

PARENTAL ALIENATION – CASE EXAMPLE ONE: A v. A

- I did this Custody and Access Assessment approximately fourteen years ago.
- The assessment involved two girls, aged three and five.
- Mom was making allegations that dad had sexually abused the girls.
- No basis for those allegations was found.
- As a result of the assessment, it was found that mom had a severe personality disorder.
- I recommended that dad have reasonable and generous unsupervised access.
- I was subpoenaed by the Court approximately six months later in Courtenay.
- As a result of the testimony given, the Court ordered that dad be given sole custody of the children.
- Mom lived on a smaller island. The whole community rallied around her and was angry at the Court and in particular, myself.
- Six months later, I was subpoenaed to testify in Vancouver Court.
- My testimony on that occasion lasted four and a half days.
- The Court upheld dad having sole custody of the children with supervised access for mom.
- There were three further Court Actions by mom, much which was financed by Legal Aid and her community support group.
- All Court Actions resulted in the same verdict – dad to have sole custody with mom having supervised access.
- Approximately five years after I did the original assessment and after four further assessments by three psychologists and a psychiatrist, all of which supported the original decision, mom finally obtained unsupervised access.

- Six months later mom abducted the two girls and took them to Europe.
- It took dad twenty months and tens of thousands of dollars to find them in Holland.
- A Dutch Tribunal ordered the girls returned to Canada to the Ministry of Children and Families.
- Dad applied and was finally granted custody of the children to be able to live with him.
- The children were in psychotherapy for approximately nine months.
- Dad continued to consult with me during this time.
- Mom continued to have email and telephone contact with the girls from Europe.
- Dad finally moved to another province in the hope that he could start a new life with the girls and a new partner.
- When I was last contact by dad approximately nine months ago, mom had found the girls and was having email contact with them.
- Mom continues to believe that dad is sexually abusing the girls although no professionals throughout the course of five separate Court Actions and thorough investigative assessments could find any proof of this.