaining total control over financial resources, **withholding one's access to money, or forbidding one's attendance**at school **or employment.**

**Psychological Abuse:** Elements of psychological abuse include  - but are not limited to - **causing fear by intimidation;** threatening physical harm to self, partner, children, or partner's family or friends; destruction of pets and property; and **forcing isolation from family, friends, or school and/or work.**

The Definition of Psychological Child Abuse from**the DSM-V V995.51**

**What transpired is the Exact definition.**

**The supreme court right to be a parent.**

[**https://mkg4583.wordpress.com/2010/07/28/constitutional-right-to-be-a-parent/**](https://mkg4583.wordpress.com/2010/07/28/constitutional-right-to-be-a-parent/)

14th amendment: All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the state wherein they reside. No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any state **deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law;** **nor** **deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws**.

List of the following professionals for determining psychological Child abuse:

[**Dr. Craig Childress**](http://t.sidekickopen68.com/e1t/c/5/f18dQhb0S7lC8dDMPbW2n0x6l2B9nMJW7t5XZs64JppRW1qg3Lj3N1zKFW2zq5cM56dyl7f9jz_Ks02?t=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.drcachildress.org%2F&si=5595345116725248&pi=c719e1e1-d7cd-4af3-924f-2c83ed4c3bcc)  
[Dr. Amy Bake](http://t.sidekickopen68.com/e1t/c/5/f18dQhb0S7lC8dDMPbW2n0x6l2B9nMJW7t5XZs64JppRW1qg3Lj3N1zKFW2zq5cM56dyl7f9jz_Ks02?t=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.amyjlbaker.com%2Findex.html&si=5595345116725248&pi=c719e1e1-d7cd-4af3-924f-2c83ed4c3bcc)r  
[Dr. Michael J. Bone](http://t.sidekickopen68.com/e1t/c/5/f18dQhb0S7lC8dDMPbW2n0x6l2B9nMJW7t5XZs64JppRW1qg3Lj3N1zKFW2zq5cM56dyl7f9jz_Ks02?t=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.jmichaelbone.com%2F&si=5595345116725248&pi=c719e1e1-d7cd-4af3-924f-2c83ed4c3bcc)  
[Dr. Richard Warshak](http://t.sidekickopen68.com/e1t/c/5/f18dQhb0S7lC8dDMPbW2n0x6l2B9nMJW7t5XZs64JppRW1qg3Lj3N1zKFW2zq5cM56dyl7f9jz_Ks02?t=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.warshak.com%2F&si=5595345116725248&pi=c719e1e1-d7cd-4af3-924f-2c83ed4c3bcc)  
[Dr. Bill Bernet](http://t.sidekickopen68.com/e1t/c/5/f18dQhb0S7lC8dDMPbW2n0x6l2B9nMJW7t5XZs64JppRW1qg3Lj3N1zKFW2zq5cM56dyl7f9jz_Ks02?t=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.parentalalienationeducation.com%2Fspeaker%2Fwilliam-bernet-bio%2F&si=5595345116725248&pi=c719e1e1-d7cd-4af3-924f-2c83ed4c3bcc)  
[Edward Kruk Ph.D.](http://t.sidekickopen68.com/e1t/c/5/f18dQhb0S7lC8dDMPbW2n0x6l2B9nMJW7t5XZs64JppRW1qg3Lj3N1zKFW2zq5cM56dyl7f9jz_Ks02?t=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.edwardkruk.com%2F&si=5595345116725248&pi=c719e1e1-d7cd-4af3-924f-2c83ed4c3bcc)  
[Dr. Sue Cornbluth](http://t.sidekickopen68.com/e1t/c/5/f18dQhb0S7lC8dDMPbW2n0x6l2B9nMJW7t5XZs64JppRW1qg3Lj3N1zKFW2zq5cM56dyl7f9jz_Ks02?t=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.drsueandyou.com%2F&si=5595345116725248&pi=c719e1e1-d7cd-4af3-924f-2c83ed4c3bcc)  
[Linda J. Gottlieb, LMFT, LCSW-R](http://t.sidekickopen68.com/e1t/c/5/f18dQhb0S7lC8dDMPbW2n0x6l2B9nMJW7t5XZs64JppRW1qg3Lj3N1zKFW2zq5cM56dyl7f9jz_Ks02?t=http%3A%2F%2Fendparentalalienation.weebly.com%2F&si=5595345116725248&pi=c719e1e1-d7cd-4af3-924f-2c83ed4c3bcc)  
[Dr. Jennifer Jill Harmon](http://t.sidekickopen68.com/e1t/c/5/f18dQhb0S7lC8dDMPbW2n0x6l2B9nMJW7t5XZs64JppRW1qg3Lj3N1zKFW2zq5cM56dyl7f9jz_Ks02?t=http%3A%2F%2Fpsywebserv.psych.colostate.edu%2Fpsylist%2Fdetail.asp%3FNum%3D47&si=5595345116725248&pi=c719e1e1-d7cd-4af3-924f-2c83ed4c3bcc)  
Dr. Mark Roseman  
[Dr Les Linet M.D.](http://t.sidekickopen68.com/e1t/c/5/f18dQhb0S7lC8dDMPbW2n0x6l2B9nMJW7t5XZs64JppRW1qg3Lj3N1zKFW2zq5cM56dyl7f9jz_Ks02?t=https%3A%2F%2Fleslinetmd.wordpress.com%2Ftag%2Fpsychological-abuse%2F&si=5595345116725248&pi=c719e1e1-d7cd-4af3-924f-2c83ed4c3bcc)  
Dr. Patricia Love  
[Dr. Mark Otis](http://t.sidekickopen68.com/e1t/c/5/f18dQhb0S7lC8dDMPbW2n0x6l2B9nMJW7t5XZs64JppRW1qg3Lj3N1zKFW2zq5cM56dyl7f9jz_Ks02?t=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.markrotis.com%2F&si=5595345116725248&pi=c719e1e1-d7cd-4af3-924f-2c83ed4c3bcc)

Detailed Explanation and a complete breakdown in psychological terms by/in:

**Dr. Craig Childress's Book: Foundations**

Symptoms of and direct actions involving this type of child abuse.

Dr. Richard Warshak's Book: Divorce Poison

**The APA's notification that psychological abuse as harmful as SEXUAL OR PHYSICAL abuse.**

[**http://www.apa.org/news/press/releases/2014/10/psychological-abuse.aspx**](http://www.apa.org/news/press/releases/2014/10/psychological-abuse.aspx)

Copies sent to media outlets.