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FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATION/CUSTODY EVALUATION

NAME OF CASE:	FRANCELIA SAKON v JOHN SAKON
COURT:	Judicial District of Hartford
DOCKET #:	FA-16-6071228-S
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I. REASON FOR REFERRAL

Ms. Francelia Sevin [Sakon] (hereinafter referred to as Mother) and Mr. John Sakon (hereinafter referred to as Father) were referred for a custody evaluation, which was started in June 2018. Specific referral questions were provided. During most of the custody evaluation, there was no Guardian ad Litem on this matter. This evaluation was temporarily suspended due to non-payment of an invoice, which extended the timeline and course of this evaluation. Eventually, payment was made on that invoice by Ms. Sevin. This evaluator once again requested a final, additional retainer to complete the evaluation in fall 2019. The parties were unable to again promptly make payment at that time. Rather than suspend the evaluation again, this evaluator has completed the evaluation but has informed both parties that payment for the evaluation invoice needs to be paid in advance of any additional professional services/time rendered in this matter, including testimony-related time and preparation.

II. SUMMARY OF CONTACTS

Interviews with Francelia Sakon: 6/5/18, 6/18/18, 7/13/18, 8/11/18, 7/23/19, 8/6/19, 11/12/19

Interviews with John Sakon: 6/1, 6/13, 6/22, 8/17, 9/28, 10/2, 7/2, 7/25, 8/8, 9/3, 11/11/19

Interviews with Odin Sakon 7/18/18, 5/24/19, 7/10/2019, 11/22/19

Home Visit and Parent-Child Interaction Visits with Father: 10/4/18, 5/24/19

Home Visit and Parent-Child Interaction Visits with Mother: 10/24/18, 7/10/19

Phone Interview with Robert Fogel 11/25/19

Phone Interview with Steven Humphrey, Ph.D. 11/25/19

Phone Interview with Christina Green 11/25/19

Individual Interview with Dennis O'Toole 4/30/19

Phone Interview with Laura Berent 11/26/19

Phone Interview with John J. Sakon 12/2/19

Phone Interview with Dr. Stuart Herlands 12/2/19

Phone Interview with Lisa Clow 12/2/19

Phone Interview with Dr. Swathantra Melekote, 11/29/19

Phone Interview with Dr. Miela Gruber 11/26/19

Phone with Sherry Osadachey 11/26/19

Phone with Dr. Damian Grasso 11/26/19

III. RECORDS REVIEWED

Misc. Our Family Wizard Messages

Arrest Warrant Applications for John Sakon, dated 10/22/18, 6/25/17, 5/3/17, 3/20/17

Written Statements/Summaries provided by John Sakon

Draft of Parenting Plan Agreement, submitted by John Sakon

Draft of Parenting Plan Calendar, submitted by John Sakon

Life Story of Francelia Sevin Sakon, authored by John Sakon

Discovery Index Materials, dated 8/31/18

Statement of Francelia Sakon, dated 8/23/16

Spreadsheet of False Arrests, authored and provided by John Sakon

Transcript, 9/26/17

Dissolution Judgment, 4/18

Court Order, dated 9/26/18

Court Order, dated 6/22/18

Orders of the Court, dated 6/22/18, 8/16/17

Affidavit of Abuse, Francelia Sakon, dated 8/25/16

Memorandum of Law, Rabb vs Sakon, 7/1/19

Complaint, Rabb vs Sakon, 6/16/18

Facebook messages authored by John Sakon, provided by Francelia Sevin

Notes /Observations of John Sakon, authored by Francelia Sakon

Victim Impact Statement, authored by Francelia Sevin

Misc. Observational Notes authored by Francelia Sakon

Bankruptcy Documents re: John Sakon, provided by Francelia Sakon

Caseflow Request by John Sakon, 6/19/18

Court Order, dated 4/5/19

Stipulation of the Parties, dated 2/6/18

Order of the Court, 2/6/18

Letter reportedly authored by John Sakon, 2/8/19, provided by Francelia Sevin

Misc. Medical Insurance Information, provided by John Sakon

Letter authored by Donald Rocklin, M.D., dated 7/30/19

Behavior Log re Odin, authored by Francelia Sevin

Motion for Order Pendente Lite, Cessation of Medical Treatment, 12/27/16

Motion for Contempt, 12/30/16

Misc. Poetry of John Sakon

Fax from John Sakon to Klingberg Center, 4-22-19

Visit Notes authored by Francelia Sevin, June to July

Warrant and Affidavit re John Sakon, dated 6/21/18

Page of Will of M. Teresa Sakonchick

Arrest Warrant Application of John Sakon, dated 10/22/18

Criminal Violation of Protective Order, dated 6/22/17

Town of Glastonbury vs John Sakon, 8/28/18

Correspondences between Counsel regarding Calls, 2/13/17

Correspondences between Counsel regarding Odin's Statements, 2/15/17

Correspondence between John Sakon and Margaret Bozek regarding Odin's Statements, dated 2/17/17

Ex Parte Application by John Sakon, 7/22/19

Letters written by Caryn Lerman, Mikell Knights, Veronica Brumley, Melissa Lewis,

Article about John Sakon, Journal Inquirer, 10/28/16

Klingburg Family Centers Visitation Reports

Court Transcript, dated 12/20/17 [Incomplete]

Article: Beyond the Two Parent Family...

Research citation: Children and Teens

Map of Clearwater Festival

Partial Transcript dated 1/19/2018

Partial Transcript, dated 6/21/18

Brief in Support of Defendant-Father's Application for Civil Protective Order and Civil Restraining Order and for Motion for Custody Pendente Lite, dated 8/12/19

Affidavit in Support of Application for Civil Protective Order, dated 8/16/2019

Reply Brief to Memorandum of Dennis O'Toole, dated 8/15/2019

Kidspace Report of Odin Sakon, 10/16/19

Hair Follicle Testing Results, for Francelia Sevin and John Sakon

Recordings of Odin (made by John Sakon)

School Nursing Records of Odin Sakon, Current

911 Recording

Voicemail Recordings provided by John Sakon

CVS and Walgreen Pharmacy Records for John Sakon 3/18-Present (Provided by John Sakon)

Civil Suit Court Docket List for John Sakon (Provided by John Sakon)

List of Cases provided by Francelia Sakon

Sticky Note authored by Odin Sakon, provided by Francelia Sakon

Birthday Note authored by Odin Sakon, responded to by John Sakon

Stress Scale filled out by Odin Sakon

Picture of Odin's Daily Checklist at Francelia Sevin's House

2014 and 2105 Tax Worksheets, provided by John Sakon

Email correspondences by the Parties to this Evaluator

IV. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The parties were married on November 27, 2010. They have one child, Odin Sakon, date of birth: 05/07/2011. Odin is 8 years old and in third grade. The parties separated in August 2016 after Father was arrested for domestic abuse related charges. There was a restraining order and protective order in place. Father was subsequently arrested multiple times for alleged violations of the restraining order and/or protective order. Father was eventually incarcerated due to an inability to make bond. Father went through a criminal trial for all these domestic-related charges. He was not convicted on any of the charges. Other charges were nollied. Odin primarily lives with Mother and her live-in partner, Dennis O'Toole. Father currently has parenting time with Odin three days/week for a couple hours each time. The current parenting plan is Tuesday and Thursday from after school to 5:30pm and Saturdays from 1:00-4:00pm. Father is seeking sole custody. Mother is seeking sole custody and she is seeking to relocate to Hudson Valley, NY.

V. THE MOTHER

Mother temporarily came to Connecticut in late 2009 to assist her parents who were in their final stages of their life. She had been living in Colorado for many years prior to that time. She had no intention to remain in and live in Connecticut. This was supposed to be a temporary stay. However, during this time period, she met Father in early spring 2010. She didn't have friends and resources yet in the area, so it was nice to have someone to go out with. He presented as very charming, financially well off, and as someone who wanted to help support her and care for her. He began to propose to her very quickly. Mother didn't feel that they had much in common. However, she then

discovered she was pregnant. She tearfully explained that she didn't really know Father, and yet here she was in this situation. She questioned whether Father intentionally got her pregnant. They had been using condoms, and he had been repeatedly asking her to marry him. After finding out she was pregnant, Mother agreed to marry Father despite the quick relationship. They were married in November 2010.

Mother reported that changes in Father were gradual, and she likened it to a lobster boiling in a pot. He wasn't around a lot, which also helped to make it gradual. She had been pregnant with twins, but one of the twins miscarried. She described the delivery process to be awful because of Father. He made it difficult and stressful, and made it all about him. She was tearful as she described the delivery process and the stress he caused around this.

Mother reported a lot of sexual pressure from Father and represented that Father had poor sexual boundaries. If she refused sex, he would give her the cold shoulder and silent treatment. This would occur even though they were having sex 1-2 times/week. Father would be irritable and hostile with her if she declined sex. He then began to try to wake her at 2am to have sex, which was again a boundary she had tried to set to him. She explained that he was relentless, pressuring and hostile. He could also get physical at times in his pressure, so she sometimes would just submit to him so that she didn't experience the subsequent emotional abuse connected to saying no.

Mother described multiple physical incidents with Father over time. They consisted of grabbing her, blocking her access, and at times physical assault and/or intimidation. She described the first physical assault. It was after dinner in early 2016. Father had bought a bottle of wine for dinner. She had been drinking 1-2 glasses of wine that night. Father became upset with Odin for touching his phone. He put Odin in a time out on the steps. Mother went to talk to Odin while he was in time out and she encouraged Odin to talk to Father about what happened. Mother acknowledged that she should not have done this. Father flew into a rage and accused her of undermining him. Mother retreated into Odin's room. Father barged into the room and was very angry. He stood over them in very close physical proximity and was very threatening, intimidating and angry. Odin began to cry. She put up her feet to his chest and pushed him back out of her physical

space. She was trying to get him to leave the room. He grabbed her and pulled her out into the hallway. He was yelling loudly at her. She thought about calling the police, but ultimately didn't.

Mother described the alleged second assault in August 2016 which resulted in her calling 911 and Father's first arrest. She had been staying in the guest room. Father went to the guest room and asked to be held. She described this as a nice strategy that eventually changed to him asking for sex. Mother declined his offer to go to the master bedroom to have sex. Father later returned to Mother and she offered a conversation only. He then became angry and began to argue with her. [Mother cried profusely as she recounted this story.] Mother explained that she really wondered at that point if he had early Alzheimer's, Asperger's, and/or Narcissistic Personality Disorder. She had printed some pages off the internet, and she tried to show it to him. She wanted him to understand her point of view. Mother believes that Father has significant deficits being able to see someone else's point of view. After this sharing of information, Father flew into a rage and threw her against the wall. She tried to put the door between them. He pinned her to the wall and raged at her. Odin could hear everything, although he didn't see this part. He then threw her on the bed. Mother believed that he was going to rape her. She also worried that he would kill her because of his deep rage. She was deeply afraid for herself and Odin. Father then began to calm down somewhat and he started telling her that she was incapable of taking care of herself and Odin. Mother was able to get Odin and return to the guest room where she locked the door. Odin hid under the bed. Father eventually took Odin from the room (after the door was possibly opened by Odin) who was still crying and brought him in the bedroom. Father was banging on the door. Mother didn't know what to do, but she decided to call the police. When the police arrived, Mother and Odin had been locked in the guest room. Mother couldn't see what was happening with Father, but she heard Father resisting requests, screaming, and screaming that he wanted Odin to see him get handcuffed.

Mother sought a Protective Order which was granted. Mother acknowledged that when she thought Father violated protective orders, she informed the police. However, she also noted that with the initial text communications, she did not go right away. She had

hoped that he would stop. She was advised to always go to the police each time. She brought up that he passed her a note in Court for her to marry him. He sent poetry to her attorney. He was arrested multiple times for violations of the Protective Order. He eventually was incarcerated for an inability to make bail. Mother didn't want Father to go to jail, but she did want Father to leave her and Odin alone. There were no alleged violations of the PO after Father was released from jail.

Mother also discussed the financial situation with Father both during the marriage and after the separation. Mother had previously never been in debt prior to being in Connecticut and meeting Father. However, after getting married to Father, he transferred and built up high debt under her name. Mother was unaware that there was any debt, and that he was using her credit for debt. She discovered this during couples therapy. Mother explained that most of these transactions were not approved by her, although she did approve one time, since he said it was temporary and that it would be repaid [it wasn't]. She ultimately has swallowed her financial losses and debts from the marriage (approx. \$40,000 - \$50,000) and just tried to move on with her life and restart. Since the separation, she has had to rely on state-related and charity resources for the first time in her life (e.g., food bank).

Post separation, Father has not paid child support in a regular consistent manner. He can go months to a year without making payment. She can't count on him financially and in general does not count on child support coming in. In addition, post separation, Mother and Odin continued to live in the marital home. However, Father then stopped paying rent and the bills which forced an eviction process. Mother and Odin left the residence. At that point, Father moved back in and caught up the rent so that he could continue to live there. He ultimately engaged in a lawsuit with these landlords.

Mother further reported that Father engaged in monitoring/stalking behaviors during the marriage. He had full access to all her information, and he even seemed to be able to access information of hers that she was not aware that he could do. Emails, for example, were supposed to be private. However, after she would send an email to someone, Father would then use a similar expression to what Mother had said in a sent email. He also had access to all her phone records. Mother noted that there was no

reciprocity in these boundaries, and only he had access to her information. She did not have access to his information. In addition, post separation, Mother was concerned about continued monitoring/stalking type behaviors. Initially, there were many violations of boundaries. However, she also became concerned that he knew where she lived. [He did know where she lives.]

One of the primary ways in which Mother felt abused was sexually. Father demanded sex on his terms, whenever he wanted. It didn't matter what time of night it was, how Mother felt, etc. He believed that she owed him sex whenever he desired it. If Mother said no, Father would then emotionally torture her for hours. He would follow her around, keep her awake, continue to ask, etc. Mother explained that ultimately she would give in hours later because she couldn't take the persistent conflict and drama associated with her saying no. At times, these incidents would get physical, including him grabbing her. If she tried to walk away, he would block her. They always involved conflict, yelling, etc. He would threaten her with divorce regularly. Mother described Father as unrelenting and as someone who typically wears people down. He did the same with her, and this would occur often sexually. She felt that he would make it seem like she was his sexual servant who owed him something. There was no reciprocity in their sexual relations. Father also would punish her the next day with the silent treatment or cold shoulder if she declined sex. There was always a price to be paid if she declined sex. Mother explained that Father generally woke her up 2-3 times/week, and that he would deprive her of needed sleep. Often the wake up was due to his desire for sex. Father's relentless requests for sex occurred even though they were having sex 1-2 times/per week.

Mother sees Father as someone who is harmful to others. He is also a boundary pusher. If you give him an inch, he continues to push for more. This makes it very difficult to work with him because that is the status quo of who Father is. He will take and ask for as much as he can get.

At the start of this evaluation, Mother was still worried about Father possibly hurting her or Odin. She believed he had the potential to kill her in a rage. She further believed that he might try to kidnap Odin or take Odin away. She also worried about him surveilling

her. This has lessened over time. She still believes that he can hurt her, but she can't articulate what her exact fear is. She does get shaky when he is nearby, and she doesn't feel safe. She also is afraid of how he uses litigation to retaliate against individuals and organizations. She knows he can be a bully and relentless. Mother is concerned about the damage that Father brings to everything and everyone he is connected to. Currently, Mother still struggles to attend events and games when Father is present. She has improved in this area, but she can still be triggered. Therefore, she always brings someone with her. This happened at a recent soccer game, which Mother tearfully described. When asked what she was fearful of, Mother explained that it wasn't a specific fear, it was a more generalized fear when it comes to Father.

Mother described Father's personality and the additional concerns she has about Father. Reportedly, Father always tried to conflict with her, and she considered it to be one sided arguing. She does not like to conflict, but Father appeared to enjoy conflict with her and everyone. Mother is concerned that Father is constantly involved in litigation with someone. Father reportedly has about 20 active lawsuits going on with individuals, and these were not all pertaining to his business. She perceives Father to be a high conflict, litigious individual who enjoys conflict. Even during the marriage, he loved to go to Court. She sees it as his need for control and conflict. Mother is concerned because Father's strategy is typically to just wear down the other side and to act like a bully. He just holds others hostage.

Mother is also concerned that Father doesn't read social cues well. Nonetheless, she believes he is a cunning strategist who is always planning and strategizing about how to get the upper hand. He also believes himself to be smarter and more special than just about everyone. He loves being pro se, which allows him to have many lawsuits going. He regularly threatens people with complaints and lawsuits. She further explained that Father never stops, not with anyone. He can be obsessive, and one of his obsessions had been Mother. This terrified her post separation since she knew what he was capable of.

Mother is worried about Father's mental instability. She has seen periods where this can worsen. Mother was worried about Father's instability and questioned whether he may

abuse prescription drugs given some of her observations during the marriage (drawers filled with prescriptions; he would fill scripts even when they were not needed). She also heard statements from friends regarding Father discussing prescription drugs with her friends. She has observed cognitive decompensation in Father, especially the last couple of years. Odin has been reporting that Father sleeps a lot during visits. She is also worried about Odin being exposed to Father's crazy making and gaslighting, based on Odin's reports to Mother. Odin will report that Father can get confused and that he makes mistakes a lot.

Mother worries that Father lives in exploiting technicalities and mistakes. People have called him a compulsive liar. He works and refines stories. He projects what he does on to others. He makes small issues or mistakes into large issues/errors. She described Father as always lying and as someone who is always in conflict with someone. He also enjoys being the victim in the story. He likes to present that he has been victimized. He doesn't like to be held accountable for what he does. Instead, he will just attack to try to get away with something. Mother explained that nothing Father does should be perceived as innocent. He is always strategizing and always willing to attack. Mother doesn't think that Father will ever change because he has no desire to change. She also sees him as someone who lacks remorse.

Mother has enormous difficulty in communicating with and co-parenting with Father. As an example, any activities that Father doesn't like and enjoy himself, he generally then denies to Odin. Father approves of and enjoys baseball and golf. Therefore, he wants Odin to participate in those activities. He then makes it difficult for Odin to participate in activities, such as soccer, which Odin really enjoys. Father also does not hesitate to bring others into drama and conflict. After not being permitted to coach Odin's Little League team last year, he asked to depose the Little League Commissioner. Mother knows that when Father accesses individuals or organizations, he creates drama and conflict. She worries about the collateral damage that this causes Odin. Mother feels that Father always wants to say no to her and to make things difficult. Alternatively, if she has a request, he will then try to negotiate his own request. There is always a tit for tat with Father.

Mother discussed her concerns about Father's parenting and his relationship with Odin. Mother believes that Father is not capable of truly loving Odin. She believes that Father sees him (and everyone) as objects to be used. She does not believe that he is capable of an authentic healthy love. She further backed this up by describing the distant, estranged and/or difficult relationships he has with all his family members including his adult children.

Father spanked Odin by Mother's report. On one occasion, she felt that Father hit Odin excessively hard. If Odin cried, Father would tell Odin to not cry. Father was unable to soothe or comfort Odin when he was upset. Sometimes Father read to Odin. Sometimes Father brought him out to golf. Sometimes Father was there for dinner. She worries that Father is continuing to emotionally abuse Odin and that he may be scaring him. She also worries that he manipulates him and his reality. She described Father as self-centered and insensitive to Odin's needs. "His [Father] whole world is in negatives, instead of solutions" Mother is worried that Odin is being told so much by Father that he now doesn't know what to believe.

At the start of this evaluation, Mother believed that Odin should have no contact with Father. She explained that Father is not capable of bonding with anyone, and Odin would therefore not have a healthy bond/relationship with Father. Nonetheless, she understood that this was similar to terminating parental rights, which she understood was likely not possible. Therefore, she thought that there should be very limited supervised access between Odin and Father. She also did not believe that Odin should have overnights with Father. Previously, when he did have overnights, there was enormous regression including increased anxiety, bedwetting, soiling, clinginess etc.

Mother expressed concern that Odin will return home from Father and Father will have told Odin about what had happened in Court. For example, Odin returned to her and told her that Mother had been telling Court about soiling accidents and Odin was upset by this. Father played a recording of a call to Odin. Father has shown Odin pictures. Father shares documents with Odin. Mother also believes that Father undermines her and tries to get Odin to align with him. Father told Odin he was arrested again after the camp transition. Father also appeared to be talking to Odin about Dennis and money,

since Odin inquired about this as well. Mother has many citations regarding these instances. Odin can get very confused, anxious, angry, and/or aggressive when he hears or sees this information. It generally will undermine Odin's feelings of safety within his relationship with Mother. On one occasion, Odin aimed a pretend gun at her and pretended to shoot her when he was struggling with who to believe.

Mother also feels that Father can be obsessive over certain medical issues and can believe that he or Odin has a medical issue. He then will give Odin medication and Mother worries that Father will give medication that Odin doesn't need. Yet, Odin is sensitive to dairy, and Father will continue to feed him dairy. Mother explained that Odin sometimes throws up after visits or will have stomach aches, but Mother doesn't know why. She has asked Father to stop feeding Odin products that contain cow's milk.

The symptoms that Mother still observes in Odin include excessive crying, anger, physical volatility, lack of physical boundaries, stomach aches and headaches, excessive fears (being alone in his bedroom), stool and urine accidents, and negative self-talk. At times, he can be very defiant or very distant. He also will make statements about killing himself when he is upset with himself. Mother focuses on trying to help Odin express his anger, by putting boundaries on aggression. She also focuses on safety. Mother is regularly blamed by Odin and she believes that this comes from Father. Odin can become dysregulated and he can be very focused on power and control. She is trying to maintain structure and routine in the home. She also limits technology and tries to ensure that Odin has a lot of physical activity and play in his day.

Mother would like to relocate. She had never intended to live in Connecticut. In addition, Mother and Father discussed relocating from Connecticut during the marriage. Neither of them wanted to remain in Connecticut. Initially, Mother had hoped to move back to Colorado. However, she now has decided that it makes more sense to relocate to Hudson Valley, NY due to her work and more social supports available to her and Odin in that area (her brother and his family, Odin's godfather-Michael).

Mother described her family history. She was born in 1967 in Bronx NY. Her parents were married, and she has one older brother. They grew up as lower middle class. She attended public school and Catholic school. She described her family as very Catholic.

There was a lot of financial stress when she grew up. Both her parents worked, and she described them as creative parents. They spent a lot of time together as a family doing outings and being outside. They hiked together regularly. Mother explained that her father likely had Bipolar Disorder. He eventually went on medication and went to therapy, but Mother described growing up with him as a difficult experience. He raged regularly and it was unpredictable. Her brother was described as “troubled”. He was gifted intellectually but troubled emotionally. Alcohol and addiction are present in her family. Her father abused alcohol early on. Her brother eventually attended a private high school to attend to his needs. Her brother’s needs took up a lot of time in their family. Therefore, Mother spent a lot of time with her friends.

She was exposed to a lot of drugs and alcohol during her adolescent years. Many of her friends went down a path of addiction. One of her good friends ended up dying, while another ended up incarcerated. Her neighborhood was described as unsafe, especially after cocaine ended up coming into the neighborhood. Although Mother drank and used drugs occasionally during this time period, she explained that she doesn’t have an addictive personality.

Mother attended Hunters College. She obtained a Bachelor’s Degree in Journalism and Women’s Studies. Mother is a freelance writer and editor. Mother has primarily been involved in editing for professional work. She denied a significant medical history. She had had previous therapy as a child and teenager. She has been attending weekly therapy with Sherry Osadchey since 2014. She previously attended couples therapy, and estimated about five sessions with Father. Mother indicated that the couples therapist was “okay”, but that he didn’t fully understand domestic violence. She recalled telling him about coercive sexual behaviors by John. The couples therapist allegedly said that Father was narcissistic. He tried to set up ground rules about sex.

Mother denied any significant mental health issues. She further denied being alcoholic, although she acknowledged that during the marriage, her alcohol intake increased when the marriage was decompensating. Nonetheless, Mother explained that this still was one-two glasses in a sitting. She currently only drinks socially when Odin is not around.

This may occur every few weeks and is generally one glass of wine. She denied any medications or hospitalizations.

Mother's substance use history was significant for early use of alcohol and drugs. She tried alcohol and drugs from ages 11 onward, although she reported that she did not use a lot. She preferred alcohol and marijuana as she got older. She describes her current use as social. A glass of wine with dinner would have been typical for her, but now she only drinks if she is out with Dennis and Odin is not with them. She reported that during the marriage, there were times when she would get tipsy and feel the effects of alcohol. This could happen if she had two glasses of wine. Her heaviest use of alcohol was described as high school. Her heaviest use of marijuana was described as college. She described being intoxicated once during the marriage. She reported feeling the effects of alcohol (aka a buzz) at most, once/month. She reported that she hasn't smoked marijuana in years. She can go weeks to months without having a glass of alcohol now. She denied any DUIs. She denied that anyone other than Father has ever reported concern about her drinking. Nonetheless, Mother reported that she understood that she has a high risk for addiction because of her family history. She tries to be mindful of any numbing activities that people can get hooked on such as tv, media, alcohol, drugs, pills etc. She tries to live a lifestyle that is consistent with this.

Mother has been in a long-term relationship with Dennis O'Toole. They met at a meditation group. They initially were just friends. Over time the relationship deepened and it became romantic. Mother denied a premarital affair. Mr. O'Toole has been residing with Mother and Odin since January 2019. Currently, the plan is for Mr. O'Toole to relocate with them if they are permitted to relocate.

Psychological Testing

Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory-2 (MMPI-2)

The MMPI-2 is the most widely used personality test in the United States and around the world. It is a self-report questionnaire that utilizes a large research base generated from a diverse clinical population to assess personality and psychopathology.

It contains several validity scales and generates a personality profile based on ten clinical domains. An individual's response pattern is calculated and compared to a large base of actuarial and normative data. This MMPI-2 was administered and scored with the assistance of Pearson Assessment Scoring Services, Reports for Forensic Settings.

On the MMPI-2, Mother did not present with a high level of defensiveness. She did not present with any scale elevations.

Millon Clinical Multiaxial Inventory-III (MCMI-III)

The MCMI-III is an objective, self-report personality assessment instrument. Many clinicians use the test because of its brevity, theoretical basing, structural characteristics, and three stage validation framework. It is also closely aligned with the DSM-IV classification system. It provides a clear and accurate measure for diagnosing or evaluating personality disorders and pathological syndromes. The inventory contains 24 clinical scales which are arranged into four distinct groups: Clinical Personality Patterns, Severe Personality Pathology, Clinical Syndromes, and Severe Clinical Syndromes. There is also one validity index and three Modifying indices to detect response biases.

On the MCMI-III, Mother did not present with a high level of defensiveness. She did not present with any scale elevations.

Substance Abuse Subtle Screening Inventory-3 (SASSI-3)

The SASSI-3 is a brief and easily administered psychological screening measure that helps identify individuals who have a high probability of having a substance dependence disorder. It is designed to identify people with substance dependence regardless of the current course of the disorder. Thus, even individuals in remission, are likely to test positive on the SASSI-3. The SASSI-3 contains subtle items that seem unrelated to substance abuse, which then enables the SASSI-3 to recognize individuals with alcohol and other drug problems, even if they do not acknowledge substance misuse or associated symptoms. The SASSI-3 identifies substance abuse risk at a 92% probability, but it does not identify a substance use disorder.

When evaluating for *lifetime* use of alcohol or drugs, Mother's scores on the SASSI indicated a high risk of substance abuse or dependence. Her score elevated because of her earlier use of alcohol and drugs as a teen and young adult. When screened for substance use within the *last year*, Mother did not present with elevated risk for substance abuse or dependence.

Child Abuse Potential Inventory (CAPI)

The CAPI is a screening instrument that is used to identify individuals who are at risk for physical child abuse. Mother's scores on the CAPI did not indicate elevated risk for child physical abuse.

VI. THE FATHER

Father believes that Odin should live with him full time and that he should have sole legal custody. Father seemed unclear about what legal custody would allow him to do. For example, he questioned whether his having legal custody would allow him to stop Mother from staying in a hotel room with Odin and her live-in boyfriend or being able to have Mother's boyfriend sleep at her residence.

Father raised a variety of concerns against Mother. Many of these were very vague intimations, while others were more direct. Often, they were based in 'stories' that Father presented in order to demonstrate concerns about Mother. As examples, he made multiple allegations against Mother abusing alcohol and/or drugs. He also believes that Mother is emotionally frail and unable to take care of herself and Odin. He presented that she may have had a mental health breakdown at one point. He described her as incompetent in her day to day life. He raised concerns about her ability to financially support Odin. He tried to present that there was inappropriate sexual activity going on in the home and that Odin may be being exposed to nudity and/or sexual behaviors. At times, Father likened Mother to a paid prostitute who gets money from whatever lover she has. He accused Mother of alienating him from Odin. He accused Mother of falsely making criminal accusations against him. He also accused her of criminal activities such as tampering with/deleting legal records, evidence, etc. He

spoke about Mother possibly attending nudist springs and previously engaging in activities associated with being a witch. He also accused Mother of an abortion, and stated that he believed the miscarriage of Odin's twin was actually a failed abortion.

Father regularly discussed a variety of conspiracies that he believed were ongoing. These included the Glastonbury police, the court system, lawyers, etc. He believed that mistakes or loopholes should be capitalized on and used against others. He often believed that any actions or non-actions by individuals and organizations were intentional and malicious, and again often referred to a variety of conspiracy theories. Father believes he has been unfairly persecuted by many individuals and groups.

Father believes that Mother intentionally thwarts his access with Odin. If he is late to a visit or if there is a mix up, Mother (or her designee) will just leave the transition point, rather than contact him. He finds it hard to make up missed visit. He described Mother as inflexible and unreasonable in working with him around access and co-parenting issues. Mother is slow to respond to his communications. He would like more prompt, immediate access with him when it is needed in urgent moments.

Father reported that Mother will "blow off" visitations and that she makes it difficult to reschedule missed visits. He believes that Mother is not bringing Odin to soccer because the Court recently stated that both parents could attend public events. When this evaluator asked why this had to be stated (since they previously both attended Odin's sporting activities), Father reiterated that Mother is trying to block Odin from seeing Father at these soccer activities. Father also complained that Mother doesn't keep him properly apprised of Odin's sporting events. When asked why he didn't get himself signed up to be on the parent list for Odin, Father responded that the soccer organization didn't want to be in the middle, and that Mother informed the coaches that she has custody and that Father cannot get any communications. He acknowledged however, that he didn't make the request to get added to the communication list.

Father expressed frustration that Mother generally does not respond to his OFW messages or is slow to respond to his messages. He believes that she is being passive aggressive when she does this. Father also would like to have text/phone access to Mother when there are time sensitive issues pertaining to drop off/pick up for example.

Father reviewed all of the criminal allegations against him. He denied all of the alleged violations. He explained that Mother exaggerated the claims so that he would be arrested. He considers the alleged PO/RO violations to be benign (e.g., sending someone hearts). Father was eventually found not guilty of the domestic-related charges, and/or charges were nollied. Father believes he was vindicated by this and now would like to pursue a grievance/suit regarding false arrests. Father was arrested one time prior to the domestic charges. Again, this was during his relationship with Mother. It was for breach of peace due to conflict with another man who was acting as a jester at a carnival. He paid the fine and the charge was dropped.

Father acknowledged additional police incidents in his past. He noted that the police went to his first marital home post-separation, after Father tried to bring balloons and flowers to his daughter for her birthday. Father blamed his ex-wife for this police-related incident. He reported that his ex grabbed a bat. He further accuses his ex-wife of having long standing dementia/cognitive difficulties.

Father claimed that he and his ex-wife, after 27 years of marriage, had an amicable divorce and they negotiated an agreement through a mediator. Nonetheless, he now states that his ex-wife has many hard feelings towards him and would not be a valid, reliable reporter. There was an arrest involved with potential larceny with his ex-wife and there was a lawsuit. This was reportedly settled.

Father also had larceny charges because of business interactions with his brother. Father has also filed his own grievance against his brother. This is still ongoing.

Father was arrested in fall 2018 for making a false report to the police after a biking accident. Father believed that these were false charges levied as a part of a conspiracy by/with the Glastonbury Police. Father reported that these charges have been dismissed.

Father does not agree to a relocation even though he acknowledged that he doesn't want to remain in Connecticut, and that he had been wanting to leave Connecticut for years as well. His desire is to relocate to the Carolinas. He also would consider Tennessee. He is now retiring, although he hopes and expects to still engage in real

estate business wherever he moves to. He does not approve of New York or Colorado as a place for Odin to move to, which were two of the destinations that Mother is considering.

Father referenced many concerns about Mr. O'Toole as the evaluation went on, although there were also times when Father would describe Mr. O'Toole as reasonable, etc. Father persistently raised concerns about Mr. O'Toole sleeping with Mother when Odin was around. Recently, Father even asked for a protective order barring these sleep and/or sex-related activities in Mother's home.

Father discussed two physical altercations that occurred in the final year of his marriage to Mother. In the first altercation, Father alleged that Mother was drunk when he returned home. Odin allegedly slapped Mother so Father put him a time out. Mother then interceded and went to talk to Odin. Father was supposed to put Odin to bed, but Mother had taken him upstairs. When he arrived, Mother and Odin were sitting on a sofa. Odin wanted to be picked up by Father. Mother then lifted her feet and kicked him on the chest. He denied that he was angry or aggressive in any manner. She also began to hit his face. He then grabbed her arms to make it stop. He went to the master bedroom and locked the door. They reportedly discussed this at couples therapy the next day. Father had bruises on his chest. There is a photo of these bruises.

In the second incident, Father alleged that Mother had been drinking a lot over the weeks. She was reportedly under the influence again that date. He had told her the day before that they should get divorced and he reportedly raised a custody-related discussion. The following day, Father believes he was set up by Mother. He got up during the evening and saw her light was on in the guest bedroom. He tried to interact with her and asked if they could connect and be physically affectionate. He denied pressuring her for sex. Mother then showed him a document about Asperger's Disorder, which she claimed he suffered from. Father got upset about this and ripped up the paper. He went to exit the room. Mother pursued him and slammed the door on his head. She started to hit him. He tried to restrain her. Odin heard them arguing. Father went to tend to him, but Mother ran there first and grabbed him. Mother and Odin were then in the guest room, which was locked. Odin eventually unlocked the door and went

to Father. Father began to leave with Odin, but Mother again pursued him. She was hitting Father while she was talking to the police. Mother grabbed Odin. Father believes that Mother was drunk because she was acting in an uncharacteristic way. Mother's call to 911 resulted in an arrest.

Father acknowledged that he has spoken to Odin about Court, and that Odin can present as fearful. Father has tried to reassure Odin that he will see his mother even if Mother relocates, or if Father gets custody. Odin was also informed by Father that Mother wants to sever all ties between Father and Odin. Odin and Father have discussed the parenting plan, yet Father presented that Odin was the one who desired this discussion. Odin reportedly expressed that he wanted to be with Father on school days during the week. Father also has a recording of Odin expressing his thoughts about a 3 days on/off schedule. Father acknowledged showing Odin documents such as the court ordered parenting plan. When Odin has said he can't participate in Little League, Father showed him the document to show that he can participate in baseball. Father also reviewed every single one of his arrests with Odin. Father explained that he will always tell Odin the truth and would not communicate half truths to him. Father believes that Odin should know the truth about the arrests and what Mother did. He made it clear to Odin that it was Mother who had filed these criminal complaints against him.

Father acknowledged that when there is a missed visit, he contacts the police for a wellness check. Father has raised recent concerns about possible child abduction because Mother had her passport returned. He specifically cited Mexico as a concern because Mother spent a lot of time in Mexico.

Father was previously married for 27 years. They divorced when his children were adults. Father currently has no relationship with his adult daughter, Tracy. He claims it is because of the divorce with his ex-wife. He described a distant, estranged relationship with JJ, his son. He reported that they haven't seen each other in a couple years and they only occasionally speak by phone. Nonetheless, Father described a lot of pride towards JJ's accomplishments.

Father is the fourth of five children. He described his own father as a “dominant” 50s father. He denied that his father was ever physically abusive towards his mother. He acknowledged some emotional abuse (his father calling his mother stupid, but he tried to justify this by claiming this was a traditional family where these types of behaviors occurred). He did also later acknowledge that his father mistreated his mother. He further acknowledged that his father got his way all the time (although he said his mother could weigh in on large matters). Father describes his father as very difficult and that this mother had to put up with his father. He further said that his father’s discipline was very harsh and he was a WWII parent. He described him as a rogue, while his mother was described as a saint. He further stated that his father was a “con artist” and as a “man’s man.” His father was described as a cantankerous man who was often in and out of small claims court. His father would rant and rave. His father threatened to break his leg once. He used corporal punishment, and Father admitted being afraid of his father. He said his father could be “brutal”, but Father loved him and respected him. However, he was careful to not state that his father was abusive.

Father reported that he was working 30 hours/week at the age of 12 (in another interview he reported up to 70 hours). He reported a very difficult childhood. He was the fourth child of four boys. He explained, “You are forgotten,” “You get nothing.” He described himself as the “lost child”, although he would not describe himself as neglected. He described his family as being from two heavy drinking cultures, and that his family members had a high tolerance for alcohol. Father tearfully explained that his father didn’t know how to express love, although he clearly loved his children. Father’s father berated him often, but he now believes that his father was his best teacher. Father also noted that his sister was his mother’s favorite, and he lost a lot of parental attention when she was born. He described a lot of role reversal in his relationship with his father (e.g., Father had to take care of his father). As Father’s father aged, he reportedly became “crazy” and his mother left the marriage because she couldn’t handle it anymore. Father stated, “The Sakonchiks get cantankerous as they get older.” His family history is positive for addiction/substance abuse.

Father reported that he was in special education as a child. He learned differently. He succeeded in sports. Father attended public schools. He initially attended UCONN and then went on to attend Wharton. He reportedly earned an undergraduate degree in Political Science, Organization Management, and Finance. He then went into real estate, where he has reportedly made millions of dollars.

Father discussed his financial/business status in a confusing, often contradictory manner. Father presented himself as a millionaire or as a wealthy individual who could provide Odin and Mother with significant financial stability. Yet, at other times, Father presented as someone who had very little in his bank account. It was very difficult to ascertain what was real/not real regarding Father's business and financial status. Father tried to present these 'hard times' as being typical or understandable as a real estate owner. Other times he blamed Mother for the status of his business. Father has recently filed for bankruptcy.

Father's medical history is significant for multiple medical issues. These include knee injuries, a previous angioplasty, head injuries, neck injuries, etc. He is on a variety of heart-related medications. He also has been on a long-term script for a low dose of Xanax. He denied any prior mental health treatment before individual and couples therapy with Robert Fogel. Father acknowledged sleep-related issues. He often goes to bed quite late. There have been times when he has stayed up all night. He describes himself as being more productive in the evenings than in the mornings.

Father described himself as a spiritual person, and he even discussed his desire to build and live in an intentional community. This evaluator questioned the discrepancy between Father's goals and how he currently lives his life, where he is in regular conflict and combat against others.

Father discussed his parenting of Odin. He parents with a lot of consistency and routine. He also tries to teach Odin responsibility. When Father and Odin were having overnight parenting time, Odin slept with Father in his bed in the master bedroom. Father explained this was because Odin was afraid to sleep on his own. Father also described how Odin wanted to buy a \$1 car at the Dollar Store so he told Odin that he could work for the money. He had Odin sweep off all the acorns off the back deck for \$1. Father

gave Odin a phone to bring to his mother's residence as a way to remain in communication. But Mother did not accept this and turned it in to the library (the transition location), lost and found. Mother still has not presented a phone plan for Father to have access to Odin.

Father also expressed upset that Mother signed up Odin for a therapist after Odin stopped working with Dr. Grasso. Father was very concerned that Odin was receiving therapy in a center that was focused on trauma and domestic abuse. Father asserted that he was cleared of all the criminal allegations, and therefore there was no domestic abuse. He called Klingburg Center to let them know that he did not consent to this treatment.

Father reported that he recently started dating, but that he was also tentative about dating because men can be accused of various crimes against women. Father repeatedly raised how he and his ex-wife had an amicable and cooperative marriage. He further indicated that they co-parented together and that there were no issues with the children. This evaluator asked to speak to Father's ex-wife, but Father declined the request. He explained that she was angry and may misreport. This evaluator also asked about the ages of the children when they separated. The children were already adults. Father permitted this evaluator to speak with his son. He declined my access to his ex-wife and his daughter.

Father believes that if he died, Odin should be adopted by another parent or family and not be raised by Mother. He believed that adoptive parents would provide better care for Odin.

Psychological Testing

Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory-2 (MMPI-2)

The MMPI-2 is the most widely used personality test in the United States and around the world. It is a self-report questionnaire that utilizes a large research base generated from a diverse clinical population to assess personality and psychopathology. It contains several validity scales and generates a personality profile based on ten

clinical domains. An individual's response pattern is calculated and compared to a large base of actuarial and normative data. This MMPI-2 was administered and scored with the assistance of Pearson Assessment Scoring Services, Reports for Forensic Settings.

On the MMPI-2, Father did not present with a high level of defensiveness, compared to child custody litigants. He did not present with any scale elevations.

Millon Clinical Multiaxial Inventory-III (MCMI-III)

The MCMI-III is an objective, self-report personality assessment instrument. Many clinicians use the test because of its brevity, theoretical basing, structural characteristics, and three stage validation framework. It is also closely aligned with the DSM-IV classification system. It provides a clear and accurate measure for diagnosing or evaluating personality disorders and pathological syndromes. The inventory contains 24 clinical scales which are arranged into four distinct groups: Clinical Personality Patterns, Severe Personality Pathology, Clinical Syndromes, and Severe Clinical Syndromes. There is also one validity index and three Modifying indices to detect response biases.

On the MCMI-III, Father's level of defensiveness was typical of custody litigants. His test profile indicated one significant elevation on the Narcissistic Scale, where he scored over 3 standard deviations above the mean, thereby placing his score higher than 99.9% of individuals tested. This was an exceptionally high score, and not one that is typically observed in psychological evaluations or custody evaluations.

Substance Abuse Subtle Screening Inventory-4 (SASSI-4)

The SASSI-4 is a brief and easily administered psychological screening measure that helps identify individuals who have a high probability of having a substance dependence disorder. It is designed to identify people with substance dependence regardless of the current course of the disorder. Thus, even individuals in remission, are likely to test positive on the SASSI-4. The SASSI-4 contains subtle items that seem unrelated to substance abuse, which then enables the SASSI-4 to recognize individuals with alcohol and other drug problems, even if they do not acknowledge substance

misuse or associated symptoms. The SASSI-4 identifies substance dependence with an accuracy of 93-94%.

Father's scores on the SASSI did not indicate heightened risk for substance abuse or dependence.

Child Abuse Potential Inventory (CAPI)

The CAPI is a screening instrument that is used to identify individuals who are at risk for physical child abuse. Father's scores on the CAPI did not indicate elevated risk for child physical abuse.

VII. THE CHILD

Odin easily discussed activities and schedule at Mother's house. He spoke about games and activities that they did together including building Lego towns. Mother and Mr. O'Toole both participated in building Legos with him. His mother tries to teach him about nature and outdoor activities. His father tries to teach him about electronics. Odin enjoys his mother's neighborhood and he has friends in the neighborhood.

Odin's schedule at his mother's house consisted of routine and structure. He wakes up around 7am, and it is his mother who typically wakes him. He sometimes reads in the morning. He gets ready for school. Mr. O'Toole will help him make his bed. He has breakfast after he gets dressed. He sometimes takes the bus, and he sometimes gets driven in by Mother. He does aftercare on many days, which he really enjoys because it is socialization and playing with friends. He gets picked up at 5pm from aftercare. After he returns home, he typically plays with a friend in the neighborhood or will play with his toys. They then eat dinner together in the dining area. They spend time together as a family doing something or watching a show. The bedtime routine includes brushing teeth, flossing and getting ready for bed. His mother reads to him and tucks him in. Sometimes he reads independently. Odin described similar morning and evening routines on the weekend. They typically go out and do something fun and will engage in some type of activity.

Odin described his time at his father's house. He plays on his phone in the car ride after pick up. They might go to the grocery store to pick up food for dinner. He watches tv while his father makes dinner. They previously listened to audio books, but they no longer do this. Odin explained that they typically stay home during parenting time. They don't typically go out and do anything. He described being on electronics and media during most of his time with Father, while his father engages in a separate activity (e.g., in his home office). Odin also described how his parents have different rules. For example, his mother doesn't support gun and play guns in the house, while his father does. Mother limits exposure to electronics/media, while Father does not.

Odin enjoys playing baseball, soccer, and golf. He generally liked the camps and activities that he was signed up for. Odin expressed upset that he generally doesn't take vacations. He believes it is because he has visits with his father during the week. He would like to go on vacations.

Odin drew a picture of his family doing something. The picture consisted of Mother, Mr. O'Toole, and Odin at a water park. He then spontaneously asked if he should draw a picture with his father in it. This evaluator responded that he could do whatever he wanted. He decided that he didn't want to draw a picture with Father in it. His favorite thing to do with Mother is snuggle. He did not have a least favorite thing to do with Mother, but then came up with when Mother kisses him. His favorite thing to do with Father is to watch something together. He didn't have a least favorite thing to do. When asked what he would change about himself if he had a magic wand, Odin responded that he would stop saying: "I hate myself."

Odin recounted some of the past conflict incidents between Mother and Father during the marriage. He reported that his parents would yell in the home. The police came once and Father sat on the front steps. Odin explained that his parents had gotten into a really big fight "about me." Odin went into his mother's room and under her bed during one fight. He further explained that Father was chasing after Mother and was yelling at Mother to give Odin to him. Odin explained that Father had grabbed him and tried to run with him. Odin remembered that Mother then came to his "rescue" and grabbed him. She went into a room and locked the door. He watched other similar conflicts between

Mother and Father, but this was the first one he saw that included Father chasing Mother. In the other conflicts, Father would be regularly yelling at Mother. When asked what the yelling would be about, Odin explained that a lot of it was about food, which Odin considered a “stupid” thing to fight about. Mother would yell too. He recalled one conflict when Father and Mother were talking about a separation and Father said he would take Odin. Odin was scared when Father threatened this.

When asked about whether his parents communicate negative information about the other parent, Odin reported that his father did it a lot and that he did it a lot more than his mother. He explained that his mother doesn't really communicate anything negative about Father. Odin tries to not listen to Father when he makes these negative comments about Mother. He also said that he will try to not remember what his father says about his mother. He explained that it upset him and this is why he tries to forget the comments. The negative comments tend to be about Mother and Mr. O'Toole. Odin believes that Father and Mr. O'Toole are not getting along well, but then he clarified that Mr. O'Toole gets along well with Father but Father doesn't get along well with Mr. O'Toole. Father has told Odin that he doesn't believe that Mr. O'Toole should be at the house. This evaluator asked Odin what he thought, and he responded that he did think that Mr. O'Toole should be at the house and that he liked it. When asked how Mother and Mr. O'Toole get along, Odin reported that they can have arguments at times. When this happens, Mother will ask for a time out and then they talk later. When asked about nudity at the house, Odin reported that no one walks around naked and that he never sees anyone naked. This includes Mr. O'Toole, Mother, and Odin. He also expressed that he wouldn't want to see anyone naked. When asked if he would like to spend more time with Father, Odin responded that he would and that he would like to have overnights. When asked what he would do there if there were overnights, Odin responded that he believed that they would have a lot of fun, but then spontaneously added “unless he gets mad at me.” When asked how he knows when dad is mad, Odin responded that Father yells really loud. He further reported that there is generally a lot of yelling. When asked how long the yelling would last, Odin said it was similar to the length of a tv show. When asked what Father might yell about, Odin explained that Father might say that Odin is lying. When Father yells like this, Odin hides in the house.

Odin reported that Father may consequence him about something, but that Father never remembers the consequence so it never matters, As an example, he might take away electronics but Odin always keeps it anyway. When asked why he hides when Father yells, Odin expressed, "I'm afraid of him." He also indicated that he always cries when his father yells. When asked what he was specifically afraid of, Odin responded that he was worried that his father would get physically aggressive with him.

When asked about anger and aggression in Mother's house, Odin responded that they both will threaten each other. Odin explained that he will threaten Mother with physical aggression including saying to her that he will knock her out. Mother will threaten him with a consequence which is typically taking away something. When asked if his mother could get physical, he said that she did not. She can yell too, but it is not scary to him. She also will swear on occasion. When asked what is different between Mother or Father yelling, Odin clarified that Father's yelling is much worse and that Odin will feel very afraid.

When asked about past and current spanking or physical discipline, Odin reported that his father spanked him a lot in the past. He denied that his mother ever spanked him. Odin denied any current spanking.

Odin recalled his parents' conflicts during the marriage. Odin would try to get physically in the middle of fights between Mother and Father. He wanted to "blow a whistle" to make them stop. He even explained that he searched for an actual whistle to try to make this happen. His parents reportedly fought a lot.

This evaluator tried to speak with Odin about his birthday party scheduling 2019. Odin explained that it fell on his father's parenting day and there was an issue. His father ultimately allowed the party to go forward and there was supposed to be a make up day.

Odin discussed upcoming Thanksgiving 2019. He reported that he wanted to be able to go to New York and see his cousins. However, there is a visit with Father on that date and so he may not be able to go. His mother has coordinated plans in CT, even if they stay in state. Odin said he talked to Father about his wishes for Thanksgiving, but Father told him it is his parenting day. Father also told him that he is trying to negotiate

with Mother for a trade, in that if he allows Odin to watch the Patriots games with Father, then he will give up Thanksgiving. Odin likes watching the football games with Father, but Odin expressed that he didn't want to go to Father's on both Saturday and Sunday. He would prefer a switch so he can still have time with Mother on one of the weekend days. Odin also discussed his current views on the schedule. He explained that he would prefer to do one overnight from Wednesday to Thursday so that he could bring his phone on the bus to school. He doesn't like riding the bus, and Father will allow him to take the phone. He would move Saturday parenting time to Sunday and keep it the same hours. He would not have a visit on Tuesday if he was able to map out his own schedule. He likes Sunday visits because they are football days.

Mother-Child Office Observation

Mother allowed Odin to lead in the play. She asked questions that encouraged communication. When limits needed to be set, she would offer them. She also tried to use her calm energy to help Odin emotionally regulate when he was escalated/high energy.

Mother-Child Home Visit

When this evaluator arrived, Odin was scooting outside. We then went in. Mother made mint tea for him. Odin and Mother worked on a puzzle together and talked. Mother checked Odin's homework folder and they talked about school. Odin went to the piano and played for a bit. Mother sat on the floor with Owen. There was a lot of positive affect, joking around, good eye contact, smiling, etc. Odin also read and Mother commended him for his reading.

Odin wanted a snack, but Mother explained dinner would soon be ready. She offered a small snack in negotiation since he wanted a large unhealthy snack. They ate dinner together. Odin tried to scare his mother when she left the room. During dinner there was a back and forth conversation about Odin's day, school, future plans etc. At times, Odin

tried to get aggressive and controlling with Mother. He could also bring up aggressive themes such as cutting someone and blood shed connected to this. A little later his stomach hurt. Mother encouraged him to use a bathroom and she then wrapped him up in a blanket and snuggled with him on the sofa. She also offered a warm water bottle for his stomach.

Father-Child Office Observation

The moment Odin saw Father, he asked for his phone to use. Father said no. Odin began to bounce a ball, but Father explained that the bouncing ball was annoying him and that he needed to put it down. Father then discussed that he didn't want to file taxes with Odin. Father redirected Odin away from any play that Odin wanted to do, and instead he encouraged Odin to sit with him and talk to him. Father opened up a discussion about birthday presents. As they talked, Odin snuggled up to Father. When they discussed guns, Father explained that he supports Mother's rules on guns and agrees with her. They talked about computers. Father expressed a limit on a topic that was approaching adult information. When they discussed camps, Father expressed that it would be hard to get Odin into golf camp [because of Mother, although he didn't make specific reference to Mother, that was the intent]. Father and Odin continued to talk. Father used opportunities to teach Odin about various topics or to instill a moral lesson.

Father-Child Home Visit

The transition occurred at school. Odin jumped onto Father and gave him a big hug. Father took Odin to the playground. Father sat on the bench while Odin played. Father gave a five minute warning when it was time to leave. Father spoke about Francelia and asked questions to Odin about Mother dropping him off at school or him taking the bus. He also asked Odin about aftercare. Father offered his hand to Odin to cross the street. They then went to the grocery store. Odin pushed the cart while Father walked around. Odin wanted a donut. Father said no, but then chose a muffin that Father liked and they

shared it. They began to eat the muffin while they walked around. Father and Odin then ate deli meat together. Throughout the store, Father and Odin were often separated by quite a distance and Father did not have a visual on Odin. During the car ride, Father spoke to this evaluator instead of Odin. He brought up real estate. Odin played on his phone.

When we arrived at the house, this evaluator was shown around. Father said in front of Odin that Odin hasn't stayed with Father overnight since Mother had him arrested for the \$100 bill. Father explained that he gave Odin that \$100 bill at this house. Odin fully heard this. Soon after, they did an audio book chapter together at Father's instruction.

Throughout the home visit, Father and Odin did not engage in any meaningful communication or interaction. They functioned in parallel with very little talk and engagement. Odin played on his phone. Father tried to set a limit on the time, but he then didn't maintain the limit. Father served pot roast dinner. Father then talked about there not being enough time and that Odin can feel pressured. Again, comments were made in front of Odin. At times, Odin became dysregulated or aggressive. Father did not set limits or help him regulate in these moments. Father also had offered ice cream to Odin, but then there wasn't enough time. Father did not appear to monitor the time and structure the time accordingly. Later Father expressed to Odin, "We need more time." Father gave Odin an instruction of what to say to Mother when he sees her (e.g., I love you)

Again, during the car ride Father spoke about Mother and some negative past incidents/communications (e.g., camp). Odin tried to speak during the ride, but Father did not follow up on any of his communications.

[On one interview, Odin was accompanied by Father. Odin had never been to this evaluator's new suite. Even though this was the reality of the situation, Father expressed to Odin and this evaluator that Odin had told him where to go because he had already been here, etc. [Odin and Father had been late to this appointment.] Father kept insisting to Odin that he had been there and that Odin correctly showed him how to get to my office. Odin presented as confused, but went along with Father's statements. Father also wanted to leave the building while this evaluator met with Odin, but when

instructed to stay, Father complied. Father also made a statement in front of Odin and this evaluator that there was no rush to today's appointment because Odin didn't want to rush home to Mother.]

Clinical Observations of Interactions with Odin and Mother and Odin and Father

Odin presented as very relaxed, comfortable, and carefree with Mother. With Father, he presented as more tentative and hypervigilant. As an example, Odin appeared to keep an eye on Father. He watched him closely. Odin spoke more in Mother's presence. He also exhibited more varied play. He was connected and engaged with her. With Father, there was very little interaction, engagement, and communication. The time appeared to center around Father and what he desires or doesn't desire. In several hours, there was only 20 minutes of meaningful discourse. In addition, Father did not present as child centered during these parenting interactions. Father and Odin essentially functioned in parallel, not together. They had routines that they follow.

VIII. COLLATERAL SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Dennis O'Toole (Mother's Live-In Boyfriend)

Mr. O'Toole reported that he met Mother through the Buddhist temple. They initially had a friendship/acquaintanceship for approximately 2 years. He denied any type of affair prior to Mother and Father's separation. They became romantically involved in early 2017/or late December 2016. In 2017 and onward. Mr. O'Toole was spending some time with Odin. In early 2019, they began to essentially live together even though he still has his house. Mr. O'Toole has loaned Mother money to assist with her legal fees and such.

Mr. O'Toole assists with exchanges since Mother would not conduct the exchanges of Odin. In general, the transitions go fine. There have been occasional issues, but in general they are small and brief. Mr. O'Toole described Odin's routines and structure in

Mother's home which matched Odin's and Mother's reports. He also described Mother's focus and efforts on being a good mother.

Mr. O'Toole denied that Mother drinks excessively. He indicated that she may have a drink once/month. It would be one glass and a maximum two glasses. He has never seen her intoxicated. She doesn't keep alcohol in the house. She is very into naturopathic medicines and herbs.

Previously, Mr. O'Toole was married for 22 years. His wife passed away. They had no children. He practiced as a lawyer in the Public Defender's Office for 18 years. He retired in 2003. He then went on to get a degree in Marriage and Family therapy. He is not licensed as a therapist.

Dr. Damian Grasso (Odin's Previous Therapist)

Dr. Grasso reported that Odin had been referred due to concerns about his exposure to domestic abuse/conflict in the home. Odin never verbally reported any information to Dr. Grasso. He diagnosed Odin with Impairment due to Extreme Stress. Mother reported a lot of emotional and behavioral symptoms at home. Dr. Grasso primarily used Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy with Odin. The focus was on building coping skills, relaxation, etc.

Odin seemed to be caught in the middle between his parents. It also appeared that he was receiving mixed messages from his parents in general, but also about the therapy. Odin began to shut down and not access the therapy as he could have. Dr. Grasso had communications with both parents throughout the treatment. He described Mother as cooperative, communicative, and maintaining good boundaries. She was willing to receive guidance and implemented the guidance within her home. With Father, it was more difficult. Dr. Grasso observed that communications he had with Father would ultimately get distorted by Father, and then this would attempt to be misused. Because of this, Dr. Grasso ceased calls with Father and only permitted email communication. In addition, he noted that Mother's communications with him were always centered on

Odin. Father's communications with Dr. Grasso were often more centered on Mother. Dr. Grasso often had to redirect the discussions back to Odin.

Dr. Grasso recommended that they stop treatment and that Odin may benefit from a therapist who is more play-based. Mother presented him with names of providers and Dr. Grasso indicated that the selected clinician at that time was appropriate.

Christina Green (Odin's School Counselor)

Ms. Green reported that she checks in with Odin weekly. He can be fidgety and active in his presentation, but there are no significant school-based concerns. Odin has not reported any meaningful information about his family, outside of talking about his schedule with both parents.

Laura Berent (Odin's 2nd Grade Teacher)

Ms. Berent reported that Odin was on grade level academically, and socially he functioned well in the classroom. He did not present with any significant behavioral issues. He was always prepared for class. He only had difficulty with writing. It was difficult for him to put his thoughts and feelings into a writing piece. Mother would support his work in this and try to supplement at home. He was a voracious reader. Both parents attended parent teacher conferences. Odin did not express any emotional concerns pertaining to his family situation.

Lisa Clow (Odin's First Grade and Third Grade Teacher)

Ms. Clow described Odin as a sweet, sensitive boy who is doing better this year, when compared to first grade year. He is showing maturity in his emotional and behavioral control. He is above average in reading and math but presents with notable resistance to writing. He is well-liked by peers and generally has good social relationships. At times, he can be too aggressive, controlling, or competitive in his interactions with

others. He is also described as active and displays some sensory-related behaviors. He over-focuses and craves technology, so they try to set limits on his use of technology at school. Odin will show a difference in his behavior when it is a Father day versus a Mother day. Ms. Clow reported that Odin will be more sensitive, weepy, tightened, and intense in his social interactions when it is a Father day. This sometimes can carry over to the following morning. Odin generally does not speak about Father or write about Father. He will openly share information about Mother and their activities.

Ms. Clow reported that Mother has always been very supportive of Odin's academics and is a good communicator and cooperater with the classroom regarding any goals for Odin, etc. Mother reportedly keeps good boundaries and does not over-share information regarding family-related issues/conflicts. Mother has requested a couple parent meetings/conferences to date this year. Formal parent-teacher conferences are scheduled this month and Ms. Clow is expecting to see Father at that conference. Ms. Clow reported that she has not had any contact yet with Father this year. She did have contact with him in first grade. She explained that Father can present as very demanding with his requests, and that he then will not follow through thereafter. Father also can over-question situations, staff, etc. She described him as more conflictual in his interactions.

Dr. Miela Gruber (Odin's and Mother's Naturopath)

Dr. Gruber reported that Odin is a generally healthy child. She referred him recently for Occupational Therapy/Sensory-Related evaluation/supports. She worked with Mother to evaluate some of Odin's stomach-related issues. They did an elimination diet/testing which revealed sensitivity to dairy. Therefore, she has recommended that Odin not be given cow's milk products, and only be given goat's milk and sheep's milk products. Dr. Gruber reported that Mother is healthy. She is experiencing stress due to the custody litigation.

Dr. Swathantra Melekote (Odin's Physician)

Dr. Melekote reported that Odin does not present with any chronic major illness issues. He has not received his vaccinations. He last saw Odin in 2019.

Robert Fogel, LMFT (Father's Therapist)

Mr. Fogel has been working with Father since July 2015, on and off. At times, Father has attended weekly. Other times, it has been bi-weekly (i.e., every two weeks). Other times, there may be significant periods of time with no sessions. As an example, Father did not see Mr. Fogel from May 2019 until several weeks ago. Nonetheless, Father is generally compliant with therapy and does generally show up for sessions that are scheduled. Unfortunately, there now is a change in insurance that may affect Father's ability to continue treatment with Mr. Fogel. There is now a small co-pay needed per appointment.

Mr. Fogel has diagnosed Father with Narcissistic Personality Disorder (NPD), and he has shared this diagnostic information with Father. Because of the diagnostic picture, there is generally a poor prognosis since change is often slow and very limited. In general, Father presents with typical NPD symptoms: externalization of blame, denial of responsibility/accountability, more focus on self than others, difficulty seeing another person's point of view, narcissistic anger/rage, feelings and thoughts of grandeur, etc. In addition, Mr. Fogel reported that Father can demonstrate poor parental boundaries with Odin, as reported by Father to Mr. Fogel. One example was Father showing Odin pictures of bruising and telling Odin that his mother caused this bruising. Mr. Fogel explained that Father continues to be very angry with Mother, and therefore his judgment on parental boundaries can become negatively impacted. Father also has an estranged relationship with both of his adult children.

Mr. Fogel's treatment approach has been to assist Father in identifying his goals and helping him to evaluate the processes he chooses to reach those goals. As an example, Father can be very high conflict and litigious. Therefore, Mr. Fogel will try to work with Father to understand how some of those behaviors may not be helpful to Father in

achieving his goals and that he may be better served by choosing a less aggressive approach.

Father has now been empowered by the dismissed criminal charges, and this has reinforced the image to Father that he is a victim. Father fluctuates between being in a victim role to being in a 'righteous confronter' role to those who have done him wrong in some way. Father tends to retaliate against those who he believes have harmed him. Sometimes this aggressive stance has worked for Father, and it therefore reinforces this behavioral strategy. Nonetheless, Mr. Fogel has tried to help Father to understand how this focus on conflict, litigation, etc. is emotionally harmful to him, even if he prevails in court. Father can also articulate conspiracy theories, and he can have beliefs and feelings around his own specialness.

Father is very desirous of having a relationship with Odin and wanting to be an involved parent. He loves Odin. Mr. Fogel explained that Father struggles in how to express love, but he does have loving feelings towards Odin and wants to do the right thing. He can feel depressed when he does not have access/contact to Odin. Father presents as very patriarchal in his thinking. He is very focused on educating Odin and imparting certain values to him. Mr. Fogel further noted that Father can sometimes even take a didactic approach towards him within the treatment process.

Mr. Fogel commended Father for his years of attending appointments with him, especially since Mr. Fogel can be more confrontative in his therapeutic approach. Even after a difficult session, Father will return to work with him. This is a sign of resilience in Father. Mr. Fogel would like Father to be involved in more groups/organizations as additional supports to him, but Father unfortunately will often create or get into conflicts with others in these various groups. Therefore, Mr. Fogel is trying to work with these barriers for Father since it impacts his ability to achieve his personal goals.

Sherry Osadachey (Mother's Therapist)

Ms. Osadachey has been working with Mother since May 2014, before the separation. She described Mother as a reliable, credible self-reporter. Mother has been committed

to addressing any issues and trying to be the best person she can be in various roles that she has in her life (e.g., mother, worker, etc.). She focuses on herself and accepts responsibility. She doesn't externalize blame onto others. When she has gotten stuck, Mother has worked on reconciling and moving past any areas of stuckness, especially ones which may be connected to her childhood history.

Within the relationship to Father, Mother struggled with the sexual demands and boundaries that Father brought forward into the relationship. Mother regularly betrayed herself and her values as a way to surrender to Father. This was a difficult area for Mother to recover from. Mother tried to set limits and boundaries within the relationship; but as she did, conflict escalated. At the beginning, Mother experienced a lot of anger/rage and feelings of depression. However, these feelings have since passed. Mother works on herself not only in therapy, but she also does a lot of self-growth work and spiritual work. She described Mother as having a lot of resilience even though she has gone through a lot.

Ms. Osadachey diagnosed Mother with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. She presented with all of the typical neurological/physical symptoms associated with PTSD. These symptoms have decreased over time. She is stable and consistent in her weekly treatment. No additional recommendations for treatment were offered. She noted that Odin having additional supports available would be helpful since Mother reports a lot of concern about Odin's overall well-being.

Steven Humphrey, Ph.D. (Conflict Manager)

Dr. Humphrey only worked with Mother and Father for a few months between February 2018 and June 2018. He did not meet with the parties together and he had to maintain separate communications with the parties as well. He reported that Father would try to sense where boundaries were. Father also was described as someone who could be overwhelming and intrusive. He could be obsessive and focus excessively on presenting details. Mother was described as anxious and as more restrictive in her gatekeeping. She also would try to interpret court orders in a way that were consistent

with her wishes regarding access between Odin and Father. Mother reported to Dr. Humphrey that there was a history of domestic abuse. She presented as being afraid of Father and feeling threatened by him. Father denied that abuse. Father disparaged Mother quite a bit throughout Dr. Humphrey's involvement. He would do this both indirectly and directly. He also utilized more of Dr. Humphrey's professional time, which Mother was concerned about. She worried that Father was trying to use Dr. Humphrey as an ally. Mother reported that she believed that Odin should have no contact with Father. Father of course desired more contact. Dr. Humphrey reported that both parents appeared to be able to work within very detailed, specific court orders. However, vagueness or any 'grey' in a plan could then be misinterpreted and there would be conflict about how to proceed.

John J. Sakon (Father's Adult Son)

Mr. Sakon reported that Father has always wanted what is best for his children, even though he sometimes doesn't understand what is best. Mr. Sakon went on to explain that Father always had a temper and a stern parenting style. He was able to handle Father's personality and parenting, but commented that his sister was not able to handle it since she was a more sensitive, anxious person. Because of this, his sister no longer has a relationship with Father. Mr. Sakon explained that he understood that Father was parented in this way, which is why he parented his children similarly. Mr. Sakon described that Father was a big yeller and he used corporal/physical punishment. He noted a distinction between his younger years and teen years. As a teen, he explained that Father might push him down to the ground as an example of a physical punishment/intervention if Mr. Sakon acted out in some way. He also commented that on his college tour, he and his father began to conflict as the week went on; and at one point he was worried that his father would hit him. Mr. Sakon always backed down from Father, so he knew the conflicts would never get out of hand.

When asked what was the most difficult part of growing up as a child, Mr. Sakon explained that it was trying to not trigger Father's ire. Again, he noted an unpredictability to this, but he would still try to avoid triggering Father's temper as best he could.

Despite Father's "anger issues", Mr. Sakon reported that Father was always invested in his children and involved in supporting them. This was shown through academic support, sports involvement, etc. At times, Father would also show care and compassion, although Mr. Sakon found it unpredictable when this happened (e.g., after staying up all night to work on a project). Mr. Sakon has lived in NYC until recently. He described a limited, estranged relationship with Father. He explained that he doesn't get anything out of his relationship with his father, therefore he doesn't reach out to him. He rarely speaks to Father on the phone, and does so out of obligation as a son. Father is the one who will prompt the calls. He rarely sees him, and noted that it has been a couple of years at least, even though they live close enough to see each other regularly.

Mr. Sakon did not observe and was not aware of any domestic abuse in his parents' marriage. He did not see much love in the relationship, but noted that they knew how to get along well enough in the home. Nonetheless, his mother has said that Father has done some terrible things, but Mr. Sakon has tried to stay out of the divorced-related conflicts. He described a very tumultuous, high conflict divorce period between his parents. They have not recovered and still do not get along. He was 25 when his parents separated. He described his family as not being a very loving, affectionate family. Mr. Sakon also discussed Father's extended family. He maintains a limited relationship with them. He remarked that there is conflict, tension, and estrangement between Father and his extended family. Mr. Sakon believes that his father's extended family are reasonable people. Mr. Sakon spontaneously noted that Father has never had any close relationships or friendships. His closest relationships had been with family members, and now those have ceased.

Dr. Stuart Herlands (Father's Primary Care Physician)

Dr. Herlands generally sees Father several times/year. Within those meetings, Father will share how he feels persecuted by the world in various ways. He also presents various conspiracies, end of the world is coming references, and a lot of discussion about lawsuits against individuals or organizations. Dr. Herlands explained that he often doesn't know what is real or not real, when it comes to Father's communications with

him. Father is being followed by a cardiologist, and Father has shifted his medication management and care to this physician. Dr. Herlands has historically filled Father's prescriptions for .25mg of Alprazolam/Xanax. Dr. Herlands told Father that he will no longer offer this prescription to him as of October 2019 since he has been on it for an extended period. Dr. Herlands recommended a longer-lasting medication to address his anxiety and depression symptoms, that presented in reaction to stress. Father declined.

IX. CONCLUSIONS

The post-separation functioning of this family was clearly quite impaired and very high risk following the separation and Father's arrest in August 2016. Approximately 3.5 years has now passed, which allows for a comprehensive evaluation and investigation of a stable and consistent baseline of functioning for this divorced family unit. The Court should be able to consider current status and factors as being likely to continue into the future unless intervention or court orders disrupt the trajectory.

Many allegations have been presented within this matter. The major ones include Mother's allegations of domestic abuse against Father and concerns regarding his mental health functioning and parenting. Father's allegations against Mother include alcohol and/or drug abuse and an inability to care for herself and Odin. There are many other allegations that have been presented as well, but these are the major domains presented. Both parties believe that they should have sole custody of Odin.

The Mother. This evaluation revealed a very consistent data set of Mother's high level of functioning in psychological and parenting domains. Professionals were consistent in their praises of working with Mother on behalf of Odin. Psychological testing did not reveal any clinically notable concerns outside of a heightened risk for substance abuse, which Mother is aware of. Although Father has presented concerns about Mother's alcohol and drug use, there was little to no data or indicators to support these allegations. Odin is always prepared for school, he has a full life, he is a well-adapted child, and there are no collateral reports regarding any issues in this domain.

Nonetheless, Father is appropriate in his concerns because there is familial risk for Mother. Mother did acknowledge that she drank more than usual towards the end of her marriage. However, again, Mother's drinking by both Mother's and Father's reports, was still quite low even during this "higher" period. She would feel the effect of alcohol after one to two drinks. That is typically not indicative of an alcohol abuse or dependence issue since it demonstrates low tolerance to alcohol. Mother does continue to present with post-traumatic stress, although this has improved significantly in the last 12 months. Nonetheless, Mother may be vulnerable to feeling triggered when having to interact with Father, especially in person.

Mother's parenting capacities are also quite high. She is very child-centered and keenly on top of any struggles or limitations that Odin presents with. She keeps him active, knowing that he is an active child. She signs him up for various activities and camps. She ensures his socialization with other peers. She maintains routine and structure in her home. She helps to regulate Odin, when Odin begins to dysregulate. She focuses on feeding him healthy foods and limiting his exposure to unhealthy foods, habits, etc. She exercises authoritative parenting with reasonable discipline. She is warm, caring, and affectionate. She assists him with academic struggles. Mother may struggle in how to manage Odin's anger and aggression at times. This often occur sin mothers who have been the victims of domestic abuse. Mother could benefit from support in this area since she may struggle to understand and support appropriate expressions of anger and aggression in boys. Mother also demonstrated reduced child-centeredness in her decisions to expose Odin to her co-sleeping with Mr. O'Toole earlier than she likely should have.

Father regularly cited that Mother is unable to financially support herself and Odin. However, he leaves out the financial stress that he has caused Mother both by accruing debt in her name and not consistently paying child support. Mother reportedly did not have financial issues prior to her involvement with Father. She has the capabilities to support herself and Odin. In addition, financial status is not a best interests factor for consideration when looking at custody for Odin.

In the co-parenting domain, Mother presents with strengths and limitations. She can easily be perceived as a restrictive gatekeeper. She also presents limited information to Father. She tries to limit communications in general. She tries to maintain strict boundaries with Father, and generally will be less flexible with him, even though she is actually quite flexible in general. She struggles to know when to bend, and when not to bend. Sometimes she will offer additional parenting time/access, and other times she doesn't do as much as she can to ensure Odin's access to Father (e.g., not messaging Father when he doesn't show up at a transition). Father's confusion and frustration with Mother in the co-parenting domain is understandable. However, Father needs to understand how his actions contribute to this dynamic. For example, he often will co-parent from a tit for tat perspective. If he gives on something, he expects something in return. If she is flexible on something, he sometimes pushes those new boundaries. He can be more centered on himself (or Mother), than Odin. Mother could benefit from coaching/guidance in this area, since her past relationship with Father negatively impacts her ability to act in a way that is natural and typical for her. Mother will likely not support expansive father-child access/contact at this time. However, with specific orders, Mother should follow the prescribed plan.

The Father.

Multiple sources of information within this evaluation reveal that Father suffers from very high levels of narcissism/Narcissistic Personality Disorder. This was supported by his therapist, psychological testing, clinical interview data, collateral data, and this evaluator's clinical observations of Father. It is important for the Court to understand that Father falls on the extreme end of the narcissism spectrum, when compared to other custody litigants. Thus, although narcissism is a common term to hear in custody litigation, Father's level of pathology is remarkably higher than typical in a custody litigant context. Collateral sources also revealed concerns in their respective interactions with Father. There is significant consistency and reliability in descriptions and reports about Father. Fortunately, Father is not hearing about these issues for the first time in this evaluation since his therapist had previously shared this diagnostic information and concerns with Father.

Individuals who suffer from severe levels of narcissistic pathology generally present as self-centered, they treat others as objects instead of humans, relationally they tend to use others for their own goals and interests, they tend to be competitive and aggressive with others (rather than act in a cooperative manner). These individuals also show low levels of empathy towards others. They will treat others in a more thoughtless and insensitive manner. They often will not be aware of how they have hurt someone, and then will struggle to comfort that individual or make amends. They show very low levels of insight. They typically try to deflect and externalize blame onto others. They struggle with accountability. They tend to present with high levels of anger or rage, especially when they feel rejected, devalued, or disrespected in some way. They typically struggle to follow boundaries, putting their own interests, desires, and needs first. They tend to push boundaries regularly. They are often unaware of the impact they have on others. They use a lot of projection, accusing others of what they in fact do, think, and feel. Prognosis is generally poor for these individuals. Meaningful change often takes many years to accomplish; and even then, change is generally very slow. Treatment must be done with a skilled provider, and therapy sessions should be regular and frequent. Again, prognosis is low for substantial meaningful change.

Father also presented with high levels of paranoia and conspiracy-related thinking. Psychological testing did not elevate in this area, but these concerns were observed through multiple sources of data (e.g., this evaluator's interviews, records, collateral sources). Paranoid thinking is not uncommon in narcissism, especially when there are high levels of stress or a further breakdown in functioning. In addition, Father has a very 'high conflict' approach in his interactions with others. This is experienced by individuals who interact with Father, but it can also be seen in the high level of lawsuits that Father has been engaged in. Father enjoys conflict. This is clinically concerning and is an area that he needs to work on with his therapist. His therapist has identified Father's litigiousness and propensity for grievance and conflict as an area of clinical concern for Father. Father seems to be unaware of how these lawsuits, threats, complaints, and grievances are draining him of his health and energy. His time and energy would be better used towards improving his relationships with others, especially his loved ones,

Father appears to not understand that he now presents as a highly litigious, high conflict individual given all of his strained relationships with other individuals and organizations.

Father's family history was remarkable since Father appears to be following his own father's trajectory/path, especially the one his father experienced as he became older. Father seems unaware of this; yet the themes and behaviors are consistent and unfortunate. This evaluator hopes that Father can shift instead to take on a path that more closely resembles how his mother eventually lived, which was a road replete with self-growth, evolution, enjoyment, happiness, connection, and more. Father has that choice to make. He has an opportunity to shift.

Father has tried to minimize the negative impact of growing up in his family. He was careful to not claim that he was abused or neglected. But his description of his childhood was replete with examples of abuse and neglect. Father would greatly benefit from understanding his own victim status from childhood and working through those earlier traumas. His personality and psychological functioning is now deeply impaired, and his childhood and family history are clearly major contributors that need to be worked through. Father's current life revolves around themes of Father perceiving himself to be a 'victim' or others perceiving Father as the 'aggressor' or 'abuser'. This type of victim/abuser and victim/aggressor dynamic is common in individuals who have experienced trauma in their earlier life, and have unresolved, untreated trauma. On the positive, Father has continued in treatment with the same provider for several years. He has shown periods of consistency in his treatment attendance. These are positive signs since Father at least is engaging in treatment.

It was remarkable to this evaluator that Father clearly wants and craves meaningful connection with others. He clearly desires peace and harmony with others, and in his life in general. He just doesn't know how to make those goals happen. He remains unaware of how his choices and behaviors are actually moving him further away from his stated goals. His focus is on how others are bringing disharmony to his life; but it is Father's reactions and actions that are creating this disharmony. Sadly, Father believes that actions and inactions of various individuals and organizations are typically

malicious and intentional. This puts him in a state where he then wants to counter-attack. He also will regularly try to capitalize on loopholes, mistakes, etc. as a way to again attack or counter-attack those who have wronged him. Rather than focus on principles and values in those moments (i.e., what is truly right), he is likely to exploit the opportunity for his personal gain. If he experiences opinions or findings from others that are inconsistent with his views or goals, he will attack strongly and typically will use grievances, complaints or lawsuits (or threats of grievances, complaints or lawsuits) as a primary strategy of retaliation. Father would greatly benefit from therapeutic goals that lessen Father's high conflict personality style. Daily activities and behaviors will need to be prescribed. Father would likely benefit from a much more structured, specific plan with daily activities and clear specific goals. Father would have significantly more happiness and peace in his life if he would alter these high conflict behaviors. They have had an enormous negative impact on him (and others around him), and this can be seen emotionally, physically, and financially.

Father's psychological functioning impacts his parenting and co-parenting. Father wants to be involved with Odin. He is trying to love and support Odin in the way he knows how. He has structure and routine in his parenting interactions with Odin. He is generally consistent and reliable. He encourages Odin's reading and academics. He also supports Odin's involvement in many sports. However, Father also presents with serious parenting impairments that likely emanate from his high levels of narcissism. Father is very disconnected from Odin during their parenting interactions. This evaluator was stunned at how disconnected the two of them were. They essentially functioned in parallel, with little interaction between them. Father controlled everything Odin did or didn't do. Father would not participate in an activity with Odin unless Father wanted to.

Father generally tries to relate to Odin and parent Odin from a 'power over' position, rather than a cooperative, relating position. Odin and Father's adult son both presented that Father can present with high levels of anger and aggression. They both reported being fearful of Father (so did Mother). Father presents as much more centered on conflict with Mother, then on Odin. Most of his time was spent disparaging Mother. He seemed unaware of Odin's needs. Father clearly overshadows adult information with Odin

and tries to disparage Mother to Odin. Father is engaging in alienating behaviors. This was observed and heard directly by this evaluator and it was reported by many other sources of information. Again, this was very reliable and consistent.

Of deep concern, Father's reduced reality testing/ability to perceive reality accurately can have a very negative impact on Odin. Odin may then learn to not trust his own reality or to question his own reality if Father presents something different. Children trust their loved ones/adults to be able reflect reality to them. As one example, Father engaged in this type of gaslighting behavior in this evaluator's presence when Father tried to convince Odin that he had previously been to my office (he hadn't). This is a small example, but Odin has reported many other examples to Mother. As stated by Father's therapist, Father wants to love and wants to be able to show love, but he struggles to do so. A significant negative indicator is that Father is estranged from close biological family members, including his two adult children.

This evaluator hopes that Father will use this evaluation report as a way to truly work on himself so that he can better his relationships with his loved ones. He clearly wants to. Humans need to be connected to others, and Father currently is quite estranged and alone, lacking in intimate relationships with others. Hopefully, this report will motivate Father to work both in and out of his mental health treatment to address these personality-based issues and high conflict behaviors so that he can have peace, harmony, and connection in his life.

In the co-parenting domain, Father is generally appropriate and respectful in his communications with Mother. He is not provocative, needling, or abusive in his communications with Mother. However, he is not supporting Odin's relationship with Mother because of his undermining communications with Odin (over-sharing adult information with Odin, creating feelings of mistrust and fear in Odin's relationship with Mother). Father generally is trying to co-parent in a cooperative manner even though Mother is currently maintaining more rigid, protective boundaries. Father is typically reasonable in his requests. Nonetheless, once again, Father's psychological vulnerabilities show up here as well. Mother's reactions to Father stem from these

difficulties. Father's narcissistic tendencies and behaviors do not turn off when he is co-parenting with Mother. Mother knows Father very well. Her insights are good. She knows Father's patterns and is trying to avoid stepping into these dysfunctional patterns of interaction. Unfortunately, Father trends towards conflict, drama, and crazy making. He also is very disparaging and undermining of Mother. Therefore, Mother's 'wall' is up and she tries to protect herself from any of these negative consequences.

Domestic Violence

Domestic violence can be understood as falling on a range. For example, situational couple violence is verbal and physical aggression that occurs within the context of a conflict. This type of violence is quite normative in relationships and often consists of yelling, belittling, insulting, throwing objects, and minor episodes of physical aggression (pushing, shoving, slapping etc.). Many couples experience this type of violence and aggression, especially as a relationship breaks down. At the far extreme, there is coercive controlling violence. This type of violence is best described as the batterer-victim type of violence where one individual has control and power, and uses that power to threaten, intimidate, and harm another individual. Generally, the victim experiences severe fear. A variety of strategies is employed by the batterer including emotional, physical, sexual, spiritual, and/or financial abuse.

Mother alleged a history of domestic violence that included abuse in the areas of emotional, physical, sexual, and financial. Reportedly, the primary method of abuse was sexual. As the relationship went on and Mother uncovered more information about their financial status, it became clearer that there was also financial abuse. Emotional abuse was alleged throughout, with some episodes of mild physical abuse that eventually escalated into more significant abuse at the end of the marriage. Mother is currently concerned that Father will continue to engage in legal abuse and financial abuse post-divorce, unless the Court sets forth protections for her.

Specific examples detailed by Mother about these allegations of domestic abuse:

- Emotional: Yelling and raging at her
- Emotional: Silent treatment (especially if she declined sex)

- Emotional: Engaging in constant conflict and drama; Mother always trying to create peace and harmony in the home
- Emotional: Regular threats of divorce and around custody
- Emotional: Monitoring and surveillance of her technology and communications, and this was not reciprocal in the relationship
- Physical: Being at an intimidating, threatening close distance
- Physical: Blocking her access/ability to move
- Physical: Needing to lock doors to create a boundary
- Physical: Grabbing her; this became more significant in the final two conflicts
- Sexual: Relentless pressuring of her and punishing her for not having sex with him
- Emotional and Sexual: Sleep deprivation (waking her up/keeping her up to argue and conflict, typically about sex)
- Financial: Ran up Mother's debt without her agreement/consent
- Financial: She was not informed about their true financial status; He would not share information with her, even when she asked.
- Financial: Father didn't pay rent to the house/marital home where Mother and Odin were residing (and stopped paying the bills). Father had filed for exclusive use. Mother was evicted. Father moved back in and began paying rent again.
- Financial: Mother alleges that Father cut her off financially after the separation, even though he knew she had to take care of Odin and had been a stay at home parent.
- Financial: Father has not consistently and reliably paid child support to Mother
- Financial: Father continues to use the Court system as a way to harass her. This has a negative financial impact on her because of her reduced ability to work and increased legal fees
- Sexual: Post-divorce, Father tried to block Mother from sleeping with or having sex with her partner in various contexts/settings
- Legal: Excessive use of the court system and professionals; Father is in constant lawsuits and grievances with others

- Legal: Threats of criminal actions and other court actions against Mother (and others)

To evaluate the validity of abuse claims, it is often helpful to look at factors that support or disconfirm the possibility of domestic abuse. There are some typical factors associated with domestic abuse, this includes: family history of domestic abuse, addiction, an adult who experienced poor parenting, abuse and/or neglect; significant personality or clinical impairment (e.g., personality disorder/high level of personality pathology, clinical/mental health disorders, addiction) in the alleged offender; lack of truly intimate relationships, connections, and supports; poor boundaries and difficulty following rules; excessive anger, rage, and/or conflicts with others (outside of the intimate relationship); history of arrests and/or violations of court orders; controlling behaviors towards others; history of drama-making in interactions with others; lack of accountability for behaviors; externalization of blame (typically onto the alleged victim); self-centeredness (relates to individuals as objects); alleged offender tries to portray that they are the victim; history of lying or distortion of the truth; slandering the alleged victim (i.e., speaking negatively about someone; crossing boundaries); enjoys creating pain for others/uses retaliation and punishment; often needs to be the center of attention; Dr. Jekyll/Mr. Hyde phenomenon; living a split life that is not authentic and real (e.g., presenting that they have more wealth or a higher status than they truly have); believes they are 'higher up' than others; generally tries to function from a 'power over' position with others (i.e., doesn't see the world cooperatively, sees the world competitively; will try to one up/win resources; comes from a position that there is a lack of resources available); a criminal history outside of domestic abuse allegations. In addition, abusive relationships typically start with an intense dating period. They are often quick to advance through levels such as engagement, marriage, and pregnancy. You may also see physical aggression by the alleged victim. **These are typical clinical markers and indicators associated with domestic abuse. As one can easily see in this section, Father presents with an overwhelming majority of these indicators.**

In addition to factors that would be considered the opposite of above, additional factors that do not support a finding of domestic abuse include no previous history of domestic

abuse in previous relationships, no substance abuse, and long-term meaningful involvement in therapy. The factors in this section are indicative of a low probability of domestic abuse by Father since no clear positive findings were found in these domains (excluding therapy).

It is the professional opinion of this evaluator that there is **substantial data to support** the conclusion that there was domestic violence (coercive control type) within Father's and Mother's relationship. It is also the professional opinion of this evaluator that Mother is at risk for continued legal abuse, financial abuse, and parental alienation. Odin therefore would also be at risk for harmful parenting through harsh or aggressive parenting, or potential abusive episodes of parenting. If the Court finds domestic violence to be a relevant factor in this case, it will be important for the Court to set forth proper protections, especially in regards to legal and financial abuse through the Court system. Consequences, known in advance to Father, will be important to deter high conflict, harmful behaviors to Mother, and thereby to Odin by default. Father benefits from clear black and white structure and boundaries, known in advance. [Father attempted to present that the criminal court findings vindicated him from any allegations of domestic violence. This is obviously not accurate. He was not criminally charged with "domestic violence". In addition, the criminal court has a different **legal threshold** than family court. In family court, **domestic violence is one of the best interests factors for the Court** to consider in its analysis and findings.]

The Child.

Odin is a bright, articulate, sensitive child who struggles with emotional and behavioral regulation. He can be over-active at times. He also can act in an aggressive or controlling manner. He can be overly fearful and anxious. He can often demonstrate other regressed behaviors such as toileting accidents. Based on multiple sources of information, Odin is experiencing emotional distress in his parenting interactions with Father. Some of this fear/anxiety emanates from anger, control, and/or aggression by Father. Odin expressed fear of Father's anger and worried that Father could become physically aggressive with him. This mimics his older brother's statements about

Father's parenting (excessive anger, fear, episodes of physical aggression and corporal punishment). Odin also has heard and seen deeply inappropriate adult information from Father, and this information has again created fear/anxiety for Odin. It also has resulted in increased mistrust and instability in Odin's relationship with Mother. Odin's teacher also reported a change in his disposition on visitation days. This was corroborated by Mother as well. This evaluator also observed Odin to act differently between his parents. With Father, he was much more tense and hypervigilant/observant of Father, watching his every move, gesture, word, etc. Odin often didn't look at ease, although he would engage in conversation with Father and at times he would snuggle and be physically affectionate contact with Father. With Mother, Odin presented as comfortable, at ease, he easily had fun, he was talkative, he led the conversation and interaction, etc.

Odin is a sensitive child. He is already acting in ways that demonstrate higher levels of control and aggression in his own social behaviors with others. Given Father's parenting style and personality profile, this is concerning. This evaluator observed Father to ignore inappropriate behaviors by Odin rather than to correct them. Father would ignore aggressive and/or out of control/dysregulated behaviors. Odin needs assistance with regulation. It is also important that Odin not be modeled any type of aggressive and/or non-cooperative social behaviors by trusted adults, since he is prone to them act them out.

Relocation Analysis.

This evaluator conducted a relocation analysis, which allows for a case-specific analysis based on research-related factors to relocation. This section will detail relevant data/factors, analyses, and opinions that the Court may wish to consider in this matter. The following factors have been identified as relevant factors to consider in light of a proposed relocation. These factors indicate whether there is support or non-support for relocation. A review of these factors and case-specific data will be helpful to the Court in determining if the proposed relocation is in the best interests of the child.

Age of the Child

Odin is a school age child. This is the optimal age range for a relocation since he likely has established a solid relationship foundation with both parents, which can help buffer distance and time in the parental relationship if there was a relocation. In addition, he is old enough to support his own relationship with his father, in that he can initiate contact and access through technology. *This factor is supportive of a potential relocation.*

Distance of the Move and Related Factors

Mother is seeking to relocate to Hudson Valley area, NY. This is considered a short-distance move. Odin and/or Father can travel by car or train to exercise their parent-child access schedule. Given Odin's age, travel should be relatively easy and comfortable. As he gets older, he will be able to independently take the train, as needed. The travel costs associated with this relocation are low. Given the length of time to travel, travel logistics, and associated costs, *this factor is supportive of a potential relocation.*

Individual Psychological Resources and Special Needs of the Child

Odin is described as a child who is presenting as academically on target. Socially, he has many friends. Behaviorally, there are no concerns. There are some minor sensory-based concerns, in that Odin can present as fidgety and active. His temperament is easy-going and he is described as having a likable, warm personality. There are no substantial psychological risks outside of Odin's reported regression that appears to be associated with parent conflict and/or father-child access. *Therefore, this is a positive factor in support of a potential relocation.*

Degree of Non-Residential Parental Involvement

Father's current parent-child access schedule with Odin includes three short daytime contacts every week. Mother is Odin's primary caregiver and has been since his birth. At this time, Father's access schedule with Odin is limited. Given this more limited schedule, *this factor is supportive of a potential relocation.*

Psychological Resources, Stability, and Coping Skills of the Relocating Parent

Mother presents with a high level of psychological resources, stability, and coping skills. Her greatest risk will be financial. However, she presents that this move will bolster her ability to work and financially support Odin. *This factor is supportive of a potential relocation.*

Parenting Effectiveness of Both Parents

One of the greatest issues plaguing this family system appears to be co-parenting and parenting effectiveness. This evaluation revealed notable psychological and parenting deficits for Father. Furthermore, this evaluation did not reveal a notable level of risk for Mother in her psychological functioning and parenting effectiveness. Given the risks that Father presents to Odin as a parent, *this factor is supportive of a potential relocation.*

Degree of Co-Parenting Involvement

Mother and Father have demonstrated a limited ability to co-parent. This is unlikely to change in the future. There are also concerns about past domestic violence, and how that will impact the co-parenting relationship and family system, as the Sakon family moves forward. Given the poor prognosis for Father, the co-parenting relationship is likely to remain limited and difficult. However, in general, they have been able to independently co-parent well enough without professional intervention in the last year. The limits to the co-parenting relationship are unlikely to substantially improve. Therefore, any access schedule that requires a lot of coordination and co-parenting is likely to increase risks to Odin. Therefore, *this factor is supportive of a potential relocation.*

Ability of the Relocating Parent to Support the Relationship between the Child and Non-Relocating Parent

Mother struggles to fully support the relationship between Odin and Father. She has serious concerns about Father, his psychological health, his parenting, and the potential adverse effects on Odin. Mother's concerns and restrictive gatekeeping are reasonable and valid. Therefore, although a negative finding on this factor is typically not supportive of a relocation; in this matter/context, it should be considered a neutral factor. Mother

has facilitated access. She follows court orders. The one area she will likely struggle with is modifications to the schedule or any grey areas in the court's order. *This factor should be considered neutral in this relocation analysis,*

Ability to be a Responsible Gatekeeper

As noted above, Mother is a restrictive gatekeeper. However, her gatekeeping is appropriate and in general, has been in Odin's best interests. She will facilitate access between Odin and Father. However, orders will need to be clear and structured for both parties. *Again, this factor should be considered neutral in this relocation analysis.*

Recentness since Separation and Divorce

The parties separated almost 3.5 years ago. Even after a tumultuous beginning, the parties have stabilized in their co-parenting relationship. The 3.5 year period is a lengthy enough period to establish post-divorce functioning. The family has even endured a major transition of a new partner. This post-divorce unit should be considered stable. *This is a positive factor supportive of a potential relocation.*

Relocation Analysis Conclusions.

In conclusion, this relocation analysis indicates eight factors in support of a relocation and two factors that should be deemed neutral due to both positive and negative aspects. This indicates that the preponderance of data supports the proposed relocation. As is often the case with a relocation, there will always be negative aspects to a proposed relocation when both parents are not relocating. However, we live in a mobile society where moves are not only commonplace, but they are expected within the context of professional advancement, re-partnering, and/or getting closer to extended family for additional support. This relocation analysis indicates a high likelihood of this relocation being successful for Odin (and this family unit).

It is further important to add that both of these parents have expressed a strong desire to relocate from Connecticut. This was even discussed during the marriage. Father has reiterated his desire to relocate, although his preference is to the Carolinas or down

south. Therefore, both parties actually want to move. Given the current limited schedule and relationship that Father has with Odin and the current level of impairment and risk that Father presents with, a relocation is likely not going to substantially impact Odin's relationship with Father. It will likely always be a more limited relationship (regardless of parenting time and access) unless Father demonstrates notable change in his behaviors and personality.

Conclusion.

In conclusion, this evaluator has presented an enormous amount of data from multiple sources within this evaluation. There is significant consistency and reliability within the data, which therefore adds strength to the clinical conclusions rendered within this report. This evaluator has answered all of the questions presented in Schedule A of the evaluation order. This evaluator hopes that this family unit, and the individuals within it, can stabilize with the assistance and support of this evaluation. This report can be used to continue to fuel conflict between the parties or it can be used to help fuel self-growth and evolution. This evaluator hopes that Father in particular understands that he has an opportunity to actualize his stated goals of connection with others, peace, harmony, and cooperation. Ultimately, Father was a victim himself of his own childhood and family history (even though he may not current understand this). He has an opportunity to redirect his destiny, *and* Odin's destiny. But that would mean that Father needs to abandon his current dysfunctional, high conflict and/or litigious strategies so that he can expend time and effort towards goals that would clearly make him much happier. Instead of constantly conflicting with others, Father can work on himself to become the best version of himself – the person he would have been if he had had a healthy parenting/family experience as a child. He can make amends to others, as needed. A path has been laid out by this evaluator to help Father and this family move to a higher level of functioning, peace, and harmony. Hopefully all members of the family will step onto that path.

X. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Court may wish to consider the following recommendations.

- 1) Mother should have sole physical and legal custody.
- 2) Mother should be permitted to relocate to Hudson Valley, NY with Odin.
- 3) Father should have once/week supervised contact with Odin. This supervision can be out in the community, at home, or at a center. It would be best if this supervisor could provide parenting guidance, as needed. An access schedule to consider would be an every other Saturday OR Sunday contact, not to exceed six hours and an every Wednesday or every other Wednesday contact, after school until after dinner (e.g., 3-7 pm). If Mother and Odin move to NY, then the Wednesday contacts should always occur close to Odin's residence. The weekend contacts can occur in New York or Connecticut, depending on where Father is living. If the Court permits relocation, it may be preferred for the Court to outline how frequent Odin should go to Connecticut (e.g., once/month, twice/month).
- 4) Phone contact between Father and Odin should be recorded or supervised. It should also be limited to occur on a set day and time period once/week (e.g., Mondays). Facetime or Skype calls would be preferred. A time limit should be set and strictly adhered to (e.g., no more than 15 minutes).
- 5) Mother should continue in once/weekly therapy. She should consider adding short term EMDR therapy sessions to address any lingering trauma effects.
- 6) Father should be in twice weekly therapy sessions. It is preferred that he continue with his current therapist, if possible. He should highly consider adding group therapy, EMDR therapy, and a domestic abuse/trauma group (e.g., Life Skills International, EMERGE, Family Violence Program). Father may also wish to consider an Intensive Outpatient Program to expedite treatment effects.
 - Father would benefit from a structured treatment program that consists of daily homework, exercises, check ins, supports etc. Some of the group examples above offer this type of opportunity to Father. However, Father's therapist could also establish a "daily work" protocol for Father that may

help him to more quickly effectuate necessary clinical changes and progress. Readings, videos, and written exercises that are focused on clinical and behavioral change would be very helpful.

- Father's therapist should establish behavioral goals for Father, and these goals should be regularly updated (i.e., increasing intimacy in relationships, reducing high conflict behaviors, etc.). They should be shared with Father in advance. Progress should be monitored and articulated.
 - Father's therapy should address the nexus between Father's childhood and family history and his present circumstances. It would be helpful to address childhood and young adult traumas.
- 7) Father should consider consulting with a psychiatrist regarding psychotropic medication that could be helpful to him.
 - 8) Father could benefit from parenting support and guidance. It would be best if any supervisor used can provide some of this guidance. If not, Father should consider a parenting support to help guide him in appropriate parenting.
 - 9) Father may benefit from a neurological consultation/evaluation.
 - 10) Annual check ins or check ins every 18 months will likely be needed for Father. If Father shows signs of treatment progress, then there can be a consideration of expanded and/or non-supervised access. However, Father will need to demonstrate compliance with treatment, not only in attendance but also execution of the work. Objective change will need to be noted. Objective goals will need to be detailed in advance (e.g., reduce unnecessary court involvement/litigation; reach out to adult children more often; reconcile/make amends with family members; engage in activities/behaviors that increase emotional intimacy with Odin). It may be helpful to have a mental health overseer monitoring the family's treatments and monitoring Father's progress.
 - 11) The Court should consider highly specific, detailed Court Orders. Consequences/parameters known in advance may also be helpful in this matter. If there is a low-cost Parenting Coordinator or a low cost alternative

resource/support to manage minor co-parenting issues, that could also be helpful.

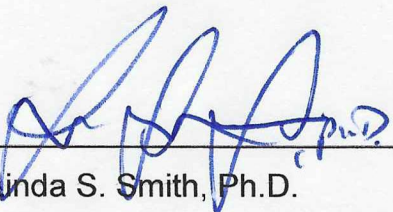
12)Odin should be in weekly therapy with a therapist who specializes in trauma.

13) This report should be released to all mental health treatment providers. It would be best if the report was shared as soon as possible with current treating therapists so that the parties can seek support from their respective providers in processing the contents of this report.

14)Mother should be permitted to take vacations with Odin.

15)A holiday schedule will need to be set. However, the Court will need to understand that Father is currently estranged from extended family. Therefore, Odin is unlikely to have holidays with extended family or close friends of the family, if he spends holiday time with Father. Odin is more likely to experience this with Mother.

It was a pleasure evaluating the Sakon family. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any further questions.



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