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To Whom It May Concern:

I write this letter of recommendation in support of Dr. Monty N. Weinstein.

My name is Thomas J. Shallow and I have two children, a daughter, now aged 13, and a son, now age 15. When I first met Dr. Weinstein my children were ages five and seven, I had been stripped of my parental legal custody, removed from my own home, and relegated to a mere biweekly visitor in the life of my son and daughter.

A year earlier I had entered the family court system in the county where I live in an attempt to put an end to the abuse that my children and I were regularly being subjected to at the hands of the children's mother. My now, ex wife would fly into uncontrolled outbreaks of violence and obscene behavior. Screaming and yelling was regularly punctuated with slapping punching and pulling the children's hair. Outbreaks would regularly continue for 15 to 45 minutes followed by a recalcitrant personality who would offer apologies for the damages incurred or the physical violence inflicted in her uncontrolled moments. I would come home from work to discover my children being abused by their uncontrolled mother who handled them like rag dolls. This was a woman that in order to avoid her pummeling, I would have to barricade myself in a room and while there, as I held the door shut, she would stand in the hall and screen "you're hurting me", "you're hurting me"???. Never once did I ever raise a hand to her nor did she ever report that in the over 3600 pages of testimony that entered the record in our case. Yet, in her fits of anger she drew blood on both the children and I.

Just before my custody case went to trial my wife began seeing a psychiatrist who put her on a regimen of psychotropic medication twice daily and directed her to see a therapist weekly. At trial my wife reported that she was "a new woman". The results of Mother's psychological testing were craftily glossed over and largely covered up. The court ordered psychologist that was imposed in our case had an established track record of mortgaging the family's future so that mother might be rehabilitated. I was not prepared to deal with a sexually biased family court system that was so willing to sacrifice my children to support their desire to be politically correct. I later came to understand that in family court, men and their love for their children are nothing less than meat, relegated to the importance of a paycheck, and the court system is simply a meat grinder. The court excused its decision to rehabilitate mother by falsely characterizing me as having been insensitive and unsupportive of mother, a conclusion not remotely supported by the record. In much the same way as an unscrupulous law enforcement official might place a gun in the hands of an innocent individual improperly shot; the family court system covers its tracks. There is no jury of 12 in the family court, there is only a judge who, in the absence of expert testimony, can easily fabricate an opinion and decision not rooted in truth but crafted so as to give an appearance of proper judicial conduct.

When Dr Weinstein entered my case he exposed the test results, and the finding of mother's mental illness that the original Court ordered psychologist had covered up. Dr. Monty Weinstein is a truly extraordinary individual who genuinely loves children. In his extensive experience he has seen the impact of divorce and separation on the pawns of Family Court, the children. Biased, cronyism, and in chamber deals, seldom consider the indelible scars that a child of divorce is forced to endure. Dr. Weinstein clearly understands a child's pain and need to have access to the love and nurturing of both parents. In his years of experience he has seen and can predict what happens to a child who grows into a man or a woman and is a victim of an ignorant court system. Dr. Weinstein is an expert in many areas of the mental health profession but he is first last and always a child advocate.

No court system wants to be exposed for its inadequacies and least of all exposed for their arrogance, biased, or misinformed decisions. The family court judge has vast power over the American family and the litigants who dare to enter their realm. There are few professionals who are willing to take on a county-based family court system that regularly demonstrates little respect for the rights of a parent. Dr. Weinstein is one extraordinary individual who, if he believes in your case, will walk into the fires of hell to throw water on the black robes of Satan so a child can have appropriate access to their parents.

My personal journey through the court system has navigated the County Family Court, the state, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the Federal Courts of the United States. Mine is a story of a Father who not unlike millions of Fathers across our country genuinely loves his children and wants more than anything to actively be in their lives as they grow. The mental health establishment universally recognizes the importance of Fathers in the lives of children, but, by contrast, the Family Court Systems in America do not endorse or support the importance of Fathers' role in the family. It was Dr. Weinstein who made it possible for me to have access to my children. With Dr. Weinstein's assistance the court returned to me shared legal custody of my children and 35% of physical custody.

Today, and for the past 2 years, I have had 100% of the physical custody of my 15-year-old son. My 13-year-old daughter however has been largely alienated from both her brother and myself. As of five months ago she began living exclusively with her mother. Years ago, three experts predicted that my daughter's relationship with both my son and I would become the victim of alienation. That information was supplied to the court. The original judge in the case followed by the second judge in our court case ignored the best interest of the children by suppressing the evidence and deliberately implementing stall tactics that were aimed at my further financial devastation. The children in family court are regularly the last to be considered. In my quest for justice I took the second judge involved in my case along with the County and three other co-defendants through the federal court system and ultimately to the steps of the Supreme Court of the United States.

Four different attorneys including the Chief Counsel for the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania argued in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania Federal Court that my case should be dismissed primarily on the merits that a federal court has no right to question the decisions of a state based court (Rooker -- Feldman Doctrine). Secondly, the same attorneys argued that the Judge in

my case, Thomas P. Rodgers, who was sworn to uphold the Constitution of the United States and had clearly failed to do so, when, he knowingly, willingly, and blatantly, violated the civil rights law, should, along with his codefendants get off under the protections of judicial immunity.

On further appeal the Third Circuit Court of Appeals overturned the Eastern District of Pennsylvania Federal Courts' earlier decision and ruled in my favor by denying opposing counsel's arguments for dismissal based on The Rooker – Feldman Doctrine. However, the Third Circuit Court upheld that the judge and the associated codefendants could hide behind the notion of judicial immunity. On February 25, 2007 a Petition for a Writ of Certiorari was filed in The United States Supreme Court to address the remaining question of whether a judge should disgracefully be allowed to hide his clearly improper conduct behind the protections of judicial immunity.

Only one in 800 cases that are filed in the Supreme Court of the United States are ever heard. A citizen has a better chance of being struck by lightning, one in 600, during his lifetime. On May 14, 2007 the Supreme Court of the United States entered an order denying my plea to hear the question raised in my Petition for a Writ of Certiorari.

My journey through the court system was largely the exception. Due to finances, I traveled a good portion of the road without a lawyer and represented myself Pro se. I did not have to turn away from what I believe to be my obligations as a Father, because I was fortunate enough to have the support of exceptional individuals like Dr. Weinstein.

Nowhere in the federal court system that led to the Supreme Court of the United States Petitioned did anyone say that the local county judge acted properly and did not violate federal law. In the end the federal court system upheld that the judge and his associates were immune. The Supreme Court of the United States denied my appeal to hear the case.

Throughout this arduous quest for my children's custody Dr. Weinstein and his expert team stuck with me in some of the darkest moments of my life. Without Dr. Weinstein's extraordinary insight and extensive resources I would not have been successful in having any role in the bringing up of my children. My only regret where Dr. Weinstein is concern is that I was not fortunate enough to have found him sooner. The major blunders in my case took place before Dr. Weinstein and I came in contact. I feel certain that if Dr. Weinstein could have been involved in the early stages of my litigation he would certainly have saved me and my children the years of pain and financial devastation that I now pray are behind me.

Without Dr. Weinstein's expert insight I would very likely have been just another father who desperately wanted to be in the lives of his children but was relegated to nothing more than a visitor. I probably would have ended up on a steam grate, broken by a court system who is remarkably without conscience.

Sincerely,

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