

Hi, my name is James Ricker. Well, actually James is an alias because I need to make sure I am not a target of retaliation by my ex or any of the allies she initially used as a way to almost completely remove my young daughter's father from her life almost 15 months ago as of the time of this writing.

While I do see my daughter, it is currently roughly 5% of the time with no overnights, and so far all attempts at increasing that have been met with deliberate delays by my ex's lawyer. Allegations and issues keep "coincidentally" popping up right as a court hearing or evaluation of some kind is about to happen. My ex has significantly more financial resources and I have been wiped out financially and must continue pro se to do my best to keep my ex from removing me completely.

I think the judge is trying to be fair, but he is working in an overloaded court system and every time a new accusation comes up, he wants to be sure and check it out which delays things, which gives my ex more opportunity to further adversely affect my daughter's relationship with her father.

Part 1 (Frying Pan into the Fire)

About 2 years ago, I began to recognize my marriage was in serious trouble. I was distressed about the level of consistent tension in the house, the lack of communication-but even then there were several red flags present I didn't recognize. Here were a few of the biggest: I felt unsafe around my ex. My...

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Part 2 (Through June 5, 2016)

I share this in hopes that it lets you know you aren't alone, and to underscore the need for this sort of appalling behavior to be stopped in it's tracks. There are resources here which can help break out of the mess this whole topic has been drawn into and actually make a difference. To...

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Part 3 (Through July 5, 2016)

Again, this is to underscore that if this is the situation you are in it will not get better on it's own. Your ex will not "see the light" because if you are a normal range parent and they are capable of what they have been doing so far, you are gravely mistaken if you...

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