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Re: Grohs v. Grohs

Dear Attorney Porzio:

I am in receipt of your letter dated October 1, 2012. I find it insulting. Your reference to "ex parte meetings" implies unethical behavior on my part. Your statement that I am the de facto representative of Mr. Grohs is narrow-minded and inflammatory. As I am sure you are aware, there is nothing to prevent the GAL from meeting with parties individually – it is done on a routine basis. If you can cite any authority indicating the contrary, I would be more than happy to review it.

In the meantime, as I have expressed to you, I feel it a dereliction of my responsibilities not to respond to parents. If your client has an issue with my contact with Mr. Grohs, the issue should be his contact with me, not my responding to him. I have invited your client to meet with me and she has been cautious in her response to that invitation, when in fact she chooses to respond. I can not control Mr. Grohs' contact with me just as I can not control Ms. Grohs' lack of contact with me. I can assure you that there has been no "inappropriate attempt to influence

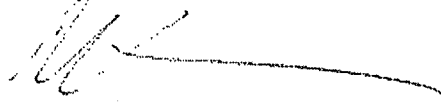
me" and I do not believe that Mr. Grohs is manipulating the DCF investigation. He has followed the Department's recommendations.

I am concerned, however, with Ms. Grohs' insistence on a CAIT Evaluation when the CAIT team director spoke with all counsel and outlined the reasons why an interview would be inappropriate. Little regard seems to be given for the effect this would have on Evie. You are careful in your letter not to identify the "psychologist who frequently testifies in child protection matters" while relying on his/her opinion in a case in which he/she is not involved and has limited information regarding the family and allegations. You are also careful not to state who you believe is "improperly influencing the DCF investigation." Against whom are you making this allegation?

As the Director explained to you, CAIT evaluations do not get referred. My understanding whether or not an investigation is to occur is at the sole discretion of DCF and no individual party can obtain a CAIT interview. I am comfortable with proceeding with therapy for the girls and continued counseling with Laura Erhardt for the parents.

With respect to my fees – there is a court order and I expect it to be followed.

Very truly yours,



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