



Muskoka Ontario Judge, T.M.Wood, orders that children can't see their loving father, friends and family then places them into an environment of physical & emotional abuse!

Judge isolates children, strips them of their basic human rights and freedoms and orders that they cannot have contact with their loving family and friends

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In an absolutely bizarre and shocking decision which has left loving family and close friends of three Muskoka children devastated, **Justice T.M. Wood** from the Bracebridge court ordered that the children be stripped of all contact with their loving father, family and close friends and they be forced back into an environment where they were being emotionally and physically abused by their mother.

Judge Wood's court order was based on the unjust and ill thought out demands of workers from the Muskoka Children's Aid Society who appear bent on supporting a disturbed mother and destroying the children's relationship with their loving father, family and friends.

Evidence that the children were being abused was even confirmed by the children during a videotaped interview in which the children also stated that they did not trust the CAS.

Interestingly, none of the Muskoka CAS workers who wanted Judge Wood to prevent the children from seeing their family and friends, including Muskoka CAS supervisor, Joan Wadell, were registered as social workers in the Province of Ontario, yet they practice social work.

In the eyes of many in the community of Muskoka, the court Order of Justice Wood strikes a serious blow against justice for children and families in Canada and throws the administration of justice into disrepute.

The judge's order appeared to be highly flawed and based on very specious logic.

Judge Wood erred on the name of a key witness correct!

A child and family advocate from Family Conflict Resolution Services, Vern Beck, interviewed the children on videotape just days prior to Justice Wood's decision and submitted a sworn affidavit to Justice Wood but the judge did not appear to have read it very carefully, if at all.

In spite of the child advocate's name being clearly printed on an affidavit with a signature as well as on other court documents, Judge Wood referred to the advocate as "Glen Beck" in his written judgement.

Perhaps Judge Wood became confused with Glenn Beck, the well known late night TV show host from the Fox TV who has a website at www.glennbeck.com.

For any judge to get the name of a key witness wrong in a written judgement and to put his/her signature to a document with such an error smacks of incompetence.

The children disclosed on videotape that they wanted to live with their father and that they were being physically and emotionally abused by their mother and that they did not trust nor like their worker with the Muskoka CAS, Dulce Pelletier.

Yet, in spite of the testimony from the children, workers from the Muskoka CAS did not even bother to make contact with the child advocate before asking Justice Wood to force the children back into the clutches of the mother who had a long history of abusing the children and exposing them to numerous risks.

Blatant errors in Judge Wood's decision

In his decision, Judge Wood stated about the mother, "since separating from the respondent father her life has stabilized, she is in good housing and she is working cooperatively with the Society."

However, undisputable evidence put before Justice Wood paints a much different picture.

Information put before Justice Wood, showed how the mother had uprooted the children and fled her taxpayer subsidized townhouse which she had been living in for only just over a month and moved into Chrysalis women's shelter.

According to close friends of the mother, she was facing eviction and was unable to pay her \$200 per month rent and had left her place with significant physical damages to the property in just the short time she lived there.

Yet in the weeks prior to this the mother had received over \$9000 in money from the taxpayers which she spent.

Evidence before the court, including pictures taken by friends from inside the mother's home just days before Judge Wood's decision, showed the children sleeping on the floor in deplorable conditions.

The mother had also refused to take the children to counselling likely out of fear of what the children might say to a counsellor.

Evidence was also given to Justice Wood that the mother was dumping the children on friends while she partied and had a good time on weekends as a single person.

After uprooting the children without notice just days before appearing before Justice Wood, the mother moved herself and the children back into Chrysalis House women's shelter at the expense of taxpayers yet again.

For Justice Wood to state that a good home for the children was at the Chrysalis House women's shelter when their father and family have a lovely home for them shows how terribly out of touch with reality Judge Wood is.



Photographs like this taken by friends from inside the mother's home showing how the children were sleeping on the floor were presented to Justice Wood who then stated in his order that the children lived in a good home.

The decision by the Justice Wood to side with the unregistered workers with the Muskoka CAS and to force the children back into the clutches of the mother who clearly needed help, was made in spite of testimony from the mother's friends and other troubling evidence, including video testimony from the children which supported claims:

- **That the mother had been warned multiple times by CAS workers to stop physically abusing her children yet continued to do so after prior warnings by the Society workers.**
- **That the mother had history of abusing the children going back a number of years while the father had never physically or emotionally abused the children.**
- **A doctor had recommended that the mother undergo a psychological examination but she refused.**
- **That the children's school had called CAS to report abuse of the children by their mother.**
- **That the mother was allowing a known heroin addict to care for the children and to drive the children when the addict was under house arrest at Chrysalis House and did not have a driver's license or insurance.**
- **That the children and friends reported that the children cried themselves to sleep at night at the mother's home.**
- **That the mother was preventing the children from speaking with their loving father on the phone in spite of a previous court order and the children's desire to speak to their father.**
- **The mother had bragged to witnesses that the father would never have access to his children ever again.**
- **That the mother was terrorizing the children and telling her children that they had better not say**

anything about their mother hitting them at home.

- **That the mother was calling her 10 year-old daughters "bitches" and degrading names and had stated to witnesses that that she wanted to kill the kids.**
- **That the mother was pawning the children off to others on weekends so that she could party and have a good time.**
- **That in spite of the mother receiving over \$9,000 from the government she was unable to pay her taxpayer subsidized rent of only \$200.**
- **That the mother moved back into Chrysalis House women's shelter at the expense of taxpayers in spite of her not fleeing any kind of abuse.**
- **That the mother was making the children lie to CAS workers so that CAS workers would not find out about the mother abusing the children.**
- **That workers with the Muskoka CAS refused to meet with witnesses if recording devices were used.**
- **That a psychologist had previously reported to the CAS that the mother had a long standing anger problem and that the father did in fact have legitimate grounds for concerns about the mother..**

Two of the mothers very close friends presented sworn affidavits with extensive, irrefutable evidence of trauma & abuse towards the children, which CAS had documented in their files as early as December, but remained silent about.

These two women have witnessed what CAS has known for months. The fact that Judge Wood did not even mention this evidence is criminal, as it is exactly what these children have been telling anyone who will listen, for over a year now.

In spite of the children's wishes put before Justice Wood the judge ignored what the children were saying and in effect, banished them to live in the child unfriendly environment of the women's shelter.

All that Justice Wood had to do was to order that the children be brought forth to speak to him in his chambers, but Judge Wood did not do what could have easily ensured that the truth was put before him.

Judge Wood's judgement has shamed the community and has effectively isolated the children from all outside sources of help that the children trusted and kept them in an environment of abuse and neglect.

It's time for the citizens of Ontario to take action and to put an end to the needless destruction of families by incompetent CAS workers and judges who cause more damage to families by their incompetent meddling. It's time for the CAS and the family courts to be made accountable.

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