



Proponent Testimony – HB508
Testimony of Ashish S. Joshi, Esq.

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I appreciate this opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB508.

I am a practicing attorney for over 20 years in the States of Michigan and New York, District of Columbia, and India. My practice focuses on litigation in federal and state courts all over the U.S. and internationally in the areas of complex family law, child custody, child abuse, and international child kidnapping. Specifically, I have litigated cases involving parental alienation and pathological enmeshment in family courts across the United States and have been a part of legal team in cases before foreign tribunals, including the European Court of Human Rights.

I have reviewed the Equal Parenting Bill and support such a bill being passed in Ohio. This bill acknowledges the value of shared parenting for a child's well-being and endeavors to prevent a collapse of healthy parent-child relations. The bill reflects the truism that having a solid and communicative relationship with *both* parents is highly beneficial for a child, particularly for a child going through the parents' divorce or separation.

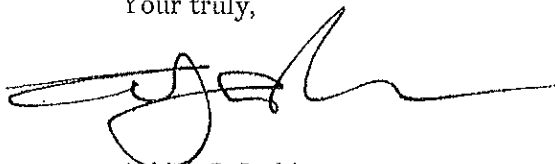
As a litigator who has represented parents — both mothers and fathers — in numerous high-conflict or parental alienation cases, I have seen what a breakdown of parent-child relationship does to both, the rejected parent and the child. The shared parenting bill can help limit the amount of confining gatekeeping and parental alienating behaviors that are often exhibited by the alienating parent. Although some alienating parents can still engage in these behaviors by refusing to comply with the court-ordered parenting plans, a shared parenting plan would allow the child more experiential time with the targeted parent (and thereby “counter” the toxic and negative brainwashing by the alienating parent). Moreover, it would provide the courts with an opportunity to enforce the shared parenting custody orders. This, in

turn, would empower the rejected parent to implement a better parenting plan that shields the child from further psychological abuse.

Implementing a shared parenting plan, such as the one proposed here, would help ease conflicts between divorcing parents by giving both parents equal amounts of time with and influence on the child.

The bill is a step in the right direction for not only the state of Ohio, but for the possibility of many more states to follow in its tracks. I support this bill as it puts the best interests of the children first and ultimately protects the relationship they have with both parents.

Your truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ashish S. Joshi', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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EDUCATION

University of Michigan Law School
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Sir L.A. Shah Law College, Gujarat University, Ahmedabad, India
LL.M., May 2000
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LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Joshi: Attorneys + Counselors, Ann Arbor, Michigan
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Practice focus: Litigation in federal and state courts all over the U.S. and internationally in the areas of complex family law, divorce and post-divorce matters involving mental health issues including parental alienation and child abuse.

Bar Admissions: New York, Michigan, District of Columbia, Gujarat (India)

LAW SCHOOL TEACHING

Thomas M. Cooley Law School
Adjunct, January 2011 – May 2011
Course Taught: International Business Transactions

University of Detroit Mercy Law School
Adjunct, January 2018 – May 2018
Course Taught: Sales

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- *Litigating Parental Alienation—Evaluating and Presenting an Effective Case in Court*, ABA Family Law Section, 2021
- *Parental Alienation: Science and Law*, Contributing Author, Charles C. Thomas Publication, 2020
- *Understanding International Criminal Law*, Contributing Author, Aspatore Publication, 2014
- *Cultural Issues in Criminal Defense*, Contributing Author, Juris Publication, Third Edition, 2010
- *Careers in Criminal Law*, Contributing Author, American Bar Association Publication, 2010

Articles

- Coercive Control, What Family Practitioners Should Know About This Insidious Form of Mental Abuse, *Michigan Family Law Journal*, November 2021
- Leave No Child Behind: Parental Alienation in Family Courts, *Litigation*, Summer 2021

- A is for Alienation: Tips for Litigating Parental Alienation in Custody Battles, *NYSBA Family Law Review*, Vol. 53, No. 1 (2021)
- Parental Alienation is Real: Exposing the Myth of the Woozle, *Litigation*, Spring 2021
- Cases of Parental Alienation in Pennsylvania's Family Courts, *The Pennsylvania Lawyer*, March / April 2021
- Parental Alienation and Domestic Violence: Two Parts of the Same Coin (Part 2), *Michigan Family Law Journal*, December 2020
- Litigating Parental Alienation Cases: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly, *Parental Alienation International*, November 2020
- Parental Alienation: India Joins Family Courts Around the World to Fight Child Emotional Abuse, *Legal Era*, November 2020
- Parental Alienation and Domestic Violence: Two Parts of the Same Coin (Part 1), *Michigan Family Law Journal*, October 2020
- Temporary No-Contact Order: The Necessary Ingredient for Effective Reunification in Cases Involving Parental Alienation, *Michigan Family Law Journal*, February 2020
- Interview with Michael Kim, *Litigation*, Winter 2019
- Parental Alienation and the Role of GALs and LGALs (Parts 1 & 2), *Michigan Family Law Journal*, August/September 2018 and October 2018
- Interview with Kenneth Feinberg, *Litigation*, Spring 2018
- Taking Offense: An Interview with Alan Dershowitz, *Litigation*, Summer 2017
- A Report from the Front: An Interview with Justice Stephen Breyer, *Litigation*, Winter 2017
- Parental Alienation: Remedies, *Michigan Family Law Journal*, November 2016
- Parental Alienation: The Problem, *Michigan Family Law Journal*, October 2016
- Lack of Diversity: A National Problem with Individual Consequences, *Litigation Section's Diversity and Inclusion*, March 2015
- Leave Me Alone! Europe's "Right to be Forgotten", *Litigation*, Spring 2015
- Defending Masters of the Universe in White-Collar Cases (co-author Andrew Bossory), *Litigation*, Summer 2013 (Reprinted as Rich Ain't a Crime! Defending Masters of the Universe in White Collar Cases, *Westlaw Journal White-Collar Crime* vol. 27, issue 11 / August 2013)
- Taint Hearing: Scientific and Legal Underpinnings, *The Champion*, NACDL November 2011
- Conducting an Internal Investigation While the Rest of the World Watches, ABA's Litigation & Criminal Justice Sections' Annual Program (Written Materials), April 2011
- International Investigations: Too Fast Too Furious, ABA's International Law Section Spring 2011 Program (Written Materials), April 2011
- RICO and the Theft of Trade Secrets, *Business Torts Journal*, Fall 2010
- Cross-Border Investigations: Key Issues, ABA's Fourth National Institute on Securities Fraud (Written Materials), October 2009
- Corporate Miranda: Clarifying Lawyers' Loyalty During an Internal Investigation, *Business Law Today* (ABA), September - October 2009
- Britain's Fight Against the "Silver Lance": A Radical Overhaul of the United Kingdom's Bribery Laws and its Enforcement, *The Champion*, NACDL February 2009
- Clawback Agreements in Commercial Litigation: Can You Unring a Bell?, *Michigan Bar Journal*, December 2008
- Mergers & Acquisitions in India, *The Michigan Business Law Journal*, Summer 2008
- Is That What I Meant? Litigating Intent in White Collar Crime, *The Champion*, NACDL September/October 2007
- Corporate Criminal Liability in India, *Michigan International Lawyer*, Fall 2007

- Corporate Counsel, Internal Investigation and the Government Investigation: A Brief Primer in Making Your Way Through a Potential Minefield, ABA's *Business and Corporate Litigation Newsletter*, Summer 2007
- Third Party Beneficiaries in Construction Litigation, *The Michigan Business Law Journal*, Summer 2007
- An End to "Backseat Driving"? The Thompson Memorandum and Government Tactics in White Collar Crime Investigation and Prosecution, *The Michigan Business Law Journal*, Spring 2007
- In the Shadows: The Business Judgment Rule Amid the Recent Corporate Scandals, *The Michigan Business Law Journal*, Fall 2005
- Changes in India's Patent Laws and its Repercussions on the Global Drug Industry, *Michigan International Lawyer*, Fall 2005
- Applying Revised MRE 702 & 703 to Administrative Hearings, *19 Michigan Lawyers Weekly 1024*

PRESENTATIONS

- When the Glove Doesn't Fit: False Allegations of Parental Alienation, MyLaw CLE / Federal Bar CLE, February 21, 2022
- Litigating Parental Alienation in Family Courts, WEST Legal Ed CLE, November 29, 2021
- Parental Alienation: What You Need to Know but Were Afraid to Ask, Federal Bar Association & MyLaw CLE, November 11, 2021
- Reunification in Cases Involving Parental Alienation, Federal Bar Association & MyLaw CLE, November 11, 2021
- Alienated Adolescents: Science, Law, and Fallacies, American Bar Association's Section of Family Law Fall Conference, Orlando, FL, October 2021
- American Family Courts' Response to Parental Alienation, International Scientific Conference on the Problem of Parental Alienation, St. Petersburg, Russia, May 2021
- Parental Alienation and American Family Courts: Common Fallacies and Pitfalls, International Conference on Helping Courts Understand the Phenomenon of Parental Alienation, May 2021
- Parental Alienation: What Family Court Judges and Practitioners Need to Know, Genesee County Bar Association (Michigan), March 2021
- Parental Alienation—A Decisional Flowchart for Judges and Referees, MyLaw CLE, January 2021
- Parental Alienation and Domestic Violence: Two Sides of the Same Coin, Law Practice CLE, January 2021
- Parental Alienation: The Legal Landscape, International Conference on Shared Parenting 2020, Vancouver, December 2020
- Reunification in Cases Involving Parental Alienation, Law Practice CLE, September 2020
- Reunification in Cases Involving Parental Alienation, Federal Bar Association / MyLaw CLE, March 2020
- Parental Alienation: The Legal Landscape, Federal Bar Association / MyLaw CLE, January 2020
- Parental Alienation: The Legal Landscape and Pitfalls, PASG Conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, September 12, 2019
- First Things First: It's a Mistake to Think Like a Lawyer When Representing Targeted Parents, PASG Conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, September 13, 2019
- Litigating Parental Alienation, Parental Alienation Awareness Conference, Erie, Pennsylvania, April 27, 2018
- \$\$\$ Without Borders: Tracing Hidden Assets in International Divorce, ICLE, Michigan, November 2017

- What Evidence do Judges Need to Intervene in Parental Alienation Cases?, SBM Family Law Section, Mackinac Island, Michigan, July 22, 2017
- Litigating Parental Alienation, GTLA Bar Association, Michigan, May 24, 2017
- Issues Involved in International Divorce, ICLE Family Law Institute, Michigan, November 11, 2016
- How to Identify Parental Alienation and What Should be Done About It, Trends & Emerging Issues at the Intersection of Mental Health and Family Law, Omaha Nebraska, September 23, 2016
- Parental Alienation, Practical Law, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, September 6, 2016
- Anti-Money Laundering & FCPA Issues in Cross Border Transactions, ABA-SILF Program, New Delhi, February 17-19, 2016
- The Use of Experts in Child CSC Cases, CDAM's Spring Conference March 12-14 2015, Troy Michigan
- Regulatory Environment Affecting Partnering: "Nothing either good or bad", UIA's 10th Winter Seminar: Cross Border Business Partnering 2015: Corporate, Business, Regulatory and Litigation Aspects, Breckenridge, Colorado, February 21 - 28 2015
- Watercooler Effect: Controlling Rumors During a White-Collar Investigation, ABA's Litigation Section, Chicago, August 2012
- Representing Corporations in High Stakes White Collar Cases, ABA's Litigation Section, Las Vegas, April 2012
- Foreign Discovery in Criminal Cases, NACDL Webcast, August 2011
- Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, WEST Group Webcast, August 2011
- Cross-Border Investigations in Defense, Energy, and Technology Sectors, ABA's National Institute on the Internal Corporate Investigations and In-House Counsel, May 2011
- Conducting an Internal Investigation While the Rest of the World Watches, Program Chair - ABA's Litigation & Criminal Justice Sections' Annual Program, April 2011
- International Investigations: Too Fast Too Furious, Program Chair - ABA's International Law Section Spring 2011 Program, April 2011
- Conducting an International Investigation, State Bar of Michigan, November 2010
- Conflicts of Laws in Cross-Border Investigations and Prosecutions: Is Comity Dead?, ABA's Fourth National Institute on Securities Fraud, October 2009
- How to Be a Successful Summer Associate / Intern, South Asian Bar Association of Michigan, July 2009
- Protecting Your Trade Secrets, Indo-American Chamber of Commerce, July 2008

LEADERSHIP ROLES

- Publications and Content Officer, ABA's Section of Litigation (2019 – Present)
- Senior Editor, *Litigation*, ABA's Section of Litigation (2019 – Present)
- Editor in Chief, *Litigation*, ABA's Section of Litigation (2016 – 2019)
- Board Member, Parental Alienation Study Group (PASG)
- Board Member, Neighborhood Defender Service – Detroit Chapter
- Advisory Board, *The Champion*, NACDL
- Former Associate Editor, *Michigan Family Law Journal*, State Bar of Michigan
- Former Washtenaw County Representative, Representative Assembly, State Bar of Michigan
- Former Board of Directors, National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL), Washington D.C.
- Leadership Fellowship / Diversity Leaders Academy, ABA, 2014-2016
- Board of Directors, The Dispute Resolution Center of Washtenaw and Livingston Counties (2016-2018)
- Member, Judicial Crossroads Task Force: Technology for the State Bar of Michigan (2011)