

Kangaroo court

Judge Thomas Peoples' approach to solving the custody crisis in Blair County is akin to the little boy plugging the hole in the dike with his thumb.

As sad as it is, most married couples do not enter into a divorce amicably. All the programs, psychologists and counselors in the world will not remove the impassioned hate that consumes some of these parents. Especially mentally ill ones. Unfortunately they will use their children as a weapon to destroy the other parent.

To gain a vantage point over the parent who does not have physical custody, false allegations will usually precede the divorce procedures with abuse or molestation charges against the non-custodial parent. Here comes Children and Youth Services.

Should none of the above occur, the involved child's mental health starts to deteriorate right from the first court conciliation hearing when a custody master (a glorified lawyer) gives one parent physical custody of the children and the other parent gets the standard order — every other weekend visits.

This equates to four visitation days a month with the children they used to love, live with and nurture daily. Once the court becomes involved, the custodial parent feels the power of the court supporting him or her and the non-custodial parent rarely, if ever, gets additional visitation beyond the mandates of these loathsome court orders.

Soon the child's emotions hit bottom because of the court-sanctified isolation. Next the court believes it will fix the problem — not through more visitation with the non-custodial family but through a court-appointed psychologist who begins to see things wrong with your child that you never knew existed. The brainwashing begins.

Should the psychologist fail to sway your child's emotions, the child is court ordered to a mental institution and drugged to make the child love what he or she hates. Put the blame where it belongs. The custody system.

When is this kangaroo court going to wake up and do it right?

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