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Chief Judge Dale Ross
Broward County Courthouse
201 South East 6th Street
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Dear Judge Ross:

I have just read over a court transcript belonging to one of our members, Ron Plavnicky. It is for a hearing that took place on Dec 15 2006 in Judge Korda chambers.

In the past, I myself have sat in Judge Korda courtroom on several occasions and found him to be fair and impartial.

Lately I have taken interested in Judge Korda again based on reports of what sounded to be grievous violations of law and court procedures, ethics and more.

After reviewing the transcripts mentioned above, I have become more than concerned, I am infuriated to such a degree that I have asked the Sun-Sentential to publish the most grievous of violations by judge Korda and they have graciously accepted to do so.

I was unaware that it is now accepted practice to verbally abuse both the client and his counsel, and to make rulings contrary to the testimony of accepted expert witnesses. I am appalled at the out right bias shown to the litigant in this case, and overly appalled by the multiple conclusions stated by the court prior to ever hearing testimony on the matter set for trail.

I am very dismayed that a sitting judge feels the need to accuse a person of using drugs, being mentally challenged, and feels the need to use profanity in the courtroom.

Judge Korda felt it necessary to make a racial anti-semitic statement to Mr. Plavnicky's council, and I quote, "Melody when did you become such a Jewish momma?"

In this proceeding both the Guardian ad Litem and the expert witness testify that Mr. Plavnickys' child needs to spend more time with her father, and Judge Korda responds that if they suggest that to him he will show Mr. Plavnicky to the jail cell because he (Judge Korda) is a self described rebel.

Also a very disturbing statement made by Judge Korda was "I will reduce the Dad to five minutes a year if he is lucky, and if his daughter needs to fill that time by joining a gang then so be it" I am sure that this is not what the legislature meant by "the best interest of the children".

Judge Korda felt the need to inform Mr. Plavnicky that he should bring a toothbrush to the next hearing because he has already decided to throw him in jail. The court felt the need to threaten Mr. Plavnicky with jail seven times though out the gathering of testimony.

In this case and in a few other Judge Korda has been providing a new definition to Shared Legal Custody as and I quote, "Primary residential, meaning Mom, makes all decisions". If needed I will provide to you, for all on staff, the state and supreme courts definition of Shared Legal Custody for their review.

The Sun Sentinel has asked my permission to forward the transcripts to the FBI court corruption unit and the Judicial Qualifications Committee.

I have requested that this not be occur until I receive a response to this letter.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to your response. I rest assured that after you speak to Judge Korda about this issue that Mr. Plavnicky and all others who enter the court seeking fairness and adherence to law will receive only that.

Thank you,
Tony Spalding
President
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