



PARENTAL ALIENATION AWARENESS
ASSOCIATION OF IRELAND
Information sheet

Parental Alienation – The Court - People

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About this document

The Courts in Ireland is at this stage on a learning curve regarding parental alienation.

Some of the points hereunder is in place in some Courts in Ireland. If the Court does not know about it, the Court can not rule on it.

The suggestions hereunder is based on ruling of Superior Courts in Ireland (limited) and several other jurisdictions. If needed, your legal representative can approach a PAAA certified solicitor or Counsel for more information.

See separate pamphlet “The Court - Ruled”

Your Solicitor

It is important that your representation in Court be at least basic knowledgeable on parental alienation, whether you are an alienated parent or accused of alienation while protecting your child. A PAAA certified solicitor or Counsel will be your best choice. The reason: as an officer of the Court (s)he must assist and advice the Court, not mislead the Court. If they do not have the basic knowledge, they will unwittingly mislead the Court. PAAA certified representation is under an obligation to keep their knowledge up to date.

Expert witness

Here I am referring to the report writer, social worker, “specialist social workers”, “family therapists”, psychologist, psychotherapist, psychiatrist, Guardian ad Litem, or any other person that is to give evidence.

Only a person with:

1. Masters degree or higher, containing a “Family Dynamics” or similar component or
2. A person certified by a Parental Alienation Awareness professional organisation e.g. PAASI, PAAA (Ireland)

at full membership can advise the court to limit or suspend access to a level of alienation. Such advice to the court must contain evidence that certain criteria is met and must contain an “outcome proportionality study”.

Some certified PAAA members will, when approached by the Court, advise the Court on the facts of parental alienation and advise the court as independent witnesses

Remember

Remind the Court that any form of parental alienation is confirmed by many Superior Courts as:

1. Emotional child abuse
2. Endangerment of the child
3. Causing serious harm to the child
4. Causing serious harm to the alienated parent

Your presence

Weather you are applicant or respondent, it is important -

1. Stay calm.
2. Never lie to the court. Admit your mistakes and weaknesses. Do not exaggerate. Do not fabricate facts.
3. Respect the Court and it's officers
4. Be respectable arriving.

Child's wishes and evidence

A PAS child can not -

1. give evidence justifying alienation or request the Court to stay alienated without the assistance of a qualified expert.
2. refuse to attend access. The child is also bound by the Court Order regarding access.

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