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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT, DOMESTIC RELATIONS DIVISION**

IN RE THE FORMER MARRIAGE OF:)
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PETER MATT,)
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Petitioner,)
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and)
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MEGAN MATT,)
n/k/a MEGAN MASON,)
)
Respondent.)

Case No. 2016 D 009534

**DECEMBER 8, 2022 EMERGENCY PETITION TO SUBSTITUTE JUDGE
ROBERT W. JOHNSON FOR CAUSE**

Overview

I present this petition under Illinois Rule 735 *ILCS § 5/2-100* to substitute Judge Robert W. Johnson, presently assigned to hear post-decree matters related to the divorce case 2016 D 9534 in which I am respondent pro se. I present this petition to the Honorable Regina Scannicchio, Acting Presiding Judge of the Domestic Relations Division of the Circuit Court of Cook County, or to be heard by any other Judge acting in her place, so that this case may be immediately assigned to a judge who may consider and rule on this petition to substitute judge on an emergency basis. An affidavit in support of my request for hearing on an expedited, emergency basis as well as an affidavit in support of my December 8, 2022 Emergency Petition to Substitute Judge Robert W. Johnson for Cause are included here.

Acting pro se, I present here voluminous documentary evidence as well as my own truthful written testimony that demonstrate Judge Robert Johnson should be removed with all urgency from any case impacting me or my minor children in case 2016 D 9534 because he has demonstrated profound bias against me; because he is a target of federal criminal investigations into crimes in which he is a target and I am a witness and whistleblower; and because he has violated Illinois law repeatedly in his dealings with me, demonstrating a specific and dangerous level of bias that is cause for substitution.

I am seeking urgent relief from this court. Specifically, I ask this court to urgently restore justice to me and my children who are being profoundly harmed by nearly three months of forced separation through an illegal order issued by Robert Johnson. There was no evidence presented to support Judge Johnson's order terminating my parenting rights as allocated in a five year old parenting plan. This order was obviously and disturbingly made as a way to intimidate and punish me as a federal witness to Robert Johnsons's crimes committed personally, using the authority granted to him under the color of Illinois law.

I am begging that this court exert wisdom and urgency in response to my just claims. I particularly beg that this court not impede, stall or delay response to my just claims due to the large volume of text and evidence presented here. **I am submitting to this court voluminous evidence of misconduct by Robert Johnson because he has misbehaved so very often, not because I wish to file extraneous pages of text. I beg that this court, therefore, provide swift, decisive action to restore justice regardless of page length or my amateurish ability to draft legal pleadings.**

In support of my desperate plea to restore my access to a court that might uphold Illinois law and act with human decency in determining matters of parenting rights I state as follows:

Misconduct Prior to Disclosure of My Status as Federal Witness and Whistleblower

1. On September 27, 2017, Peter Matt, petitioner, and I, Megan Mason, respondent, entered into a mutually agreed upon Marital Settlement Agreement and Allocation Judgement Parenting Plan in this court. By mutual agreement I was given 50% parenting time and 50% decision making.
2. Two children were born of the marriage, namely A [REDACTED] currently age 14; and, T [REDACTED] currently age 10.
3. On February 19, 2019, Mr. Matt, petitioner, moved that a guardian ad litem be appointed for our minor children.
4. I, Megan Mason, Respondent, opposed this appointment. A primary basis for my opposition is that I am divorced and had no proceedings before the court at that time and saw this as an unjust diminishment of my parental rights.
5. On June 6, 2019, Judge Johnson selected and ordered the appointment of Michael Bender as Guardian Ad Litem, two years post decree with no legal proceedings pending before the court.
6. Subsequently Mr. Bender has requested and was granted by Judge Johnson the appointment of Mr. Bender's close associate, Dr. John Palen, as Parenting Coordinator on September 25, 2020. Dr. Palen would later solicit a bribe over email, writing to Kaye Mason, Judge Johnson's clerk, Christopher Wherman, and Michael Bender, "I want to be paid. It is as simple as that." in an ex parte email on December 5, 2022. (Exhibit A).

7. There are presently no proceedings before The Circuit Court of Cook County in which I am a party and I doubt Robert Johnson's jurisdiction over me in most, if not all, of his aggressive, judicial actions taken during the last three years.
8. Michael Bender remains in the role of permanent Guardian Ad Litem with no legitimate proceedings before this court, three years after his initial appointment, six years after divorce case 2016 D 9534 was resolved through duly entered marital settlement agreement and parenting plan.
9. Around Memorial Day, 2021 I became aware that Bradley Trowbridge, who had withdrawn as my attorney in October, 2020, had committed serious crimes against me. (Exhibit A).
10. In June 2021 I made my first visit to The Chicago FBI Field Office to report Bradley Trowbridge, a former domestic relations attorney who was recently elected Circuit Court judge, for identity theft, fraud upon the court, wire fraud and other crimes I'd personally witnessed him commit. I also reported Robert Johnson, Michael Bender, Christopher Wehrman and Kaye Mason (Robert Johnson's clerk) as co-conspirators with Mr. Trowbridge during this and approximately six other contacts with The FBI.
11. At the time of filing my first criminal complaint I understood that Mr. Trowbridge had purposely orchestrated a contempt ruling against me as a favor to Michael Bender, who has extensive political power in Chicago. At this time I was not certain if Mr. Bender had induced Mr. Trowbridge to "throw my case" because Mr. Bender received compensation from my ex husband, Peter Matt, who is a known financial criminal, or simply because Mr. Bender doesn't like me.

12. At the time I first reported Mr. Trowbridge to the FBI I also did not understand what Mr. Trowbridge's compensation was, believing it was potentially the promise of future appointments as a child representative, which is to say business income. Or perhaps, I speculated, Mr. Bender had arranged payment to Mr. Trowbridge from Mr. Matt.
13. Since that time Mr. Trowbridge received extensive support from The Cook County Democratic party for his judicial race, which Mr. Trowbridge won. It is my belief that Mr. Bender bribed Mr. Trowbridge to throw my case in exchange for promises of political support for Mr. Trowbridge's judicial race, support which, I believe, Mr. Bender then delivered to Mr. Trowbridge.
14. In October, 2021 I filed a federal whistleblower complaint to The IRS detailing a decade of tax evasion and money laundering by Peter Matt, my ex husband and petitioner in case 2016 D 9534. As part of this complaint I also raised my concerns about acts of judicial corruption and financial crimes by Bradley Trowbridge, Robert Johnson, Michael Bender, Christopher Wehrman, Steven Klein, Gerald Blechman, Kaye Mason and John Palen. I alleged that I have witnessed all of these parties engaging in acts of fraud or in acts of conspiracy to commit fraud or to hide Mr. Matt's tax evasion and money laundering. The Department of The Treasury Whistleblower Office issued two whistleblower numbers: 2022-001680 and 2022-001681. These investigations by The IRS, along with other criminal investigative agencies, are ongoing.
15. In my whistleblower complaint I specifically raised my concern that my ex husband Peter Matt bribed the guardian ad litem Michael Bender either directly through cash payments, or indirectly through a promise of a future paid appointment, eg as a trustee to our son A [REDACTED] who has developmental disabilities. In return, Mr. Bender has hidden Mr. Matt's

pattern of domestic violence and his financial crimes and delivers to Mr. Matt any and every request he makes to the court, regardless of law or fact.

16. Robert Johnson has told me repeatedly that Michael Bender is not only a court appointee but that he is Judge Johnson's mentor and that Judge Johnson meets with Mr. Bender regularly to learn "what's really going on". In every instance when I have tried to bring my own pleadings to the court, Judge Johnson has outsourced the pleadings to Mr. Bender to review them and decide if they should be heard. Michael Bender always decides my pleadings should not be heard. Every pleading Peter Matt has filed has been heard and ruled upon in a timely fashion.
17. I have been told by every attorney I've ever spoken to in Cook County that, according to local court custom, GALs are in charge and that judges always do what GALs say. The reason, I'm told, is that GALs can get judges and attorneys lucrative appointments as child reps or GALs themselves. With this political power they are also able to get support for individuals seeking a coveted Cook County Democratic Party nomination as a circuit court judge. As an associate judge, Judge Johnson is especially vulnerable to such pressure as he does not have the job security and pension of a circuit court judge.
18. This is the power that enabled former GAL David Pasulka, who I understand recommended Michael Bender as a GAL, who still endorses Michael Bender on his Linked In Profile, and who notably used his power over the course of twenty years to rape mothers by threatening to take their children away.
19. In my whistleblower complaint, I specifically alleged that I believe Peter Matt intends to create or has created a vehicle in my son's name in order to launder money from his native Germany. As I stated in my complaint, during my ten years of marriage to Mr.

Matt, I knew him to be personally opposed to the US system of taxation, particularly believing that he was not required to report businesses and bank accounts held in Europe.

20. Mr. Matt is a German citizen with considerable family wealth and a green card holder who files taxes in and lives permanently in The U.S.. Mr. Matt has refused for years to report the businesses and assets in Europe which I know to exceed \$1 million.
21. The problem for Mr. Matt and others who amass wealth illegally is that it is a challenge to repatriate the assets he has hidden from The IRS, and so he uses our minor children, business entities and others to facilitate the laundering of his European assets, typically disguised as gifts or loans from his father.
22. As detailed in my whistleblower complaint a year ago, Mr. Matt enlisted Judge Robert Johnson and others to facilitate and force my compliance with his fraud schemes. To this date, Judge Johnson has never questioned Mr. Matt or taken any formal or informal action to protect me and my children from Mr. Matt's crimes. In fact, Robert Johnson has helped Mr. Matt to commit financial crimes thereby committing multiple acts of criminal conspiracy, under the guise of judicial action.
23. Specifically, under order of Judge Robert Johnson, I was required to meet with, consult and follow the directions of Dr. John Palen in matters of parenting decisions after Judge Johnson appointed him as parenting coordinator on September 25, 2020.
24. On April 27, 2021 Peter Matt called for a meeting with me and Dr. Palen. An agenda item Mr. Matt wanted to discuss was, "A [REDACTED] working in [Mr.Matt's] company". (Exhibit B). A [REDACTED] is our son, A [REDACTED] now fourteen, who has severe developmental disabilities. A [REDACTED] is in eighth grade and does not consistently count to ten.

25. Mr. Matt stated during the April 27, 2021 Zoom meeting with Dr. Palen that he wanted Dr. Palen's help to "make sure Megan doesn't interfere with my new business idea". During this meeting Mr. Matt described his new business idea to make our son CEO of his business, Goedecke and Associates so that Goedecke could get contracts from companies set aside for businesses owned by disabled people.
26. I was required by order of Robert Johnson to participate in this meeting led by Dr. John Palen in the role of court ordered parenting coordinator, at my personal expense. During this meeting I stated that I oppose Mr. Matt's scheme for two reasons. First, I know it to be fraud to state that A [REDACTED] is CEO of Mr. Matt's business, specifically a fraud against IBM and other customers who wish to set aside contracts for minority business owners, including female business owners, business owners of color and business owners with disabilities. I objected because this is unfair to actual minority business owners and because I don't want to be forced to participate in crime or to have my children forced to participate in crime. My second objection, which I stated during the meeting, was that our son might lose access to his disability benefits at age eighteen if he is a highly paid executive. Dr. Palen dismissed my objections and stated that he thought it sounded like a nice activity for our son. He specifically instructed Mr. Matt to write a business plan describing the scheme.
27. On May 11, 2021 Mr. Matt wrote to me and Dr. Palen to send the business plan for his disability fraud scheme (Exhibit C). In the outline for his scheme, Mr. Matt wrote, "*Megan shall not impact the business any way.*" He further detailed that, "*Once A [REDACTED] becomes eligible for SSDI and/or in case his ownership is no longer beneficial as been*

decided by Peter, his shares and title should fall back to Peter". Mr. Matt also emphasized his plan to take A [REDACTED] shares in the email to Dr. Palen, writing:

"I also did a business plan, as suggested by John, for Angus becoming the main shareholder for Goedecke so the company would get a Disability Supplier Diversity Certification. Please see attach and comment. To address [Megan's] specific concerns how it would impact A [REDACTED] entitlements, I should guarantee that [Megan] or A [REDACTED] would not have any financial disadvantages and most likely once Angus would turn 18 and eligible for SSDI, we would reverse A [REDACTED] ownership and control." (Exhibit C)

28. During our ten years of marriage Mr. Matt refused to create a will or estate plan.

However in his one page business plan he did note that if our pre-teen son dies his shares will go to Mr. Matt.

29. I have described the fraud scheme to many lay people, which is to say individuals not trained in law, and I have found a uniform reaction from honest, mentally stable, sentient adults, that this scheme is wrong and criminal. It is not a particularly challenging scheme to understand.

30. As it happens, I am particularly trained in identifying and preventing financial crimes. I am specifically trained quarterly on money laundering and financial exploitation of vulnerable people. I am a licensed financial advisor employed as a Vice President of Wealth Management at Jefferies Financial, LLC.. I can state with certainty that it is not legal in any state in this nation to gift business ownership to your disabled child in order to pretend that your child is running a business so that you can get more contracts. I can state with certainty that it is not legal in any state in this country to "reverse ownership" or "fall back" shares from a disabled adult and that this would be considered theft because it is theft. The Court, under Robert Johnson, ordered me to facilitate and condone fraud and theft.

31. From the time of at least May 21, 2021 Judge Johnson was aware of the disability fraud scheme being planned by petitioner Peter Matt with the authority and enforcement of the court through John Palen when I filed the aforementioned business plan as an exhibit in a motion to allocate fees. Judge Johnson has been informed of the fraud scheme repeatedly and has refused to address it or act to protect my children or me from crime.
32. Because I know that businesses, children and vehicles such as trusts in family member's names are how many money launderers layer illegal funds into the legitimate economy, I have repeatedly told Judge Johnson that I believe Mr. Matt's fraud scheme is also a money laundering scheme. As is described below, I have witnessed profoundly aggressive efforts by Judge Johnson, Michael Bender, Christopher Wehrman, Kaye Mason and John Palen to silence and intimidate me for reporting these schemes. For this reason I cannot help but fear that a business or trust in my children's name or names has been used or promised as a way to pay bribes to these parties under the guise of a role as trustee, partner, guardian or children's attorney.
33. On November 30, 2021 I filed a Petition to Substitute Judge For Cause in this court. I present this November 30, 2021 petition, "The First Petition for SOJ" as Exhibit A. I maintain that the facts and opinions I presented in The First Petition for SOJ remain, to the best of my knowledge, true.
34. Former Presiding Judge Grace Dickler assigned the hearing on this case to Judge Matthew Link who denied my First Petition for SOJ. My Petition for Substitution of Judge was denied by Judge Matthew Link who did not rule that Robert Johnson's behaviors documented in the petition demonstrate actual bias. I maintain that the basis for my claim of profound bias against me was demonstrated in The First SOJ on a prima

facie basis. I contend that there remains a clear prima facie basis to substitute Robert Johnson for cause based on the actual acts of bias documented in The First Petition for SOJ.

35. In particular three types of demonstrated bias were documented in The First Petition for SOJ: ongoing ex parte communications that disadvantage me while providing an advantage to Peter Matt, petitioner; repeated refusal to follow Illinois law or allow trial of facts; and Robert Johnson's personal involvement in crimes to which I am a witness.
36. The specific biased acts described as well as the types of bias described in The First Petition for SOJ are ongoing and related to subsequent acts of misconduct so The First Petition for SOJ is relevant to this petition in its entirety.

Misconduct Following My Disclosure as a Federal Witness and Whistleblower

37. The below facts relate to ongoing ex parte actions; ongoing crimes, specifically criminal retaliation against me for reporting Robert Johnson's crimes committed personally; and a brazen escalation of illegal actions taken personally under color of state law. Robert Johnson has long known of my allegations stated here, individually, through multitudinous court pleadings and exhibits filed. It is indisputable that he has known about and ignored the core allegations from at least July 7, 2022, when State's Attorney Erin Walsh filed an appearance in The Northern District of Illinois as Mr. Johnson's attorney when he was named as a defendant in a civil complaint alleging Mr. Johnson personally participated in civil rights violations under color of state law and racketeering activities against me and my minor children.
38. Once he accepted Ms. Walsh as counsel, I am genuinely confused as to what could be a legal basis for Judge Johnson to remain a judge in any case in which I am a party. I have

never been informed of a legal theory as to how this could be allowable. If one believes a court is legitimate, I can't conceive of a situation where a defendant and a plaintiff could ever have less than a de minimis interest in each other. If a judge has more than a de minimis interest in a party in a case before him, it is not disputed that he should recuse himself. I believe this is but one of many obvious facts that would make an immediate substitution of judge not just allowable but necessary under law.

39. On September 13, 2022, Robert Johnson granted a motion by Peter Matt to revoke all of my parental rights and parenting time. The motion was filed without notice. The motion contained fraud, specifically Mr. Matt's counsel, Mr. Wehrman, filed this motion with a fraudulent business address. The motion was not supported by any evidence. No evidence for terminating my parental rights after five years was ever presented but it was granted.

(Exhibit F)

40. The order removing my children's right to be with their mother was hand written on a carbon paper. The entered order was a white carbon copy of the pink original with the word "Temporary" added in blue ink. Someone also added a series of five numbers in red ink to the carbon copy filed. The numbers added were: 5146D, 4246P, 4217, 7551P, and 7620D. (Exhibit G)

41. On October 7, 2022 Robert Johnson oversaw an ex parte meeting at which, from my understanding, Christopher Wherman, attorney for Mr. Matt, Michael Bender, Justyn Brodacz and Kaye Mason were present. I was not provided a notice of a hearing date. From my understanding the meeting took place on Zoom. Neither I nor anyone representing my beneficial interest was present. Judge Johnson did not stop the ex parte meeting or make any effort to apprise me of what transpired immediately thereafter.

Judge Johnson allowed and participated in the ex parte meeting, that would be later referred to as a status hearing. Nobody emailed or telephoned me to attend. No affidavit was filed asserting that this gathering was an emergency proceeding.

42. I learned of the ex parte convening of parties from an email from Justyn Brodacz, Mr. Bender's associate, on October 7th, (Exhibit E). Ms. Brodacz wrote directly to Judge Johnson: *"Dear Judge Johnson: Please see the attached order regarding a 215 Evaluation. I am submitting this in Word in case Your Honor has any changes to the order."*
43. On October 7th, 2022 and during the following days I repeatedly requested by email to the parties to be informed of the content, location, details and purpose of the ex parte meeting on October 7th, 2022. No party has ever responded. I also repeatedly requested a copy of the order as entered. (Exhibit E).
44. On October 12, 2022, after repeated requests for a copy of the entered order, I finally received a copy of the order entered on October 7, 2022 (Exhibit F). In his order Judge Johnson affirmed that the meeting described as a hearing was conducted ex parte, writing:
- "Peter Matt appearing through counsel; the Guardian Ad Litem appearing; the parties having proper notice; Megan Mason failing to appear; the Court being fully advised in the premises; Megan Mason having sent a threatening communication to courtroom personnel; Megan Mason having previously argued to the Court without a rationally explainable basis for her words; and Megan Mason having previously been found to be an endangerment to her children...."*
(Exhibit F)
45. As with his September 13, 2022 order revoking my parental rights, there was no evidence presented to the court as a basis for this order. I do not mean there was weak evidence or disputed evidence. I mean that Judge Johnson is so obviously biased in favor of Mr.

Matt and biased against me that he does not require Mr. Matt to provide evidence in support of his requests to the court, which are always granted.

46. I know of no reports to local law enforcement; to The Department of Justice (though the order claims, without basis, that I made threats to the court); to my long-term therapist, Lina Costelloe; to my employer, Jefferies Financial LLC; to DCFS; to my family or to my friends that I have engaged in threatening behaviors. I have not threatened anyone. I have never been arrested or charged with committing a crime. I have never been voluntarily or involuntarily hospitalized for any psychiatric condition or placed under any sort of or medical hold.
47. Judge Johnson's October 7th order prevents me from contacting my children, from supervised visits, even from sending them postcards. (Exhibit F)
48. In this October 7th order, I was required to arrange an evaluation with a mental health professional through Monica Allen, Court Services Manager and The Administrative Office of The Illinois Courts. This evaluation was ordered by Robert Johnson as a prerequisite to see my children. However, through a series of emails and two phone calls with Ms. Allen on October 19, 2022, I learned that Judge Johnson's order is impossible to carry out under Illinois law. Specifically Ms. Allen told me that she could not assign a professional to evaluate me under Rule 215 because there was no controversy before the court related to my mental health, which is to say no case, no basis for an evaluation. As Ms. Allen put it, "If I assigned this to a doctor he wouldn't know what to do with it because there's no controversy". (Exhibit H).
49. Ms. Allen informed me during her second phone call on October 19, 2022 that she had spoken to Judge Johnson and he agreed to vacate his order because it is illegal. Ms.

Allen specifically told me I did not need to appeal the order because Judge Johnson agreed to vacate it. Judge Johnson has still not vacated this order.

50. On October 20, 2022 I wrote to Illinois State's Attorney Erin Walsh who has represented Robert Johnson since July 7, 2022 in ongoing civil rights litigation, in which I am plaintiff and Robert Johnson is a defendant, named personally. I have repeatedly requested a status on Robert Johnson vacating this illegal order. It has still not been vacated. (Exhibit H)
51. On October 28, 2022 the parties convened a second ex parte meeting. As with the October 7th event later described as a hearing, no notice was filed or appropriate effort to schedule a status hearing was made. Neither I or anyone representing my beneficial interest was present. At this time Judge Johnson ordered an evidentiary hearing to gather evidence for a Section 215 Evaluation to be held on November 7, 2022. (Exhibit K)
52. Judge Johnson's actions are increasingly motivated by not only his wish to retaliate against me and intimidate me as a witness to his crimes, but also to find some plausible way to backfill evidence to explain his astounding abuse of judicial power through actions not supported by law. The Section 215 Evaluation is no exception. So rather than accepting the law of Illinois, as is his duty, Robert Johnson used the color of law to order a hearing on November 7, 2022 to generate evidence so that there might be a legal basis for a Section 215 evaluation.
53. On November 7, 2022, Robert Johnson used the color of law of The State of Illinois to order a second Section 215 Evaluation at my personal expense. Judge Johnson had also previously ordered a Section 604.10b evaluation at my expense though there is no legitimate motion to modify the five year old parenting plan. I explained to Judge

Johnson that I have filed bankruptcy and lack the resources to pay my bills. I explained that I cannot pay for any of these evaluations. I repeated my request to have a motion for allocation of fees, which I filed nearly two years earlier, heard. Judge Johnson nevertheless told me I can afford to pay these fees because I have a job and that I may not see my children again until I pay for and complete these evaluations, which I know for a fact to be illegal. (Exhibit I).

54. No evidence has been submitted for any of Robert Johnson's illegal Section 215 Orders though his mentor Michael Bender has testified to provide full, unquestioning support of any and every action proposed by Christopher Wehrman.
55. As of this writing, Robert Johnson and others are considering actions to incarcerate me for "willful" refusal to pay fees I cannot afford and are adding on to sanctions that have forced me into over \$100,000 in legal debt with another nearly \$100,000 in new sanctions pending through actions by Christopher Wehrman. I am threatened for texting, calling, writing, sending gifts to or looking at my children. As a rule, none of the pleadings used as a basis for judicial action contain any evidence other than my testimony as a federal witness.
56. As of this writing, I am overwhelmed by the volume and the aggression of judicial actions and vexatious litigation I face. I believe I have done more than my part as a citizen to uphold the integrity of our courts by reporting misconduct and crime I've witnessed. But I don't care to remain in some sort of perpetual sting operation, as these parties commit more and more crimes and implicate more and more people in The Circuit Court of Cook County.

57. Judge Johnson and I have observed a set of facts and see them differently. We all know Judge Johnson, Michael Bender, Kaye Mason and others have committed federal crimes. Judge Johnson and Michael Bender believe that, because I reported these crimes to The FBI over a year ago and The FBI has not informed them that they are targets, it means they are cleared. I believe that when a credible person provides a large volume of evidence to federal law enforcement detailing judicial corruption and the individuals named persist in committing more crimes and implicating more people, the reason for law enforcement to delay issuing indictment is probably not because they think the targets are innocent.

58. I do think that if I were in a position of power in The Circuit Court of Cook County I'd want to look into this myself and, even if I were inclined to believe Judge Johnson's claim that Megan Mason is crazy and that he, Judge Johnson, is innocent, I would want to investigate for myself.

59. I have presented incredibly serious claims. Outside The Circuit Court of Cook County, the behaviors and attitudes I've documented simply shock the conscience, particularly when you consider that these parties have power over incredibly vulnerable mothers and children. The only suitable response is to immediately take action to protect me and my children and to assign case 2016 D 9534 to a neutral judge to investigate my serious claims.

WHEREFORE I pray that this court:

60. Immediately assign a neutral Circuit Court judge to case 2016 D 9534 to be ruled upon on an emergency basis not more than ten days from the date of filing.

61. That this judge be instructed to immediately review the case activity of case 2016 D 9534 and enact any emergency measures within its means to protect me and my children, to restore my children's right to have their mom and to stop employees, officers and appointees of this court from hurting us, specifically by:
- a. Restoring my full parental rights, including parenting time and decision making, as detailed in the September 25, 2017 Allocation of Parental Responsibilities duly entered into and ratified by this court.;
 - b. Vacating all orders by Robert Johnson in case 2016 D 9534;
 - c. Specifically terminating Michael Bender as Guardian Ad Litem and ordering any party seeking the appointment of a GAL to file a motion proving the jurisdiction and basis for this court to do so;
 - d. Any other relief that this court deems fit.

Respectfully Submitted by

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through actions in this court taken by by Robert Johnson, acting personally, under the color of law of the state of Illinois.

My parental rights were terminated on September 13, 2022 in an action by Judge Johnson not based on Illinois law, without legal basis and with no evidence filed in support of his action. No evidence was presented in the motion to terminate my parental rights. Since that time Robert Johnson has imposed fees he knows I am incapable of paying as a ransom to have further contact with my children. I have been my children's primary caregiver from the time of their birth. From the time of entering into a marital settlement and parenting plan five years prior to Robert Johnson's illegal order, I was allocated fifty percent parenting time by mutual agreement with Petitioner Peter Matt. My older son, Angus, is particularly vulnerable due to his emotional and developmental delays and has suffered terribly due to the loss of his mom, which he does not understand.

I beg this court to swiftly hear my petition on an emergency basis to prevent continued emotional and psychological harm to myself and to my minor children due to Robert Johnson's ongoing misconduct.

Respectfully Submitted by,



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