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To whom it may concern

[REDACTED] I drove my Jeep [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] I found a lovely, lonely spot on a track leading down to an old historic bridge and overlooking a lush green valley.

This was the place I had chosen to die.

I took about 30 Xanax, 90 Melleril and 10 Temazepam tablets, washing them down with half a bottle of red wine.

I woke up in [REDACTED] Hospital [REDACTED] - to the realisation that I couldn't even successfully kill myself! The psychiatry of that realisation is another story but, suffice it to say here, it is not easy to bounce back from that position.

My attempted suicide had been triggered by a telephone conversation between my current lover and my ex-wife on the previous Saturday morning, the contents of which my lover had chosen to convey to me during a drive [REDACTED]

Needless to say, had I been well, I may have been able to shrug off what I regard as yet another betrayal by a bitter, vengeful woman combined with a very bad decision to engage her in conversation by my current lover.



Summary

I read, with great interest and concern, an article by the Chief Justice of the Family Court in "The Advertiser" last week. I found his description of the composition of the Family Court quite intriguing. Unless I am mistaken, he mentioned only the Judges (51 as I recall).

Wrong, Sir, very wrong!!!!

The bulk of the damage done in the farcical process conducted under the auspices of the Family Law Act is done by REGISTRARS on the basis of UNTESTED allegation and counter-allegation.

The Chief Justice is also wrong when he implies that the current TROUBLE is being stirred up by the participants in the SIX PERCENT of cases which go to trial. Nothing could be further from the truth.

In my view, the reason why only six percent go to trial is that 94% of the time, the litigants, most of whom are fathers fighting for something akin to a fair go, are smashed around and beaten by the half-baked "judgements" of disinterested or downright biased Registrars who assault them with a rash of "interim" orders designed to be in force long enough to drain the last ounce of fight or finance out of them.

This is a very sick system in which the presumption of guilt is placed fairly and squarely on the shoulders of males as soon as they dare to appear.

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The Chief Justice is deluding himself if he thinks the problems are confined to six percent!

Finally:

I ask you to consider the case of my son [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], then aged nearly 15, moved in with me (in contravention of a Residency Order in favour of his mother)

I applied for a Residency Order at the end of February but his mother successfully obtained a Recovery Order on the grounds that [REDACTED] was "intellectually disabled".

This was executed [REDACTED] by four Federal Police officers who forcibly removed him from my home while I was at work.

He ran away and came back to me. On the next occasion, we were up before Judge Murray who issued another Recovery Order. Same result – he came back to me.

When I tried to bring the matter back before Her Honour, she threatened me with imprisonment.

[REDACTED]'s mother then produced a document produced by [REDACTED], whom Her Honour asserted was operating at Grade 4 level. Her Honour then ordered [REDACTED]'s arrest on the grounds that he had "forged" a Family Court document – he had knocked up a "Concent Order" in which he spelt out what he would like to see as an outcome.

I suggest you look at the transcript of proceedings if you don't believe me. I have already sent same to the Chief Justice who did not even bother to reply!!

So, when it comes to Judges even, the Family Court is able to dispense with little nuisances like the presumption of innocence and order arrest and imprisonment. This particular judge seems to think that the best thing for an intellectually disabled child (her own words) is a spell in prison!!!! If you read the transcript, you will see that she even has a word about bail – she thinks it should be denied.

THIS COURT IS SICK, SICK SICK AND IT MAKES PEOPLE SICK!!!