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To whom it may concern,

I support Chris Brown's position about the legality and ethics of Case Management process in Kansas Family Law cases. I have many horror stories of my own being assigned to a Case Manager, Eric Svoboda in SG County. I am providing this written testimony regarding my bad experiences about this issue.

- Case Management process is just another scam to create revenue for lawyers from families in need of help in Kansas Family Law.
- Case Management process has a conflict of interest by its nature. For custody, residency and child support reviews, Case Managers will almost always decide in favor of the lower income parent, so that lower income parent has the ability to pay the Case Manager. If higher income parent was chosen to be the primary residential parent, the lower income paying parent couldn't pay or have difficulty paying the Case Manager, thus reducing the revenue for the Case Manager.
- It can take up to 2-3 months to review an issue in Case Management process (especially if one side is uncooperative and not willing to pay) vs. the 10 days Motion time to hear issues in the court. In this 2-3 months, issues escalate further adding up to the cost every time additional documents / emails are sent to the Case Manager. Case Management ends up being a lot more expensive than having your own lawyer in Court. Case Managers know this and knowingly extend reviews as much as they can. They issue orders that escalate issues further. They know very sneaky ways as to how to accomplish this.
- You have to pay \$200+ per hour to the Case Manager. There are no checks and balances as to how much a case manager can charge to review the documents that you submit. And, they have the power to enforce these bills as Court expenses even when there is a disagreement. There has been many times in our case when our case manager over charged us for reviewing of submitted documents and he had no knowledge of the content during meetings. He over charged us and inflated his hours every single opportunity he got. I have 4 documented cases (I can show you the emails) where he had to correct his bills and every time, he was over charging us.
- There is no accountability in Case Management. Yes, you can file a Motion to review case manager's recommendations in Court but this is not taken well by the Judges at all, and they often punish the parent who objects to the case manager recommendations. In addition, the same pissed off case manager continues to review your cases while he takes a stance against you.
- Case managers do not have to follow due process and it appears not much can be done about it. Our case manager admitted documents from the opposing side during

meetings in the last minute, wrote completely one sided reports, and lied repeatedly about issues that were not agreed to during the meetings in an effort force the parties to an agreement / order. This has happened many times in our case.

The Case Management process in Kansas Family Law should be eliminated and it is time for the Courts to start doing their jobs.

One of the most influential people of this case management process being present is Mark Gleeson, who manages the Court programs in Kansas. He puts together biased research reports to support the case management process using tax payer money.

Mark Gleeson also coordinates the committee that has done a horrible job with the Kansas Child Support Guidelines creating further conflict in families. Mark Gleeson only supports programs that generate revenue for lawyers and justify judge's jobs. He should be fired from his position.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Engin Sabuncu'.

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