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**WHICH JUDICIAL OFFICER ARE YOU COMPLAINING ABOUT?**

☐ DISTRICT JUSTICE ☒ JUDGE ☐ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME:** Jolene Grubb Kopriva

**CITY:** Hollidaysburg **COUNTY:** Blair

**IDENTIFICATION OF CASE INVOLVED (if applicable):**

**COURT TERM AND NUMBER:** No. 2139 CP 1996

Your involvement in this case: ☒ Litigant ☐ Witness ☐ Attorney ☐ Other

Has this case been appealed? ☒ Yes ☐ No

**NAME OF PLAINTIFF:** Lou Ann Frederick - (Kearns)

**PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY:** Darlee E. Sill

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**NAME OF DEFENDANT:** Robert G. Kearns, Jr.

**DEFENDANT'S ATTORNEY:** Donald E. Speice

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**VERIFICATION:** I believe that these written statements are true. The statements in this complaint are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa.C.S. § 4904 (relating to unsworn falsification to authorities).

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Robert G. Kearns, Jr.  
Signature

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Please use this page to explain your complaint, providing as much detail as possible. Attach additional pages if needed.

For many years Judge Jolene Kopriva has been notoriously biased against men in custody cases. It wasn't until my own divorce\custody case that I was enlightened how this is unjustly done. Explanation as follows!

In Blair County it is common knowledge, as well as documented, that Psychologist Nancy D. Baker has procured and maintained the vast majority of court appointed child counseling through Ms. Kopriva being that they are very good friends. Over the years Ms. Baker has built the reputation of a psychologist who has lost her mind and is biased against men in court proceedings. Many lawyers have filed complaints with Ms. Kopriva concerning Ms. Baker's ethics. Ignoring these complaints Kopriva insistently uses the services of Baker as the premier child counselor in custody cases.

The downfall of my 10 year old daughter's mental health and life began on February 19, 1997 when Judge Kopriva appointed Nancy Baker to counsel her. By my first custody hearing on June 23, 1997 my daughter's mental health had deteriorated so dramatically under Baker's counseling that she had pulled out all her eyelashes and most of the hair on her head. My daughter's only problem before Baker's involvement was depression caused by the alienation from the paternal family. Vehemently my daughter's desires were to return home to live with her daddy. Driving my daughter into a deeper depression Ms. Baker deliberately refused to acknowledge my child's problem and was looking hard to place some superfluous blame on me (the father) for my daughter's deterioration.

During my custody hearing on June 23, Ms. Baker testified for nearly 5 1/2 hours and blatantly attempted to conceal a picture of a violent incident my daughter drew for her at a counseling session in April, 1997. The picture depicted my wife and step daughter as having forcefully removed my daughter from our home at knife point during the night of our separation. Accommodating my wife to retain custody of my daughter Baker attempted to make a tranquil and loving home life setting for her. After one short interview with my step daughter Baker was able to endorse her as a nice church going girl of high morals. My attorney then shown Baker a photograph of my then 17 year old step daughter exposing her breasts in the home she baby-sat in. He had shown her drawings and poetry of oral sex acts and a molestation poem that my step daughter authored and drew. He asked Baker if she considered that moral conduct and did anything alarm her that she looked at. Baker said nothing there alarmed her and it was moral behavior for 16, 17, and 18 year old girls. To chemically force my daughter's

compliance and submission to accept and live with this repulsive situation Ms. Baker highly recommended to the court that my daughter be medicated by Psychiatrist Richard Hill. Subsequently she recommended that any visitation between my daughter and I cease. Baker suggested the suspension should be in effect for years until the drugs had time to work her desired results on my daughter. Only after years of being medicated and only "if my daughter still wanted to see me," she reasoned that some visitation with me could be re-instated.

Wearing down with the extensive cross-examination Baker's testimony finally revealed that my daughter loved her daddy more than her mother and wanted to come home to live with dad. At the end of the hearing I was ordered two things until the next scheduled hearing on July 17th. (1) I was given additional days of visitation with my daughter and (2) a period of two weeks to get a second medical opinion before any court ordered medication would be considered for my daughter.

On July 2nd, I was to pick my daughter up at my wife's residence only to discover a vague note tacked to the door telling me that my daughter was involved in some emergency. I should contact my lawyer in the morning. Not until 3:00 P.M. July 3rd, did my attorney discover that my daughter was placed in a mental institution, collusively by Ms. Baker and my wife. On July 3rd Judge Jolene Kopriva acted on the fabrications and whims of Ms. Baker, and issued an order to institutionalize my daughter and medicate her if deemed necessary. My court ordered second medical opinion was now to be done at the Meadows Psychiatric Center. Ironically this is where Dr. Richard Hill practices and is a director. Furthermore the Meadows pays the rent to Nancy Baker for Mr. Hill's office space in her building. A second medical opinion by a Meadows psychiatrist to medicate my daughter/or not was in fact no second opinion at all. Baker knew an independant second medical opinion of my daughter would have exposed her for being a fraud, and pathological liar.

As past practices have it Judge Kopriva covers up for Nancy Baker's botches. This time Kopriva aided and abetted Baker's irrational moves to institutionalize my daughter and circumvent my opportunity to have a neutral medical opinion done. Kopriva's order stated that every effort was made to contact my attorney as well as my daughter's guardian ad-litem before incarcerating my daughter. Supposedly they were unavailable to participate in the crisis. Not being taken in by Kopriva's lies my attorney wrote a letter to Kopriva asking her to explain exactly what attempts were made to contact him. (Letter enclosed). To this date she has not answered his request.

On July 15th, 1997 my daughter was released from the Meadows heavily medicated. Ms. Baker also filed an oral complaint with the Blair County Children and Youth services accusing me of severely emotionally abusing my daughter. Accordingly Baker requested that all my visitation with my daughter be

stopped. Not completely accomplishing her goals my every other weekend visitation with my daughter was restricted and heavily monitored during an 84 day investigation by the CYS. In complete counter distinction to Baker's allegations of me, the investigation netted numerous reports by independent social workers, and psychologists that I did not cause my daughter the mental abuse Baker accused me of.

During my daughter's incarceration at the Meadows I wrote a complaint letter to the Governor and Blair County Commissioners. My goal was to advise them that a Blair County judge was spending tax dollars to appoint and maintain a child psychologist who lost her mind, abuses children, conceals evidence to crimes and condones hard-core pornography for teenagers.

On August 18, 1997 a transcript was produced of the June 23, hearing that was comprised of Baker's testimony. On August 20, 1997 Judge Kopriva issued an order that my custody case would be deferred for 30 days. While the press and my family had attempted to review the record of my case in the prothonotary's office it was unavailable for months at a time. We were told it was in Judge Kopriva's office.

It wasn't until February 1998 that I finally acquired a copy of Ms. Baker's June 23, testimony. I soon discovered that everything I complained about to the Governor and County Commissioners was deleted and extensively revised to give Baker's testimony a semblance of credibility and a more court oriented, child friendly appearance. In other words a cleanup job. There were five witnesses to the testimony taken on June 23, 1997 and all agree that the record was tampered with. I have no doubts that disclosing the audio tapes of that hearing will substantiate this complaint against Judge Jolene Kopriva.

enclosures: Photographs of my daughter showing the evolution of Kopriva and Baker's barbaric work.

Letter from my attorney addressed to Judge Jolene Kopriva

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July 7, 1997

The Honorable Jolene G. Kopriva  
Blair County Courthouse  
423 Allegheny Street  
Hollidaysburg, Pa. 16648

IN RE: Stephanie Kearns  
NO. 96 CP 2139

Dear Judge Kopriva:

I am in receipt of your Order of July 3, 1997 wherein you authorize placement of the minor child Stephanie Kearns in the Meadows Psychiatric Center apparently at the request/suggestion of Dr. Nancy Baker and authorize that Stephanie may be medicated upon an independent evaluation by a Psychiatrist other than Dr. Hill.

I wish to thank you for your consideration, under the circumstances of this case, of directing an independent evaluation relative to the need for medication.

I do wish to question, however, your indication that "... this is an emergency situation requiring immediate attention and note further Attorney Donald Speice/counsel and Guardian Ad Litem Ilissa Zimmerman were unavailable for participation in this crisis."

I am aware that Ilissa Zimmerman was on vacation (I believe) out of town. I am somewhat curious, however, on what basis you indicate that I was "unavailable for participation in this crisis". To the best of my knowledge, neither you nor Attorney Sill attempted to reach me. I have spoken with my secretary and I am aware that no message was left on the answering machine in my office; no phone calls were received at this office; and, there was no messages on my answering machine at home when I arrived that evening.

Accordingly, it appears to me that, rather than my being "unavailable", no efforts whatsoever were made to contact me relative to this particular matter.

As a matter of fact, I was sitting in my office Wednesday evening when I received a message on my answering machine that Mr. Kearns had gone to the home to pick Stephanie up for his regularly scheduled visitation only to find a note which stated that there was an emergency "call your Attorney". My client came to my office the first thing Thursday morning and I was forced to advise him that I had no knowledge of anything relative to the matter or why Stephanie was not available.


Accordingly, I would appreciate knowing exactly what efforts were made to reach me for this "emergency".

Secondly, Mrs. Frederick has directed The Meadows to permit Mr. Kearns to visit "only on his scheduled days for visitation" (i.e. every other weekend.)

The Meadows staff has indicated to Mr. Kearns that they must abide by the Court Order if Mrs. Frederick insists on it.

I am requesting you enter an Order Authorizing The Meadows to arrange and schedule visitation as they deem appropriate.

Sincerely,



Donald E. Speice

cc: Mr. Robert Kearns, Jr.  
Ilissa Zimmerman, Guardian Ad Litem  
Lee Sill, Esquire