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In Memoriam

Gregory J. Eisenhauer
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The Board of the National Parents' Rights Association is sad to report the suicide on November 30th of one of our members, a loving father; Gregory J. Eisenhauer of Alpharetta, Georgia. Greg was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity at Missouri University at Columbia. He earned his Master's degree in Finance Management at St. Louis University. Greg is survived by his three young children: Katie, John Patrick and David.

After a horrible three year court battle in Fulton County Georgia, Greg finally received the judge's decision on Wednesday the day before Thanksgiving. That decision stripped him of any decision making in his children's lives and relegated him to "visitor" status with approximately 15% parenting time.

Greg was a pillar of the community, and despite the many false allegations perpetrated upon him (as is usual in these cases) he remained committed to gaining shared custody of his children.

His former wife's attorneys, Nancy Lawler and Pilar Prinz, of Lawler Green Givelber & Prinz LLC, in Atlanta did a cunning job along with the aid, assistance and complicity of the Guardian ad litem, Susan Hurst; the Court Evaluator, Elizabeth King and the children's counselor Sandy Bastianello in breaking this father, financially and emotionally and casting aspersions on his good name. Greg was a wonderful, involved and loving father at all times.

Judge Bensonetta Lane decided to rubber stamp the Court appointed evaluators rather than listen to the NPRA independent evaluators. Dr. Monty Weinstein and Karen Wagner testified as to Greg's fitness as a parent and the need to grant him shared parenting in the children's best interest.

Please keep Greg and his children in your prayers. He will be truly missed.

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There will be a memorial service in Georgia and also a wake and funeral at

**Porter Funeral Home
8535 Monrovia
Lenexa, KS 66215
(913) 438-6444**

Sincerely,

Dr. Monty Weinstein and Karen Wagner

Below is One of the Many Letters sent to the Judge

December 2, 2008
Judge Bensonetta Tipton Lane
185 Central Avenue, SW
Suite T-1955 / Courtroom 1D
Atlanta, GA 30303

Re: Your Decision Ultimately Killed a Good, Decent Father of Three Young Children

Judge Tipton Lane:

Your tenure as a Fulton County Superior Court Judge has a longstanding reputation and considered by most who know you to be **apathetic, shameful, extremely biased, considerably prejudicial, and generally unjust and unsympathetic** to those appearing before you. If this well-documented reputation of yours were not bad enough for a Superior Court Judge, you have unquestionably outdone yourself yet again with your most recent rubber-stamped ruling in a custody case involving Mr. Gregory Eisenhower. Your ruling ultimately cost him his life and will leave his three young children forever without a father! Thank you indeed for this kind of vast wisdom, guidance, and insight you regularly bestow upon those appearing before you in the Family Courts of Fulton County. This case is just one example among many similar cases that has appeared before you. In all fairness, your treatment of Mr. Eisenhower — stripping him of his basic rights as a father and reducing him to little more than a visitor with a checkbook — is an all too common, albeit vastly unjust, outcome yielded by far too many judges like yourself and Judge Cynthia Wright, another biased Superior Court judge offering similar “wisdom and guidance” in Fulton County.

For the benefit of those copied on this communiqué who are not familiar with the circumstances surrounding this case, Mr. Gregory Eisenhower was a loving father, an outstanding citizen in Alpharetta, Georgia, an upstanding pillar in his community. He was committed to supporting his children in every way and fought to remain an active and involved father in their lives. Mr. Eisenhower firmly believed that his children came first and deserved both parents' love and guidance. He was working diligently to find a way to achieve a shared custody and co-parenting arrangement with their mother. This case was a protracted three-year custody case that cost him over a million dollars. False allegations were continually lodged against Mr. Eisenhower with no credible supporting evidence or documentation whatsoever. This tactic, while underhanded and despicable, has become a common practice in heated custody cases. It was used with razor precision by his former wife's attorneys, Nancy Lawler and Pilar Prinz, of Lawler Green Givelber & Prinz LLC, in Atlanta. They did to Mr. Eisenhower exactly what so many attorneys do, especially to men. They, along with the aid, assistance and complicity of the Guardian *ad Litem*, Susan Hurst, the Court Evaluator, Elizabeth King, and the children's counselor, Sandy Bastianello, broke down this father financially, physically and emotionally, while all along casting aspersions on his good name. Gregory Eisenhower was a wonderful, involved, and loving father.

The ruling that was rendered on November 26, 2008, the day before Thanksgiving, by the Honorable Despicable Judge Bensonetta Tipton Lane stripped him of any decision-making opportunities in his children's lives and relegated him to a “visitor” status with only about 15% parenting time with his three children. As a result of this type of “judicial wisdom” levied by Judges Lane, Wright, and far too many others in the Family Law Courts here in Georgia and across the county, he was subsequently left with

feelings of complete and utter hopelessness and despair after being unjustly robbed of that which he loved most — his children. With him being stripped of his most fundamental rights as a father, with him being drastically minimized in his children's life, Mr. Eisenhower took his own life just 3 days later on November 29, 2008.

The hope and intent of writing this letter is twofold: first and foremost to expose the injustice and bias that exists, mostly against fathers, in the Family Law Courts in Georgia and across this country. This gross injustice is rampant and goes mostly unnoticed except by those among us unfortunate enough to find themselves in a Family Law Court fighting for those we love the most — our children. Our second intent is to expose the bias and prejudice routinely exhibited by Judges such as Lane and Wright. These judges should both be profoundly ashamed of the way they have diminished the respect for the position they hold in our courts. Neither of these judges is worthy of the power they yield over families and by any reasonable measure, they are guilty of gross judicial malfeasance. The forever loss of a good father to three children is just one prime example of the results from their “judicial wisdom” and the ultimate destruction of families brought about by their prejudice and bias. I have to wonder why it is so difficult to see the clear and obvious solution to resolving problems like the one that ultimately took a good, loving father away from his children and made three innocent children forever fatherless. It's a solution that would benefit both parents and the children involved, a solution that would benefit almost everyone except the attorneys, the guardians *ad litem*, the psychologists, the court evaluators, and almost anyone else who profits from fueling animosity between divorcing parents. I'm certainly no Rhodes Scholar, but the obvious solution is easy to see, even for me. **Assuming that both parents are loving, capable, and have no abuse or other social ills that would obviously harm the children, the solution is for presumptive equal shared parenting between divorcing parents.** This would surely minimize or eliminate the “winner take all” outcomes prevalent in today's family law courts. Our current laws, and the rubber-stamp process followed by most judges, only exacerbates the need for each parent to try their best to destroy the other in order to have an opportunity to continue being a parent to their children. How absurd is that? It is well documented fact that, in over 90% of the cases involving child custody disputes, it is the father who gets minimized and shafted in our family law courts. **A presumption of equal shared custody and equal shared parenting would encourage mutual respect and a cooperative demeanor throughout the divorce process, which ultimately benefits the children. This subtle change in our laws would pave the way for a reduction in animosity, less litigation, the involvement of fewer court appointed professionals, and a reduction in court fees — exactly what all those who continually profit from animosity between divorcing parents don't want! But it should be clear, what's best for the lawyers and others who profit from “the legal system” is not what's best for our children and our families! In closing, the ongoing greed and malfeasance consistently exhibited by our family law attorneys, judges, guardians *ad litem*, and others are ruining our families and the fabric of our society. Please do the right thing by the families who come before the family law courts — grant a presumption of equal shared custody and shared parenting and remove the “winner take all” animosity that currently prevails in our overly litigious family courts. It is clearly in the best interests of our children and would have likely saved this father's life and not left three young children forever fatherless.**

Sincerely,

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