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Dear Courageous Kids:

I have heard quite a bit about this group from Dominique Lasseur and Patricia Duff, who recently met with me while planning a possible follow-up film to *Breaking the Silence*. I think it's time to introduce myself directly to your group.

I am a lawyer and writer who has been campaigning for more than ten years -- as a lawyer, a journalist and an author -- on behalf of protective mothers and others caught up in the family court system. My web site, [www.MichaelLesher.com](http://www.MichaelLesher.com), describes my work in some detail. I have had some success, winning custody back or improving other conditions for some mothers who lost their children because of good-faith allegations of abuse.

I'm also co-author of the first book that examines how family courts fail children and the parents who try to protect them. *From Madness to Mutiny: Why Mothers Are Running from the Family Courts -- and What Can Be Done About It* (University Press of New England, 2005) was the lead title for the spring of 2005 for its Ivy League publisher, and it has achieved wide distribution and excellent reviews. (See [www.MichaelLesher.com](http://www.MichaelLesher.com) for more information.) The book devotes an entire chapter to quack theories such as PAS and explains how they have gained such ascendancy in family courts. (The book just received a long new review in a journal called *Violence Against Women*.)

For some time I've thought that children who were abused because of court system failures ought to be represented, too. Maybe it's time the law guardians and "experts" who shirk their duty or who, in some cases, actually deceive courts into awarding custody to abusive and dangerous parents, were sued for the damage they caused. Anyway, I think it's something to consider.

That is why I'm writing. I would appreciate it if the information about me, my services and my web site could be passed on to the members of your group. Truly, I offer unique services, and if anyone needs legal support, I would like to know about it. Too few attorneys have any grasp of this issue or willingness to help clients seek justice for it.

Anyone wishing to learn more about me (apart from reviewing my web site) my want to contact Claire Reeves, who founded Mothers Against Sexual Abuse, who can be reached at [Clairemasa@aol.com](mailto:Clairemasa@aol.com)

Thanks -- I hope to hear from you.

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