

ONTARIO COURT (GENERAL DIVISION)

BETWEEN:

CATHERINE L.E. ROSS

Petitioner
(Wife)

- and -

WILLIAM THOMAS ROSS

Respondent
(Husband)

AFFIDAVIT

I, DONNA CLEMENT, of the City of Ottawa, in the Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton and Province of Ontario, MAKE OATH AND SAY AS FOLLOWS:

1. I have known the parties to this proceeding for several years, and as such have knowledge of the matters and facts hereinafter deposed to by me.

2. I have known Mr. and Mrs. Ross for three years. I rented the unit next door to them for approximately fifteen months. I therefore saw the parties and their children on an almost daily basis. This was during the time that Mrs. Ross ran the day care in their home. I frequently saw Mrs. Ross and the children under her charge out in the back yard during the day. Any suggestion that she was not looking after the children is simply untrue. Further, Mrs. Ross kept toys and books around for the children, and provided an excellent environment for the children.

3. Since I moved out of that unit three years ago, I have continued to see Mrs. Ross and the children, and on occasion, Mr. Ross.

4. Mrs. Ross is a very good mother to her children, and is very attentive to their needs. The children have always been well cared for. Mrs. Ross frequently talks about her children, telling me how they are doing, and it is clear that she is a loving, caring, involved parent. Until December of 1993, I carpooled with Mrs. Ross, and went with her when she picked up her children from the sitter. The children were always very happy to see her.

5. I understand that Mr. Ross has suggested that Mrs. Ross is a heavy drinker, and that she is an alcoholic. I further understand that he has suggested that this alleged drinking would get in the way of Mrs. Ross's care of her children. Nothing could be further from the truth. I have never seen Mrs. Ross in an inebriated state, nor have I seen her drink during the day. She has occasionally had a social drink on an appropriate occasion in my presence.

6. While I am reluctant to become involved in this proceeding, I am so shocked by the suggestion that Mrs. Ross is an alcoholic or even a heavy drinker, that I feel I must.

7. This Affidavit is made bona fide and for no improper purpose.

SWORN BEFORE ME at the City of Ottawa)
in the Regional Municipality of)
Ottawa-Carleton on the 21st day of)
June, 1994.)

Donna Clement
DONNA CLEMENT



A Commissioner for taking affidavits, etc.

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