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Joan Rothwell;
Jean-Marc Chenier;

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I have read and understood your letter dated July 19 /04. I have, in past correspondence, made my position and factual reasons for denying unsupervised access of Hilary to her mother perfectly clear. Hilary's grandmother is not an acceptable third party for supervision, for the simple reason Marguerite Day has failed to address my daughters past complaints of your client's abuse and prefers to ignore any and all events that take place in her home. Marguerite has long ago decided that it is pointless to reason with your client. The events which have caused Hilary's current difficulties occurred with the full awareness and non-intervention of her grandmother. Further, your client's home is far from a relaxed setting, in the opinion of both my daughters.

Hilary is not a piece of property. She is a human being who has been badly hurt by both the manufactured conflict of this situation and direct behavior on your client's part.

As much as you would like to intellectually frame this matter as "having no choice" but to engage in legal conflict , there are alternative choices. Your client can choose to clean up her life and behave in a manner that is not threatening to Hilary, at which point, I will have no child protection issues. Alternatively, Hilary can be given enough time to heal, so she has the strength to stand up to her mother. Further, you are doing your client a dis-service, since the facts of this matter, which I must use in defense places your client at serious risk of being charged with child abuse. The only thing that stays my hand in this is the fact that legal conflict can only hurt Hilary further. The sad fact is that, in this matter, should you proceed, against the facts and professional advice, you are Nazis, living by the avails of child abuse. Thus, you also place yourself at risk.

You should also be aware that Hilary is and has been (since release from CHEO) free to initiate phone contact with her mother, an option she does not choose to exercise.

Regards;
Bill Ross