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9	RAJA MITTAL,) Case No. D-09-416294-D	
10	Plaintiff,		
12		MOTION BY PLAINTIFF FOR	
13	V	DISQUALIFICATION AND RECUSAL OF JUDGE RENA G.	
14	KRISTEN BROWN	HUGHES; MEMORANDUM AND AFFIDAVIT OF BIAS IN SUPPORT	
15	Defendant.	OF THE MOTION	
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19	JUDGE RENA G. HUGHES; MEMORANDUM AND AFFIDAVIT OF		
20	BIAS IN SUPPORT OF THE MOTION		
21	Plaintiff hereby, presents to this Court the 'Motion For Disqualification		
22	And Recusal Of Judge Rena G. Hughes' pursuant to NRS 1.235. This Motion is		
23	further based upon the papers and pleadings on file herein, the attached		
24	Memorandum of Points and Authorities and Affidavit of Bias.		
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INTRODUCTION

Central to our system is the principle that a party can receive a fair and impartial determination of it's rights and resolution of controversies by going to the courts. However when the court does not act objectively and allows bias and prejudice to pervade the proceedings, it undercuts the party's right to due process of law, and further casts doubt on ability of the system to resolve controversies fairly and impartially. Over the past few years the district court has made orders and taken actions which directly contravene the law.

STATEMENT OF FACTS RELEVANT TO THE MOTION

This case has a lengthy and tragic history, the plaintiff will try and lay it out concisely. The parties to this action Raja Mittal and Kristen Brown were divorced on January 20, 2010. The parties have one child, a son born on October 4, 2005. Raja brought the matter of sex abuse of his minor child by his maternal grandfather 'Richard Brown' to the family court in Sept 2011 when the minor child disclosed sex abuse by maternal grandfather. There were series of court hearings. Kristen always made vigorous efforts to block the child to see a doctor for the injuries resulting from sex abuse and only insisted on counseling because she is too confident that she can get The child to say anything she wants using severe punishments and physical abuse. These facts are supported by records. There have been reports from professionals with concerns of sexual abuse. Child's medical and psychological history supports the concerns. The records also allege coaching on part of the mother to cover up sex abuse happening in her home with her consent and involvement and the child physically abused to keep his silence. The child repeatedly disclosed to professionals, to his father and his family

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– sex abuse by maternal grandfather and mother beating the child for disclosing sex abuse and pressuring him to keep his silence. In addition to that Plaintiff was able to obtain additional records in the dependency case, that corroborate abuse in mother's home. There are serious concerns of sex abuse of the child and physical, mental and emotional abuse associated with it.

A) Trial In Family Court In May/ June 2013

Raja requested for the trial which was held in family court on May 21, 2013 and June 4, 2013. This was after years of Raja alleging abuse and Kristen denying any abuse. Judge Pollock sent subpoenas to CPS to come and testify at the trial. The trial dates had to be rescheduled twice as CPS was reluctant to testify. Eventually judge Pollock had to send court Marshalls to CPS office urging them to come and testify. At the trial 4 (four) CPS supervisors who responded to the persons most knowledgeable subpoenas testified. Raja prevailed at the evidentiary hearing. Raja's attorney requested the court to move the case to abuse and neglect court so that the child can be protected and Kristen's attorney repeatedly requested not to move it to abuse and neglect court. Judge Pollock moved the case to dependency court issuing a finding - "The court further FINDS that there is reasonable cause to believe that the child is a victim of sexual abuse. (Video Citation: 16:57:57 – 16:58:01)" Everyone was clear as to whom Judge Pollock was referring to when he stated that. The only testimony regarding insertion of anything into the child's anus involved his maternal grandfather "Richard Brown'.

B) Cps Misconduct And Dependency Court Proceedings

CPS unlawfully removed the child from Mittal's custody in violation of state and Federal laws. The dependency case was premised on CPS fraud on the court and on violation of plaintiff's due process rights. As per Raja's understanding, his attorney's understanding and everybody present at the trial were clear on it - according to the outcome of the case, they were to remove the child from Kristen's home. CPS unlawfully seized the child from the Plaintiff's custody on June 7, 2013 when no factual basis existed for believing that the child was in imminent danger of sustaining serious bodily injury or death in the care of the plaintiff . CPS placed the child in the exclusive custody of the alleged abusers and in the home where he is at a risk of sexual, physical, mental and emotional abuse every day. The date for the hearing was set for June 12, 2017 in the dependency court.

CPS attorney said in the open court that this case did not belong in dependency court but still insisted on keeping the case in dependency court and falsely prosecuted Raja filing a fraudulent petition alleging that the allegations brought by Raja were not true when there is overwhelming evidence of sex abuse of the child by his maternal grandfather and CPS tried to suppress that evidence every way possible. Wherein as per the outcome of the trial, they should have taken action against Kristen and protected the child but instead they chose to retaliate against Judge Pollock for sending Marshalls to their office to get them to testify and questioning their investigation. The dependency case was nothing short of thinly veiled attack on Judge Pollock for questioning their investigation but sadly at the expense of Raja and his child.

C) Nolo Plea

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In July of 2013, Raja retained attorney Robert Draskovich to represent him in the dependency court. Upon reading the petition, attorney Draskovich told him that it was the silliest petition he ever read and the allegations do not even meet the statues. Attorney requested for continuance for the trial. Judge Teuton stated that he could only grant continuance for one week and the new date for trial was set for October 1 2013. Attorney Draskovich asked Raja to come to his office for trial prep on Sept 30, 2013. On September 30, 2013 evening, less than 18 hours before the scheduled trial, Raja was coerced by attorney Draskovich to settle the case when Raja was not ready for it. Raja had denied all the allegations at the plea hearing on June 26, 2013. Raja wanted his attorney to put all the facts in front of the judge to get justice for his son and him. Robert told Raja if he doesn't go in for the settlement, he will never see his son ever again.

Robert said he will be entering into nolo contendere to point (ee) - "Raja neglected subject minor's educational needs by failing to have the subject minor attend school during the time period of May 5, 2013 to May 21, 2013". Plaintiff had explained this over and over again – The stated period had 6 school holidays including weekends. Every time the child came sexually and physically abused, no steps were ever taken by authorities to protect him. The child was bleeding regularly. When he had profuse rectal bleeding on May 5, 2013, Raja did not return the child to Kristen . He knew if he sent the child to school, Kristen will come and take him forcibly. Being a father Raja felt helpless that his son is being sexually and physically abused and authorities are not helping in any way to protect him. Rather he was made to be abused more and more every time and is being silenced by all kinds of threats, force and physical abuse. Raja contacted

CCSD school superintendent's office on May 13, 2013 and explained to them why 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

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he was not sending his child to school. They said - there is nothing more important than a child's safety and if he is not able to attend the school and his homework and assignments are being submitted and he is reading at the grade level, there is no reason the child will suffer his academic year in school and school should be able to help the child. For the 11 days he missed school all his school assignments and homework was submitted to school in time and Raja taught the child at home. The child scored 100% and above average (for the first time) when he was tested after staying with dad so there was no educational neglect in the real sense.

Attorney Draskovich told him as per the terms of nolo plea, he will have to enroll in boundaries classes and as soon as he enrolls in Boundaries classes, his custodial rights to his child will be restored. Upon inquiring, attorney Draskovich confirmed these were parenting classes. At the settlement hearing Raja asked Attorney Draskovich to clarify with CPS if boundaries classes are the same as ABC parenting classes. CPS workers and their attorney using trickery and mincing words affirmed it.

None of them - The CPS attorney, CPS social workers or Raja's attorney (Robert Draskovich) mentioned clearly what boundaries classes were despite of being asked to clarify over and over again. The CPS worker mentioned this later in the email that she sent on Oct 30, 2013 afternoon (post-settlement) that these are sexual boundaries classes, when Raja asked her to send him information on enrollment in these classes. After Raja entered into nolo plea, everybody involved started to mention 'Sexual Boundaries Classes' in all communication and in court. If their intensions were clear, they would have used the same term right from the start. This can be verified from the video transcripts and the minutes – which only said 'Boundaries Classes' in all the hearings prior to

settlement and post settlement all documents, email communication and the court hearing stating 'Sexual boundaries'. It was deception and fraud in the open court and all on record. The entire dependency case was built around lies, perjury, falsification of records, withholding exculpatory evidences, coercion, violation of state and federal laws.

At the disposition hearing on Nov 20, 2013, there was a discussion - about the termination of client attorney relationship between attorney Robert Draskovich and Raja. Robert stated that he received a certified letter from the client that he wants to terminate the legal relationship. Robert Draskovich mentioned that Raja blames him for misleading him about boundaries classes. The judge asked Robert Draskovich that if there's been a break down of relationship, evidence why his client wanted to terminate him. Robert Draskovich was released after Judge asked Raja who he would like to represent him. Raja said he wanted attorney Carol Barnes to represent him.

The Judge asked Ms. Barnes if she has any comments to the documents (disposition report and the case plan). Attorney Barnes who also represented Raja at the trial in the family court in May/June 2013, told the judge that there are inaccuracies in more than 80% of the document. The history is not factually accurate, of course that would have been the subject of the trial. Not only what's been stated but also what is not stated.

Ms. Barnes mentioned about the last court hearing on Oct 30, 2013, where Raja asked for CPS to confirm if the boundaries classes are the same as ABC parenting classes. Carol further stated that their understanding was that he was going in a parenting class and now Raja was being told these are sexual boundaries classes, after he entered into the settlement.

CPS attorney insisted that Raja complies with the nolo contendere negotiation. Attorney Barnes argued – had this case gone to the trial, it

would have been beneficial to Raja. The court would have seen the evidence and 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

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27 28 realized the unbelievable amount of inaccuracies contained within the petition. It was downright shocking and easily verifiable stuff. Judge Teuton mentioned that the issue here before the court was that Raja had not enrolled in boundaries classes. Attorney Barnes explained that Raja will not agree to attend sexual boundaries. He was told that he was going into parenting classes. Boundaries did not signal to sexual boundaries classes. He did not know that and he was never informed until he entered into Nolo plea. Judge stated that" the issue before the court today is to proceed with the disposition hearing. 'For the time being we are here for the disposition hearing and the end of the case plan'.

The circumstances in the J court matter resulted in the case concluding without a trial. The petition was amended to point ee and remaining all the allegation were dismissed. The temporary custody order was given to Kristen with supervised visitation to Raja. Judge Teuton stated at the disposition hearing that as per the terms of nolo plea, after Raja has enrolled in the boundaries classed he can petition for modification of custody with a court of competent jurisdiction. The court provided for unsupervised visitation to immediately resume when he enrolled himself in boundaries class.

The 550 order/temporary custody order was not done for any reason except that Raja had to enroll in the Boundaries classed. If Raja had completed the class, he would have continued to exercise unsupervised contact with The child. CPS and Raja's own attorney lied, used trickery and manipulated Raja into agreeing to do boundaries classes telling him these were parenting classes.

After he agreed to do boundaries classes, it was then disclosed that these were sexual boundaries classes. This was of concern because Raja was the one who repeatedly raised concerns of sexual abuse of his minor child by his maternal grandfather, to the family court and to Judge Pollock. As a result of the trial, Judge Pollock issued a finding that "The court further FINDS that there is reasonable cause to believe that the child is a victim of sexual abuse. (Video Citation: 16:57:57 – 16:58:01)" The only testimony regarding insertion of anything into child's anus involved his maternal grandfather.

If it wasn't for the CPS misconduct, Raja would still have the custody of his child. And the child would have been protected from sexual, physical, emotional and mental abuse if CPS would have acted in accordance with the outcome of the Trial in May/June 2013 in the family court.

The temporary custody was given to Kristen and Judge Teuton mentioned that after Raja has enrolled into the boundaries classes, he can petition with a court of competent jurisdiction for restoration of his custody rights.

D) After The dependency Case Closed

All that Raja is alleging can be easily verified with documents, recordings, videos etc that support these facts. After the dependency case closed, Raja filed NRCP-60 for CPS fraud on the dependency court. Raja requested for a trial to present evidence of CPS fraud. This also was a case of duress and undue influence. Senior Judge Charles Thompson, had set up the date for the trial. Raja retained attorney for the trial. The attorney filed motion to

continue the trial. At the April 7, 2015 hearing Judge Rena Hughes denied that vacated the trial. This was again in violation of Raja's due process rights. Plaintiff had the right to be heard as matter of justice and as a matter of fairness. The attorney also requested to set aside the order for Boundaries class for restoration of Raja's custody rights as the allegations do not match the case plan (or punishment). Judge Rena Hughes ordered that Raja had to enroll in boundaries classes as per nolo plea agreement.

E) Plaintiff Completed Boundaries Classes To Be Reunited With His Child

Raja was made to jump through the hoops to be reunified with his child. His due process rights and constitutional rights were violated over and over again. Regardless of the injustice and unfairness, Raja completed the boundaries class to be reunited with his child and before filing for custody modification in the court, pursuant to EDCR 5.11, Raja sent a letter through his attorney proposing step up visitation plan to move supervised visitations to unsupervised. Kristen denied Raja his right to have a meaningful relationship with his child. The dependency court gave her temporary custody because Raja had not enrolled in the boundaries classes. Raja had to file the motion in Family court for reinstatement of his custody rights.

Since the time Raja's counsel commenced filing the motion for restoration of plaintiff's custodial rights to his child after Raja completed the boundaries classes, Kristen has been engaged in coaching and behaviors to manipulate the relationship between Raja and His son. Plaintiff was denied even supervised visitations by mother cancelling the visitations at random and the child coached to leave every visit in a few minutes into the visitation. Not

once had this happened before the communication started regarding restoration of Raja's parental rights after completion of boundaries classes.

Plaintiff is being kept away from his child on some pretext or the other and Judge Rena Hughes has been denying plaintiff's constitutional rights violating clearly established laws and plaintiff's due process rights. At the January 18, 2017 hearing Judge Rena Hughes made a false statement in the open court that Raja was found untruthful and thus ordered psychological evaluation on the plaintiff. Raja Filed motion to reconsider based on NRCP 59 and NRCP 60 requesting the court to correct the record and amend/vacate the order regarding psychological evaluation on plaintiff as Raja was never found untruthful and the statement made by judge Rena Hughes did not have a factual basis. Judge Rena Hughes refused to strike it from the record, denied the motion and ordered Raja to pay the opposition's attorney fee.

After Raja filed a motion to hold Defendant in contempt of court for interference with plaintiff's visitations and the brief in support of his constitutional parental rights which had a hearing on October 11, 2017 - now Judge Rena Hughes has put the father son relationship on scrutiny making another false assertion that the child's relationship with his father is 'not improving'. There never was an issue with father son relationship in the first place. They have always shared a strong bonding and a beautiful relationship. CPS records throughout state that father and his family love the child tremendously and treat him like a prince. The dependency case interviews clearly have the child's statements that he wanted to see his dad and that he was sad about not seeing his dad. There are several other records and statements of the child that plaintiff can put together as an evidence that

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there never were any issues with father son relationship. If the child now behaves or says anything different, it's under the control and undue pressure from Kristen and to avoid punishment by the Kristen. The concept of parental alienation is not new to the family court in which one parent influences the behavior of the child to avoid sharing custody. Judge Rena Hughes Biased bent towards Kristen makes her shift all negatives on the side of plaintiff and all positives on the side of Defendant. Judge Rena Hughes Sua sponte has made false statements and false assertions. Additionally, Judge Rena Hughes suppressed exculpatory evidence.

One parent is unjustly put on scrutiny one after the other while what the other parent is doing to the child unsupervised is completely being ignored. Unlike drug test, in psychological evidence certainty is absent. Psychological evidence does not meet clear and convincing evidence standard. And the rights protected by constitution such as to interfere with parental rights there needs to be 'Clear and convincing evidence' on record at the time of the deprivation of the right. In this case, plaintiff is wrongfully being kept away from his child while the strategy to manufacture the evidence is being worked on.

Judge Rena Hughes withheld the report from Donna's house stating that when father tried to offer the child clothing items for his birthday, the child refused to take them and said that if he takes those clothes with him, his mom will cut the clothes with scissors. Judge Rena Hughes has been picking and choosing and based her decisions solely on what could be used against the plaintiff and completely ignoring the transgressions on the part of defendant.

Instead of following the mandatory duty of the court to keep the promise made at the time of nolo plea, Judge Rena Hughes has made it an

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1) JUDGE RENA HUGHES REFUSED TO FOLLOW THE BLACK LETTER LAW THAT IS THE MANDATORY DUT COURT TO FULFILL A PROMISE THAT IS PART OF INDUCEMENT AND THE PLAINTIFF SHOULD BE ENTITLED TO **NO LESS**

Federal and State Law imposes mandatory duty on the courts that when a plea rests in any significant degree on a promise or agreement of the prosecutor, so that it can be said to be part of the inducement or consideration, such promise must be fulfilled. It's the mandatory duty of the court to fulfill a promise that is part of the inducement and the defendant should be entitled to no less. The court cannot put additional conditions/punishment afterwards. A court has an obligation not to tamper with a defendant's reasonable expectations. In the instant case the district court reneged it's promise that was made to plaintiff that after he enrolls in boundaries classes, his custody rights will be reinstated.

The law regarding pleas is straight forward - If a promise is part of the "inducement or consideration" that leads to a plea bargain, "must be fulfilled" <u>Santabello V. New York</u> , 404 U.S. 257, 262 (1971). Fulfillment of such a promise is required by due process because it is part and parcel of defendant's right to basic "fairness in securing agreement."

Judge Rena Hughes disregarded the court's mandatory duty to honor the promise made to Raja to reinstate the custody rights of his child after he enrolled in Boundaries classes. When the State fails to honor a plea agreement, whether it involves a negotiated plea for a specified sentence or a promise to make a nonbinding recommendation, the violation of the agreement is akin to a breach of contract for which the defendant is entitled to seek a remedy. See Mehl v. State,

958 So.2d 465, 468 (Fla. 4th DCA 2007) ("The mere appearance of a breach by the state is itself grounds for relief regardless of whether the breach affected the sentence."); A.D.W. v. State, 777 So.2d 1101, 1104 (Fla. 2d DCA 2001) (observing that the rules of contract law apply to plea agreements).

The US Supreme Court in Santobello v. New York, 404 U.S. 257 (1971) held that The interests of justice and proper recognition of the prosecution's duties in relation to promises made in connection with "plea bargaining" require that the judgment be vacated. The court also held that (citation omitted) If responsibility could be evaded that way, the prosecution would have designed another deceptive "contrivance," Citation omitted.

It is black letter law that when a party is found to have breached an agreement, the court should seek either specific performance or another remedy to make the party whole.

2) RENA HUGHES FAILED TO APPLY <u>NRS 125C.002 & 125C.0025</u>

Since the time (June 2016) Raja's counsel commenced filing the motion for restoration of Plaintiff's custodial rights to his child after Raja completed the boundaries classes, Kristen has been engaged in coaching and behaviors to manipulate the relationship between Raja and his son. Plaintiff was denied even supervised visitations by Kristen cancelling the visitations at random and the child coached to leave every visit in a few minutes into the visitation. Not once had this happened before the communication started regarding restoration of Raja's parental rights after completion of boundaries classes. Kristen is engaged in tireless attempts to sever the child's relationship with his father.

Raja has repeatedly and consistently made efforts to maintain a meaningful relationship with his child and Kristen frustrating all efforts of dad to maintain a meaningful relationship with his child using all kinds of tactics and manipulation.

Raja was made to jump through the hoops to be reunified with his child. His due process rights and constitutional rights were violated over and over again. Regardless of the injustice and unfairness, Raja completed the boundaries classes to be reunited with his child and before filing for reinstatement of his custody rights in the court, pursuant to EDCR 5.11, Raja sent a letter through his attorney proposing step up visitation plan to move supervised visitations to unsupervised. Kristen denied Raja his right to have a meaningful relationship with his child. Judge Teuton, in dependency court said that after Raja enrolled in boundaries classes, he can file for the reinstatement of his custody rights in a court of competent jurisdiction. But Judge Rena Hughes has closed her mind to anything that doesn't favor Kristen.

NRS 125C.002 & 125C.0025) provides that there is Presumption of Joint Physical Custody to a parent who "has demonstrated, or has attempted to demonstrate but has had his or her efforts frustrated by the other parent, an intent to establish a meaningful relationship with the minor child."

The instant case precisely fits.

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FAILING TO COMPLY WITH THE LAW

1) JUDGE RENA HUGHES REFUSED TO STRIKE FROM THE RECORD FALSE STATEMENT MADE BY HER IN THE OPEN COURT

18 U.S. Code § 1001 makes it unlawful for an officer of the court of United States to knowingly and willfully make any materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or representation

Judge Rena Hughes violated plaintiff's due process rights by not striking from the record the false statement made by her in the open court. At the January 18, 2017 hearing Judge Rena Hughes stated in open court that Plaintiff Raja was found untruthful and thus ordered psychological evaluation on him. Raja Filed motion to reconsider based on NRCP 59 and NRCP 60 requesting the court to correct the record and strike from the record the court's false statement and vacate the order regarding psychological evaluation on Plaintiff as Raja was never found untruthful. The statement made by Judge Rena Hughes did not have a factual basis. Judge Rena Hughes denied the motion - did not strike the false statement from the record, did not vacate it's order and ordered Raja to pay the opposition's attorney fee for opposing the motion.

Lesley v. Lesley113 Nev. 727,941 P.2d 451 (1997), the Nevada Court reiterated that under NRCP 60(b), the district court has "wide discretion in deciding whether to grant or deny a motion to set aside a judgment," but added that "this legal discretion cannot be sustained where there is no competent evidence to justify the court's action."

Morris v. Adams-Millis Corp., 758 F.2d 1352, 1358 (10th Cir.1985). However, such relief is available only for obvious errors of law,

apparent on the record. <u>Alvestad v. Monsanto Co., 671 F.2d 908, 912-13 (5th Cir.)</u> (relief under Rule 60(b)(1) limited to "perfunctory correction" of obvious errors of law), In this case, Plaintiffs' motion for reconsideration alleged facially obvious errors of law and errors of fact.

For a motion to vacate and enter a different judgment, the moving party must show the court that the judgment conflicts with the statement of decision. Judge Rena Hughes stated that Raja was found untruthful whereas contrary to the court's statement, Raja was never found untruthful and the statement made by Judge Rena Hughes did not have a factual basis. Judge Rena Hughes declined to strike it from the record and did not vacate it's order regarding psychological evaluation and denied Raja's 'Motion to reconsider'. In the order, Judge Rena Hughes did not state the law/ statute / citation that allows an officer of the court to knowingly make a false or misleading material statement.

2) JUDGE RENA HUGHES SUPRESSED EVIDENCE THAT DO NOT BENEFIT THE FAVORED PARTY/ THE DEFENDANT IN THE CASE

18 U.S. Code § 1001 makes it unlawful for an officer of the court of United States to knowingly and willfully falsify, conceal, or cover up by any trick, scheme, or device a material fact;

Judge Rena Hughes suppressed evidence that brings to light the wrong doing of the favored party/defendant. At the October 11, 2017 hearing, Judge Rena Hughes withheld the report from Donna's house stating that when father tried to offer the child clothing items for his birthday, the child refused to take them and said that if he takes those clothes with him, his mom will cut the clothes with scissors. Judge Rena Hughes withheld that evidence and based her decision picking and choosing what could be used against the plaintiff and

suppressed what did not favor the defendant. The decisions in the case were based on Judge Rena Hughes own bias and prejudice.

The Donna's house log in and log out time report for dad's visitation itself will prove that the issues with dad's visitations started only after plaintiff's counsel commenced communication with Kristen for reinstatement of his unsupervised visitations which was a promise made by the district court at the plea hearing, if Raja enrolled in Boundaries classes. Now instead of keeping that promise, Judge Rena Hughes is showing bias towards Kristen and will disregard anything that does not favor Kristen.

McNally v. U.S., 483 U.S. 350, 371-372 (1987), Quoting U.S. v. Holzer, 816 F.2d. 304, 307: "Fraud in its elementary common law sense of deceit - and this is one of the meanings that fraud bears in the statute, see *United States v. Dial*, 757 F.2d 163, 168 (7th Cir. 1985) - includes the deliberate concealment of material information in a setting of fiduciary obligation. A public official is a fiduciary toward the public, including, in the case of a judge, the litigants who appear before him, and if he deliberately conceals material information from them he is guilty of fraud.

3) JUDGE RENA HUGHES FAILED TO ORDER THE MOTHER TO SHARE THE DETAILS OF CHILD'S EDUCATIONAL RECORDS AND TO DISCLOSE THE NAME OF HIS SCHOOL.

Raja has the right to know about his child's schooling. Raja sent a message to Kristen asking for details about His son's school. Kristen would not respond. After Raja filed the motion with the district court Kristen filed

opposition to the motion asking the court to suspend dad's FERPA rights and to block him from filing any further motions in the court to exercise his rights.

Dad gets 2 hours a week that means appx 72 hours/ 3 days in a year and plaintiff doesn't even get that time with the egregious conduct of the mother cutting off father's time. If the child is not doing well physically or emotionally or in school, the parent that has sole custody of the child is not held responsible in any way but the District Court chooses to shift the blame to the parent that doesn't even get to see his child 3 days in a year which is just a fraction of time (362 days) that the other parent has.

Kristen has attempted to cut off father child relationship since the time dad found out about the sex abuse and physical abuse in Kristen's home. When the case initially came to the family court and was with Judge Guilliani in 2011, Kristen asked to reduce father's visitation time making excuses like – she has church on Sunday or just anything and everything. Judge Guilliani had to admonish her from attempting to cut off father's time, rather Judge Guilliani increased dad's parenting time. Prior to that Kristen would not let dad visit his son's school. Judge Guilliani admonished the mother to not violate dad's right to visit his child's school and be involved in his child's education. Dad found out when he went to school that the child was attending special needs classes. It came as a surprise to dad. Kristen had kept this hidden from him. The very year that dad got involved in his son's school and his education, the child exited special ed classes and his grades went up. The same tactics Kristen applied in Judge Pollock's court and they did not work. Now the same behavior continues in Judge Rena Hughes court and Kristen gets away with all of it.

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In May – June 2013, when the child stayed with his dad for continuous three (3) weeks there was tremendous change in his health as well as his performance in school. He scored 100% and with exceptional grades when he took his test after staying with dad for just 21 days. His constantly injured anus healed and when he saw Dr. Baron on June 5, 2013 after staying with dad for 21 days his anus was free of any injuries. Just a few days with dad had brought a positive change in the child's mental and physical health.

4) EVERY HEARING JUDGE RENA HUGHES ORDERED PLAINTIFF TO PAY THE OPPOSITION'S ATTORNEY FEE AS A PUNISHMENT TO DAD FOR WANTING TO BE IN CHILD'S LIFE.

Judge Rena Hughes bias also manifested in the sanctions Judge Rena Hughes puts on the plaintiff for simply wanting to have a relationship with his child. Every time Raja filed a motion in the court to exercise his constitutional rights to the custody of his child, Judge Rena Hughes refused him his rights and punished him by ordering him to pay Kristne's attorney fee.

Since the very first hearing in front of Judge Rena Hughes, she ordered Raja to pay Kristen's attorney fee every single time he tried to exercise his constitutional rights and the rights to the custody of his child. At the last hearing on October 11, 2017. The district court again ordered Raja to pay the attorney fee to Kristen. The plaintiff had legal and factual basis for filing the motion and to exercise the right to the custody of his child.

The most persuasive argument is grounded in the belief that an award of attorneys' fees is necessarily punitive in that it requires payment of fees for assertion of a right - the right to litigate: "No litigant ought to be punished under the guise of an award of counsel fees (or in any other manner) from taking a

position in court in which he honestly believes. The person that believes he had been wronged, is punished not only in the wrongful deprivation of his rights but is also punished if he tries to litigate the wrongful deprivation of his rights.

5) EVERY HEARING JUDGE RENA HIGHES BRINGS UP AN ISSUE SUA SPONTE, TO KEEP DENYING PLAINTIFF THE CUSTODY OF HIS CHILD

No bond is more precious and nor should be more zealously protected by the law as the bond between parent and child. Carson v. Elrod, 411 F Supp 645, 649; DC E.D. VA (1976).

Raja is being kept away from his child on some pretext or the other and the district court has been dragging it's feet for years, on plaintiff's constitutional rights. At the hearing on January 18, 2017 Judge Rena Hughes made false statement that Raja was found untruthful so she ordered psychological evaluation on Raja. After Raja filed the brief in support of his constitutional parental rights which had a hearing on October 11, 2017 - now the district court has put the father son relationship on scrutiny making another false assertion sua sponte that the child's relationship with his father is not improving. There never was an issue with father son relationship in the first place. They have always shared a strong bonding and a beautiful relationship. CPS records throughout state that father and his family love the child tremendously and treat him like a prince. The dependency case interviews clearly have the child's statements that he wanted to see his dad and that he was sad about not seeing his dad. There are several other records

and statements of the child that plaintiff can put together as an evidence that there never were any issues with father son relationship. If the child now behaves or says anything different, it's under the control and undue pressure from Kristen and to avoid punishment by Kristen. The concept of parental alienation is not new to the family court in which one parent influences the behavior of the child to avoid sharing custody.

Because of Judge Rena Hughes bias, one parent is unjustly put on scrutiny one after the other while what the other parent is doing to the child unsupervised is completely being ignored. The rights protected by constitution such as to interfere with parental rights there needs to be 'Clear and convincing evidence' on record at the time of the deprivation of the right. In this case, the parent is wrongfully being kept away from his child while the strategy to manufacture the evidence is being worked on. Instead of following the mandatory duty of the court to keep the promise made at the time of nolo plea, Judge Rena Hughes has made it an uphill battle for the parent.

BIAS AND PREJUDICE

The Fourteenth Amendment guarantees Due Process and Equal Protection to all "no state shall deprive any person of life, liberty or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws" U.S. Const. Amend. XIV, "The Equal Protection Clause of that amendment (the fourteenth amendment) does, however, deny to States the power to legislate that different treatment be accorded to persons placed

by a statute into different classes on the basis of criteria wholly unrelated to the objective of that statute. A classification `must be reasonable, not arbitrary, and must rest upon some ground of difference having a fair and substantial relation to the object of the legislation, so that all persons similarly circumstanced shall be treated alike.' Royster Guano Co. v. Virginia, 253 U. S. 412, 415 (1920)."" (Parentheses added). From Eisenstadt v. Baird, 405 US 438 – Supreme Court 1972 which took this reasoning out of Reed v. Reed, 404 U. S. 71, 75-76 (1971)"

THE DECISIONS IN THIS CASE ARE TAINTED BY JUDGE RENA HUGHE'S BIAS AND PREJUDICE

Judge Rena Hughes has shown extreme bias and a lack of impartiality in this case. The right to be tried by an impartial judge is deeply embedded in American jurisprudence; in fact, this right has often been considered to be the "cornerstone" of the American legal system. The United States legal system is based upon the principle that an independent, impartial, and competent judiciary, composed of men and women of integrity, will interpret and apply the law that governs our society. In Pfizer Inc. v. Lord, 456 F.2d 532 (8th Cir. 1972), the Court stated that "It is important that the litigant not only actually receive justice, but that he believes that he has received justice."

What is most troubling in this case is that Judge Rena Hughes has violated plaintiff's due process rights and equal protection rights by not only showing bias and prejudice but also interjected herself into the proceedings and taken on the role of an adversary. In re Murchison, the Supreme Court held that due process requires recusal where a judge is also part of "the accusatory process." 349 U.S. 133, 137 (1955).

In this case, the finding of facts is tainted with judge's bias and prejudice so much so that the judge has closed her mind to see anything positive on the side of the plaintiff and anything negative against the favored party/Defendant.

Judge Rena Hughes violated plaintiff's due process rights and equal protection rights:

- 1) Judge Rena Hughes vacated the trial that was set by Judge Charles Thompson, in violation of plaintiff's right to be heard and in violation of his due process rights.
- 2) Judge Rena Hughes refused to follow the black letter law which is the mandatory duty of the court to keep the promise made to the plaintiff as part of nolo plea.
- 3) Judge Rena Hughes made false statement sua sponte in the open court against the plaintiff that he was found untruthful and based on that false statement ordered psychological evaluation on the plaintiff. And despite of the plaintiff filing motion to strike that false statement from the record and vacate the order based on that, Judge Rena Hughes denied that request.
- 4) Judge Rena Hughes Sua Sponte brings up issues that even the real party in interest never argued as they were never present. Even CPS records support that plaintiff and his son share a strong bonding. But Judge Rena Hughes every time comes up with something new which she can use to keep depriving Raja of his fundamental constitutional rights to the custody of his child. At October 11, 2017 hearing, she brought up an issue of Raja's relationship with his son "not improving". There never was an issue with dad-son relationship. Now Kristen will use this to full extent in the child's interview to coach the child to bring up false allegations against dad because it's encouraged by the Judge herself. It doesn't take an expert to know the

- obvious outcome of the child interview will be Kristen will get the child to say, he doesn't want a relationship with his dad saying -----whatever he will be coached to say in accordance with Kristen's wish list.
- 5) Judge Rena Hughes suppressed evidence that brings to light wrongdoings on part of the favored party/ defendant. In her order dated October 17, 2017, Judge Rena Hughes did not include the report from Donna's house that said that the child did not take the clothes offered by dad for the child's birthday, saying that if he took those clothes, mother will cut them with scissors. Judge Rena Hughes picks and chooses what can be used against dad and suppresses what doesn't go in the favor of defendant.
- 6) Judge Rena Hughes doesn't see anything wrong with Kristen cutting off dad's time which put together for a year totals to approx 3 days, and not making up for it. Neither does Judge Rena Hughes wants to review the Donna's house log in log out days and timings for plaintiff's visitation which will reflect that the issues with visitations started only after plaintiff's counsel started communication with Kristen for resuming unsupervised visitations after plaintiff completed boundaries classes. The Donna's house record was intentionally reviewed starting from April 2017 and not from the time dad is repeatedly alleging his supervised visitations were denied and the child's behavior suddenly changed.
- 7) Judge Rena Hughes's bias and favoritism towards Kristen persuades her to shift all blame on dad. Dad gets 2 hours a week that means appx 72 hours/3 days in a year and plaintiff doesn't even get that time with the egregious conduct of the mother cutting off dad's time. If the child is not doing well physically, emotionally and in school, the parent that has sole custody of the child is not held responsible in any way but all blame is shifted to the parent

that doesn't even get to see his child 3 days in a year which is just a fraction of time (362 days) that the other parent has.

- 8) It is clear from the arbitrary decisions of Judge Rena Hughes are what she wants happen in the case and all is being strategized towards it by Judge Rena Hughes Sua sponte.
- 9) Judge Rena Hughes punished/ sanctioned plaintiff for filing for reinstatement of his rights by ordering plaintiff to pay opposition's attorney fee for every motion plaintiff filed.

If a person making false statement to a court or suppressing exculpatory evidences is termed as 'perjury' in the legal language. When a person suppresses exculpatory evidence and makes misrepresentations to a court, it amounts to 'fraud on the court'. When it is done from the bench of a public official who we look up to for justice and someone vested with authority to take important decisions of our lives, every ethical lapse breaks the trust of public in the legal system. Judicial officers should be held to a higher standard.

Whenever any officer of the court commits fraud during a proceeding in the court, he/she is engaged in "fraud upon the court". In Bulloch v. United States, 763 F.2d 1115, 1121 (10th Cir. 1985). There are clearly established laws against knowingly making a false or misleading material statement and that applies to all including persons acting under 'color of law'. Under State and Federal law, when any officer of the court has committed "fraud upon the court", the orders and judgment of that court are void, of no legal force or effect. Thomas Stasel v.The American Home security Corporation.

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Supreme Court Justice Brandeis spoke, in the case of Olmstead v. United States when he said: "Decency, security and liberty alike demand that government officials shall be subjected to the same rules of conduct that are commands to the citizen. In a government of laws, existence of the government will be imperiled if it fails to observe the laws scrupulously. Our government is the potent omnipresent teacher. For good or ill, it teaches the whole people by it's example. Crime is contagious. If the government becomes a law breaker, it breeds contempt for the law; it invites every man to become a law unto himself; it invites anarchy.

The Supreme Court has recognized that due process grants the right to an unbiased judge. See Tumey v. Ohio, 273 U.S. 510, 523 (1927). quoting Withrow v. Larkin, 421 U.S. 35(1975)). To warrant recusal, a claimant need only show the appearance of a potential for bias, not actual bias itself. Id. Courts have repeatedly held that positive proof of the partiality of a judge is not a requirement, only the appearance of partiality. Liljeberg v. Health Services Acquisition Corp., 486 U.S. 847, 108 S.Ct. 2194 (1988)

"Litigants are entitled to a judge who is detached, fair, and impartial." Shad v. Dean Witter Reynolds, Inc., 799 F.2d 525, 531 (9th Cir.1986).

After experiencing bias, prejudice, favoritism, injustice after injustice, violation of his constitutionally protected rights, violation of his due process and equal protection rights in Judge Rena Hughes court, plaintiff has no hope that a fair and impartial judgement is possible on this case in Judge Rena Hughes court. Plaintiff respectfully requests recusal of Judge Rena G. Hughes.

CONCLUSION For the foregoing reasons, the case must be transferred to a different judge. Respectfully submitted, DATED this 27 day of November, 2017 **RAJA MITTAL** 278 Lenape Heights Ave Las Vegas, NV 89148 Ph - 702-448-8788Plaintiff in proper person