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| After you separated/ divorced | Using Court-appointed Professionals |
| 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 | 1. Your court-appointed custody evaluator, mediator, or guardian-ad-Litem (GAL) misinterpreted information collected in their interviews.5,6 |
| 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 | 2. The mediator assigned to your case did not allow you to meet in a separate room from your ex after you reported domestic violence, abuse, or coercive control of you or your children during the relationship.5, 16 |
| 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 | 3. Court-appointed professionals denied reports of coercive control tactics, abuse, or violence during custody evaluations, mediation, or GAL meetings even when documentation was provided to the professional. 6, 16 |
| 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 | 4. Your ex alleged parental alienation against you when they were the one brainwashing the children against you.5,6,11 |
| 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 | 5. More than one Child Family Investigator (CFI) or custody evaluator was appointed to your case.5 |
| 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 | 6. Multiple parenting supervisors were appointed to supervise your parenting time while the other parent received no supervised parenting time.13 |
| 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 | 7. When you insisted on divorce, your ex had you examined by multiple psychiatrists.6 |
| 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 | 8. Psychiatrists said your self-esteem was too low for you to be a good parent.6 |
| 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 | 9. The psychiatrist or psychologist said your career was bad for your children.5, 6 |
| 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 | 10. During mediation, custody evaluations, or meetings with the GAL, your experiences of coercive control tactics, abuse, or violence were not considered a safety factor for your children even if your ex showed signs of “physical abuse” toward the children before the meetings.16 |
| 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 | 11. During mediation, custody evaluations, or meetings with the GAL, your experiences of coercive control tactics, abuse, or violence were not considered a safety factor for your children even if your ex showed signs of “emotional abuse” toward the children before the meetings.16 |
| 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 | 12. You were asked directly by the mediator, custody evaluator, or GAL if there was a history of coercive control tactics, abuse, or violence during the relationship directed at you and/or your children.16 |
| 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 | 13. When you were not asked directly, you told the mediator, custody evaluator, or GAL there was a history of coercive control tactics, abuse, or violence during the relationship directed at you and/or the children.16 |
| 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 | 14. You were afraid to tell the mediator, custody evaluator, or GAL there was a history of coercive control tactics, abuse, or violence during the relationship, directed at you or the children.16 |
| 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 | 15. When you told the mediator, custody evaluator, or GAL there was a history of coercive control tactics, abuse, or violence during the relationship, directed at you and/or the children, they would ask the father to respond to the allegations and ask for admissible evidence.16 |
| 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 | 16. When you told the mediator, custody evaluator, or GAL there was a history of coercive control tactics, abuse, or violence during the relationship, directed at you or the children, they would dismiss abuse reports without evidence or would say it no longer mattered since you were not in the relationship anymore. This was especially true for non-physical abuse toward you.16 |
| 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 | 17. The mediator, custody evaluator, or GAL criticized or punished you for attempting to protect your children in ways the mediator, custody evaluator, or GAL did not understand.16 |
| 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 | 18. The GAL was “charmed” by your abusive ex and he was given custody/unsupervised access to your children.5 |
| 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 | 19. Mediators, custody evaluators, or GALs recommended or encouraged joint custody (50/50 split) even when presented with evidence of coercive control tactics, abuse, or violence.16 |
| 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 | 20. If sole or primary custody was awarded, the mediator, custody evaluator, or GAL favored the parent who meets one or more of the following criteria: (a) does not use substances, (b) is employed, (c) promotes children’s education, (d) ensures basic needs are taken care of (hygiene, housing, food), or (e) acts professionally during the meeting (e.g. he does not act aggressively).16 |
| 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 | 21. Mediator, custody evaluator, or GAL preferences occurred regardless of who wants custody or whether abuse against the mother happened. However, if sole or primary custody is to be awarded to either parent, the mediator, custody evaluator, or GAL preferred to give as much time with the father as possible (i.e., liberal visitation in the case of sole custody)—especially if the father requests such time.16 |