

ONTARIO COURT (GENERAL DIVISION)

BETWEEN:

CATHERINE L.E. ROSS

Petitioner
(Wife)

- and -

WILLIAM THOMAS ROSS

Respondent
(Husband)

AFFIDAVIT

I, JACQUELINE BONNAR, of the Township of West Carleton, in the Province of Ontario, MAKE OATH AND SAY AS FOLLOWS:

1. I was previously a tenant of Mr. and Mrs. Ross. I lived next door to them for a period of one year, ending in September of 1992. I have therefore had occasion to be in contact with Mr. and Mrs. Ross and their children, and as such have knowledge of the matters and facts hereinafter deposed to by me.

2. During the time that I resided next door to the Ross', I frequently heard fights through the walls. This occurred at least on a weekly basis. Catherine frequently advised me that he would threaten to leave her, and threaten that if they broke up, he would take the children from her, and say that she would be penniless without him. Catherine would become very upset by his behaviour, and sometimes would come to visit to talk about it. I provided a sympathetic ear.

3. During the time that I was in contact with Mr. Ross, it became clear to me that he is a very opinionated, controlling man. It was obvious that he considered himself to be superior to those around him, and this made my relationship with him difficult.

4. I find the suggestion that Mrs. Ross consumes excessive amounts of alcohol to be ridiculous. While I do not currently see her on a regular basis, the very thought is shocking. I am not aware of any problem with drinking. I personally believe that is a great strength, as living with Bill would no doubt drive many to drink.

5. I also had occasion to see Mrs. Ross with her children. She is a very good mother, and very attentive to the children's needs. She was always careful with their diet, ensured that they were well dressed, and involved in various activities such as play groups. She was extremely selective of the sitters she chose for her children. Her home was geared for children, and she ensured that they always had plenty of books, children's videos, and toys around. I recall that during the Christmas season when I lived next door, she made a beautiful gingerbread house with the children for the holidays. She worked very hard at maintaining the home as well.

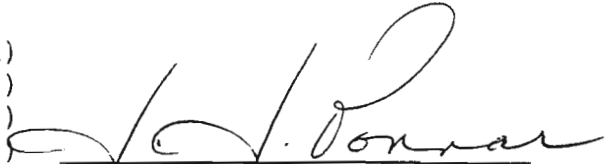
6. In swearing this Affidavit, it is not my intention to suggest that Mr. Ross is a bad father. Rather, he clearly loves his children, and does spend some quality time with them.

7. It was clear during the time that I was next door, and saw the family, on an almost daily basis, that Catherine was looking after the majority of activities for the children. Bill would sometimes take the children for bike rides, and participate with them in activities from time to time. I understand that her husband has suggested that he was primarily responsible for caring for the

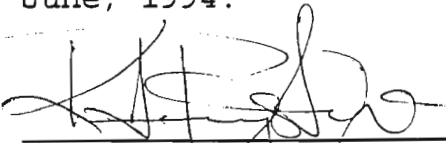
children, and not Catherine. Nothing could be further from the truth.

8. 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 20th day of)
June, 1994.)



JACQUELINE BONNAR



A Commissioner for taking
affidavits, etc.

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