

**Note: The names of the children and the mother's lawyer have been edited because Judge Craig Perkins of the Ontario Family Court ordered the names not be published. While Judge Perkins claims it was to protect the children, the children believe that the real purpose of the publication ban was to help hide details of Justice Perkin's court order which prevented the siblings, who were very close to each other prior to the court, from communicating with each other until the youngest sibling was 18 years of age.**

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Mr. Justice Craig Perkins  
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Newmarket, Ontario  
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Dear Justice Perkins

## **RE: Your failure as a judge to dispense justice to our family**

As young adults who now consider ourselves as recent victims of Canada's family court system, we are writing this letter to you to express our most utter disgust in the way in which you, as a Superior family court judge, have dealt with our family's court matters. Our family went into your court expecting justice to be served but instead left the court system violated and persecuted.

Your decision as the family court judge in our family's matter has literally destroyed what was once a close and loving family. Instead of giving us children justice during our parent's separation, you have delivered injustice, helped to bankrupt our father but most disgustingly, have forcefully separated us three older children in the family from our younger sister, M [REDACTED], who was always so much a part of our lives. Your ruthless and incompetent court decision haunts us almost every day. Our younger sister, M [REDACTED], who is now 10 years of age is also feeling angry at your decision as well.

The damage that you as a judge have inflicted upon our family as a result of your reckless and ill-thought out decision as a judge has been horrendous. If anything, your decision to sever our family and to separate us from our younger sister and has only caused us to see how truly broken and uncaring the family court system is at the Barrie, Ontario courthouse. In addition, your recent order against our loving father ordering that he must pay over \$300,000 in court costs immediately has only caused further harm to our family and cast our family into financial ruin.

We have read your reasons for judgement as it is posted on the internet. In our opinion your reasons are just a bunch of garbage not worth the paper they are printed on. In fact there were some places where even we could see that you lied in your reasons for judgement. You obviously did not get it right. While you criticized our father for involving us in court matters and while you ruled that there was to be no contact between us older children and our mother, our mother ignored your order and wrote a personal email to T [REDACTED] giving him the link to your ruling and telling him to read your ruling on the internet, almost as if to justify why she must continue to keep us away from our younger sister. The reality is that all of us children, including our younger sister know what the truth is and no court ruling can mask what we know is the truth.

Before our family became involved in the family court system, like most kids we used to believe that the court system would get matters straightened out between our mother and father in a reasonable fashion. After what our family has been through over the past few years and after seeing what has gone on in some of the courts, it is clear that conflict is encouraged by the court process and that families are vigorously persecuted by the very institutions which claim to be working for the best interest of children.

Prior to your court order which divided us, all that we children ever wanted was to live with our father because he was a more reasonable and stable parent. We were still willing to have regular contact with our mother. We made this clear to everyone and you were told this in court. Yet it seems that the court system with all its so called professionals and lawyers cannot comprehend such a simple objective. You have failed to achieve this very simple and basic arrangement which everyone except our mother was in favour of. How can the courts turn such a simple and fair arrangement into a major trial where our father was ordered to immediately pay over \$300,000 in court costs. This makes absolutely no sense whatsoever. As young adults, even we can see the senselessness of the whole court process and that harm that it has done to ourselves and our parents.

Prior to our family's encounter with the family court, our family was close and loving. Even though our mother and father were separated, we still spent time with both parents. Most importantly, all of us children spent time together. We had a close bond between us. Your court order effectively destroyed the bonds which once held all of us together. Your court order has made it much more difficult for the relationship between ourselves and our mother to be repaired.

Hardly a day goes by that we don't think of our younger sister and how you as a family court judge took her away from us. The memories of our family being abused by the courts, the children's aid society, the children's lawyer's office and the police are still fresh in our minds. We will not ever forget what you and the other agencies have done to us. It is clear in our minds how the system listens to mothers while ignoring fathers and children who support their fathers.



**Here is a picture of our youngest sister, M [REDACTED], on the left who you, Justice Perkins, have separated from our father and from her older brothers and sister.**

Yes, we are angry at how the system has done so much harm to our father who has all along has only fought to ensure the best for all of us children. It seems clear to us that the system does not like children who express a wish to live with their fathers. Yet, it seems that the system wants to lay blame on our father and punish us children for only wanting to live with the most stable, loving and rational parent - our father.

While your ruling violates the rights and freedoms of members of our family, your biased and incompetent decision does have a bright side to it. Your reckless decision has in fact strengthened the resolve of us kids to expose this family court injustice and to make everyone in our community aware of just how incompetent you are and how sick the family court system is in Barrie. Although our mother may be using your court order to justify keeping us from speaking to our younger sister, we know in our hearts that this will only strengthen our sister's desire to see her older siblings and to instil in her that the family court system is nothing but a joke. She may only be 10 years of age now but as she grows older her resolve to put an end to her rights and freedoms being violated will only grow.

We are determined that nothing, including your ridiculous court Order will prevent us from being back together again as a family at some point. It is only going to be a matter of time until your court order will be recognized in the community for exactly what it really is – a worthless piece of paper which bankrupted our family. When our younger sister does break away from her forced seclusion, we know that she will want to speak out as well about how your court order has affected her.



**M [redacted] was close to all of her siblings but very close to her big sister, J [redacted]. Here is a picture of J [redacted] and M [redacted] on J [redacted]'s 14<sup>th</sup> birthday. This is the relationship which YOU have destroyed Justice Perkins.**

All of us older children have made it very clear that our mother was abusive towards our father and ourselves and that she often acted in an irrationally manner. Our mother was unstable at times had emotional problems which is why we wanted to live with our dad. How you as a judge came to conclusion that it was our father's fault for making us dislike our mother is beyond belief. You obviously did not listen to us and you failed to competently consider the evidence before you. It seems

as if you expect children to continue to give unconditional love to a mother who in fact is being physically and emotionally abusive to the children. How can you expect us not to show some sort of anger towards our mother after she has done so much to hurt our father and ourselves and continues to do while claiming the support of the court and the CAS?

Just to summarize some of the things that we have had to endure as a result of the system:

- Our sister J [REDACTED], who was 13 years of age at the time, was forced out of our nice home by the CAS as a result of unfounded allegations made by a friend of our mother's who was later discredited in the court for her testimony.
- While in care of the CAS, our sister J [REDACTED] was sexually harassed at a CAS foster facility. She was put in group homes and foster homes which were far below the standards she was used to living in at home. When she tried to flee to safety from CAS abuse, she was forced back into CAS care by CAS workers and police.
- The CAS, with police officers present, forcefully broke down a door at J [REDACTED]'s friend's house and forced J [REDACTED] into the back of a dirty smelly police cruiser so that they could take her to a group home. All of this under the orders of the Simcoe CAS. Yet, all J [REDACTED] wanted was to come back to her own home to live in her own home with her own loving family.
- J [REDACTED] told authorities that she was physically assaulted by her mother at her mother's home but none of the authorities did anything about it.
- Our mother prevented us from speaking to our sister even by phone prior to your last court order. None of the authorities did anything about our mother blocking our younger sister's rights to speak to her own siblings.
- Prior to your court Order, our mother prevented us from seeing our sister even under supervision. Nobody in the system seemed to care about what our younger sister wanted.
- At the local elementary school, when T [REDACTED] and B [REDACTED] went over to see our sister J [REDACTED] at the school, she was threatened and physically restrained by teachers. We were told that we could not communicate with each other. Again, this was because of the lies of our mother to the school. What kind of justice is this when teenage siblings cannot even speak to each other openly in the hallway of the local school? What gives other persons the right to physically restrain us from talking when there is no court order to that effect?
- We had expressed our desire to attend the court hearing prior to the trial, yet we were kicked out of the court by the judge at the request of our mother's lawyer. We consider ourselves old enough and mature enough to view the proceedings but it was clear that the court wanted to keep the proceeding secret even from us.
- J [REDACTED] had repeated problems with her children's lawyer. She could not reach her and the lawyer refused to properly present her wishes and preferences to the court. The children's lawyer lied to J [REDACTED] on at least one occasion and refused to tell her about her rights.
- Our family was subjected to ongoing threats and intimidation by police and CAS workers. Again, all of this based on false allegations encouraged by our mother in order to win in court. The allegations were later found to be unfounded but we were put through hell during the process.

We children have been put through hell because of the failure of the system to respect our rights and freedoms. You, Justice Perkins, only made things worse with your final order which severed our family. Your court order only helped to legitimize all the things that our mother had done to cause problems in our family because of her own personal issues.

You, Justice Perkins, have failed in your duty to dispense justice in your court and as a result of your decision are directly responsible in the destruction of a close and loving relationship between us older children and our younger sister. You have committed the worst kind of crime that anyone can do to a family. We hope that this letter will cause you to reflect about how you have destroyed our family next time you are asked to pass judgement on another family.

One thing that makes us angry at you was that you had the power to have our sister's wishes brought before you in the court. Yet you did not do this. We understand that you have the power to have brought our sister into your chambers and to have spoken to her privately, but you did not. Our younger sister would have been very happy to have been given the opportunity to have been able to speak to you and she would have told you how much she wanted to see us and how she was being kept from communicating with her older siblings by her mother.



**Here is a picture of our younger sister M [REDACTED] with her older sister, J [REDACTED]. YOU, Justice Perkins, have separated M [REDACTED] from her older brothers, sister and her father.**

Instead of just asking our sister what her wishes were, you accepted the demands of our mother and her lawyer and made an order which took our sister away from us and prevented us from seeing her until she was 18 years of age. What kind of crap is that?

On top of that, if our father was not already struggling to support us children, you went and ordered court costs against him for over \$300,000. By ordering our father to pay this kind of money you have caused even further harm to our family.

In paragraph 138 of your reasons for judgement you stated, "When the child is older, if the child begins to express a desire to restore contact, this issue can be addressed again. However is should be left to the child to take the initial steps. I am quite confident that if that happens, the mother now has the insight to know that the child must be allowed to follow that path." Yet our sister, M [REDACTED], has already tried to

contact us, but has indicated that she is very fearful to have her mother know. This has happened on more than one occasion. On one occasion when our mother found out, we were told that our mother took steps to stop contact. In fact, just recently, another person who knows our younger sister told us that our mother was preventing our sister from contacting us even though you indicated she should be allowed to do so in your reasons for judgement. Even after your court order, our mother has shared selected e mails about our family's case with others in the community in an attempt to make her look good and to make our father look bad. Our mother has made a mockery of your court decision as she continues to violate our younger sister's wishes to see her other family members, especially her older sister and brothers.

After hearing about some of the malicious things that our mother did to keep our family divided, how you as judge can come to such a silly conclusion that our mother would have the insight to help our sister restore contact is absolutely ridiculous. You have effectively put our younger sister's freedoms under the strict control of a parent who clearly is trying to prevent our younger sister from having contact with her other family members.

All we can say to you Justice Perkins is that you are a pathetic judge who has totally screwed up the meaning of justice and in the process you have torn apart, financially ruined and destroyed a once strong, loving and financially secure family! No words can describe the distain we feel for you and for the family court system. In our eyes, you have made a mockery of justice in Canada. The lawyer who represented our mother, N [REDACTED] T [REDACTED] of Toronto, did more harm to our family by encouraging our mother into all of this court stuff in the first place. What is even more disturbing about the court system is that type of harm our family has suffered is being perpetrated on other families in our community as well. This is a disgrace for Canada.

We sincerely hope that you retire or get fired before you cause any further damage to other children and families in our community Your flawed decision in our family's matter clearly demonstrates in our minds that you are an incompetent judge who is not worthy of making decisions which affect families.

And by the way, our father has had nothing to do with helping us to compose this letter to you, so don't try to lay further blame on him as you have so wrongly done in the past. We are fully capable of thinking and acting by ourselves. You can be assured that we will be spending some of our time in exposing you and the Barrie family court system for what it really is – a family destruction center!

Come judgement day, Justice Perkins, God will be judging you and those in the family court system and at the children's aid society responsible for the terrible things that they have done to our family.

You can be assured that we shall never forget the terrible harm that you have caused our family.

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T [REDACTED] S [REDACTED] (19), B [REDACTED] S [REDACTED] (17) and J [REDACTED] S [REDACTED] (15)

cc: The Honourable Stephen Harper, Prime Minister of Canada  
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Canadian Judicial Council  
The United Nations