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Dear Dr. Weinstein:

Thank you for all the help and assistance you provided during my horrific custody trial. Your passion, vast experience as a forensic psychologist and expert witness, as well as your broad experience of over 2,500 cases you have represented were key to the success of being able to get my children returned to me from *another state* after nearly a year of separation from me.

You were very well prepared, your credentials were impressive to the court, and you were extremely credible on the witness stand. During cross examination there was no hesitation in your testimony – it was crisp, to the point, and made clear to the court your expert opinion and the impact the events were having on my children.

Furthermore, you worked as an integral part of the team representing my children and provided insights from your vast court experience, moral support, and were highly responsive throughout the entire process.

Words cannot describe how incredibly thankful and grateful I am for what you did for me and my children.

As you know, I have two children with my ex-husband. My daughter is almost 15, and my son is 13. During the divorce proceedings, my ex-husband relocated to Houston, Texas for some unknown reason. Our divorce was finalized in July 2005, and I was granted primary physical custody of our children and we reside in New Jersey.

In March 2006, my ex-husband filed an application with the court to transfer physical custody of our children to Houston, Texas. With the family court system being so overburdened, our hearing was continuously delayed. Weeks turned into months which became years.

During the summer of 2007, I sent both of our children to Houston, Texas to spend time with their father. Instead of returning our children to me at the end of the summer, as we had agreed and was court ordered, my ex-husband decided to register them for school and refused to return them to me at the end of the summer. Not only did my ex-husband refuse to return our children to me, he alienated them against me during their summer stay. They wanted nothing to do with me, and for the most part, they refused to even speak with me.

I was forced to file a petition with the New Jersey courts to compel my ex-husband to return our children to me from Texas. Due to the fact that our custody hearing was still an open case in the court system and that our children had already started school, the judge decided to allow our children to stay in Houston Texas until the completion of the trial. Not only was I completely devastated by the judge's decision, I felt utterly betrayed by the entire legal system as we already had a court order that clearly defined custody. Of course, the court's decision gave my ex-husband more fuel for his fire by allowing him to continue to illegally keep our children and also by allowing him to continue the parental alienation tactics that had already successfully been employed. My ex-husband knew the longer he kept our children in Texas the more difficult it would be for me to get them returned to New Jersey.

As soon as I received that devastating decision by the court, I knew that my children were in jeopardy and the legal battle ahead would be a perilous one. I also realized just how devious and evil my ex-husband could be and how he would go to any length, including breaking the law, to keep our children from me. At that point, I realized that in order to have our children returned to me and stop the damaging effects of parental alienation, I would have to hire the best parental alienation/child custody expert I could find that was well seasoned in highly adversarial court settings and was a forensic psychologist without compare. Then I found you.

I started to research the internet and the name that kept coming to the top of each and every search was yours. I went to your website, and I realized I found exactly who I was looking for. I immediately sent you an email explaining my situation. I was hoping to get a response from you within a week or two, so I was astounded when you responded to me within a couple of hours!! You were out of town, traveling for another case, yet you found the time to respond to me and quickly started developing a plan of action. I knew I had found the right person to help me. I wanted someone who was not only knowledgeable and experienced; I wanted someone who was passionate about my children, had empathy for what I was facing, and would be willing to fight to the end.

We discussed how difficult my case was and how diabolical and vindictive my ex-husband was, yet you were still willing to take on my case. You took on my case with the full knowledge that it would be a vicious, all out war, and you never once wavered in your dedication and hard work to protect my children and help restore my custody. You were unbelievably responsive to every phone call, email, or court document whether it was from me or my attorney. You always made me feel as if my case was the only case you were working on

Not only did you bring your knowledge, experience, and passion to my case, you brought a world class team who is just as knowledgeable, qualified, and passionate in their areas of expertise. As far as I'm concerned, Karen Wagner and Suzanne Silver are not only an integral part of your team; they are amazing and wonderful people.

All in all, my entire custody case took over 3 ½ years to complete. Although our children have been back in my custody since June 2008 and the case finally came to an end in January 2009, I didn't receive the court's decision until July 2009 which denied a transfer of custody of our children to my ex-husband and also sanctioned him for his bad behavior.

I would be happy to speak to any of your potential clients as a reference for you. You and your team worked under the most challenging circumstances yet you were tireless in your quest and dedication to protect my children and return them to me.

As I am witness to how you were able to get my children returned to me, I truly believe you'll be able to get anybody's children returned to them.

Once again, thank you.

Sincerely,

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