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### **STATEMENT OF EXPERTISE**

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**Expert in the area of child protective services agencies and associated professionals' and service providers' practices, tactics and techniques during their interventions/investigations of child abuse/neglect cases, their compliance with statutory and constitutional mandates including but not limited to Reasonable Efforts and Contrary to the Welfare judicial determinations, appropriate treatment plans and compliance with treatment plans, effective parent and child representation, Termination of Parental Rights, and the proper application of statutory and procedural checks and balances designed to protect the fundamental right to family association.**

#### **Experience:**

Hands-on experience and research in this field since 1991. National Spokesperson for ParentsMarch 98 in Washington, D.C. Has appeared on over 100 radio and television shows nationwide as an family rights expert in this field. Her focus is from the perspective of the family and based on the premise that family association is a fundamental human right.

- As the director of the American Family Advocacy Center, Ms. Shell provides legal research, analysis, investigation, strategical advice, expert witness and consulting and advocacy training services for families and their attorneys involved with CPS interventions nationwide for trial and advocacy purposes.
- Ms. Shell's independent qualitative research has spanned 15years, including consultations with thousands of families who are involved with child protective services agencies, and also including direct interviews with children taken by CPS agencies, as well as evidence gathered from former family court judges, whistle blower social workers, psychologists, and other related service providers. Nationally recognized organizations such as The Pacific Justice Institute, The Home Education Network, VOCAL, The Citizen's Commission on Human Rights, P.A.R.E.N.T., Families First Partnership, Inc., The Alliance for Family Court Justice, etc., consult with Ms. Shell pertaining specifically to research, strategies and issues relevant to CPS interventions and families. Currently, between 40 and 60 hours a week are spent working and researching in this field.
- Success rate relating to the implementation of tactics recommended by Ms. Shell exceeds 90%. Success is defined as the safe reunification of the children with the parents or permanent placement with relatives as being in the best interests of the children. Stranger adoption is a clear indication that the intent of child welfare intervention has failed both the parents and the children.

#### **Publications:**

- Has written dozens of associated articles which have been published worldwide including *The Jury on Trial*, (Media Bypass); *Rights on Trial: The Verdict*, (Media Bypass); and *CASA - Court Appointed Special Advocate or Children Are Still Abused?* (multiple publications). Is currently the largest, non-governmental publisher of information in this arena.

- *Profane Justice: A Comprehensive Guide to Asserting Your Parental Rights* 1997, 210 pp..
- *Profane Justice: A Comprehensive Guide to Asserting Your Parental Rights, Second Edition* 2001, 608 pp.
- *Knowing My Rules. Who Do I Trust?* 2002
- DVD presentation produced: *The Child Abuse Industry: The Legalized and Systematic Destruction of the American Family.*
- In production: A documentary on this subject and a series of programs for television on CPS abuses.

**Training provided:**

Ms. Shell provides training seminars for professionals and parents on the issue of child protection. She has provided training in the following locations:

- Phoenix, Arizona - 1998
- Cincinnati Ohio - 1998
- Louisville, Kentucky - 1998
- Anchorage, Alaska - 1998
- Fairbanks, Alaska - 1998
- Flint, Michigan - 1999
- Dayton, Ohio - 1999
- Maryland/Delaware - 1999
- St. Louis, Missouri - 2000
- St. Louis, Missouri - 2003
- Sheboygan, Wisconsin - 2003
- Oahu, Hawaii - 2004
- Tampa, Florida - 2004
- Denver, Colorado - 2005
- Ft. Lauderdale, Florida - 2005 - accredited by the Florida Bar Association for 8.5 C.L.E.R. credits.
- Ft. Collins, Colorado - 2005 - Presentation on 'Reasonable Efforts' to Young Lawyers  
Brown Bag Lunch - accredited by the Colorado Supreme Court Board of Continuing Legal and Judicial Education for 1 CLE credit
- Ft. Collins, Colorado - 2005 - Issues & Strategies in Dependency & Neglect - accredited by the Colorado Supreme Court Board of Continuing Legal and Judicial Education for 8 CLE credits
- Pueblo, Colorado 2005 - Issues & Strategies in Dependency & Neglect - accredited by the Colorado Supreme Court Board of Continuing Legal and Judicial Education for 8 CLE credits
- Castle Rock, Colorado 2005 - Issues & Strategies in Dependency & Neglect - accredited by the Colorado Supreme Court Board of Continuing Legal and Judicial Education for 9 CLE credits
- Phoenix, Arizona - 2006 - Issues & Strategies in Dependency & Neglect - 8 CLE Credits
- Tampa, Florida - 2006 - Issues & Strategies in Dependency & Neglect - accredited by Florida Bar Association for 8.5 C.L.E.R. credits
- Windsor Locks, Connecticut - 2006 - Issues & Strategies in Dependency & Neglect - accredited by Connecticut Bar Association for 8.5 CLE credits and Colorado Supreme Court Board of Continuing Legal Education for 8 CLE credits
- Castle Rock, Colorado - 2006 - Issues & Strategies in Dependency & Neglect - accredited by the Colorado Supreme Court Board of Continuing Legal and Judicial Education for 8

CLE credits

- Castle Rock, Colorado - 2006 - Mandated Reporting, The Practical Aspects.
- Wichita, Kansas - 2006 - Issues & Strategies in Dependency & Neglect - accredited by the Kansas Bar Association for 8 CLE credits

**Professional Training attended:**

*A Duty to Zealously Defend Your Client: An Appellate Lawyer's Perspective on common Attorney Mistakes*, Rosenthal, J.D. 1999

*Anal Findings of Alleged Sexual Abuse in Children*, Dr. Stephen Guertin, M.D. 1999

*Burns, Bites, Bruises: Intentional or Accidental Injuries to the Skin*. Gaynor, Harry, Ph.D.. 1999

*Cross Examination: Experts Have Limits, Too*. Clifton Holmes, J.D.

*Genital Findings of Alleged Sexual Abuse in Children*, Dr. Stephen Guertin, M.D. 1999

*How to Analyze Children's Statements and Case Facts: Discrediting Invalid Allegations of Abuse*. Esplin, Phillip, Ed. D. and David Raskin, Ph.D. 1999

*Interactive Exercise of Children's Interviews: A Case Analysis*. Pool, Debra Ann, Ph. D. 1999

*Interrogation, Coercion and Confessions*. Dr. Richard Ofseh. Ph.D.

*Investigative Protocols, The Wrong Way vs. the Right Way*. Randy TenBrink.

*Memory In & Out of Court: Practical Court Use*. Loftus, Elizabeth, Pd.D. and George Castelle, J.D. 1999

*NASVO/VOCAL National Conference - 1998. Included in training - Interviewing child witnesses, Investigations and False allegations.*

*Non-Scientific Expert, The*, Dr. Melvin Guyer, JD, Ph.D. 1999

*Polygraphs and Their Potential for Criminal Court*. Raskin, David, Pd.D. and Sally Duncan, J.D. 1999

*Predators Statutes & Hearings: Practical Strategies*, Robert LeBell, J.D.

*Reasonable Efforts Training Video Notebook* - National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges.

*Reliability vs.. Credibility*. Dr. Phillip Esplin. 1999

*Shaken Baby Syndrome; Shaken Impact Syndrome Head Trauma, Subdural Hematoma, Retinal Hemorrhaging*, Dr. Robert Cantu. 1999

*They Say it's "For the Children" - Child Protective Service: Reporting, Investigation and Judicial Action*. Adams, Judith K. Ph.D. 1999

*Victims: A Manual for Clergy and Congregations. Fourth Edition. The Spiritual Dimension in Victim Services*, Delaplane, David and Anne. - 1997

*Zealous Representation in Child Abuse Cases*, Lyons, Bruce. J.D. 1999

**References:**

Available on request