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Hi Dee

Wow, what a case. I just testified in Philadelphia in a similar one with a dad who is a famous star and has acted his way out of domestic violence charges against several women. The literature isn't as clear as the clinical data. However, here is what I would suggest.

Try to get the label 'domestic violence' on the dad's behavior towards the mom. This gets a different handling in the courts as judge's are required to consider dv in deciding relocation cases.

Literature on children exposed to domestic violence is beginning to appear. The best is the book by Holden, Geffner & Jouriles -- Children Exposed to Domestic Violence. Robbi Rossman from DU is one of the contributing authors and she might have a copy of it. In fact, she might have other literature that I don't have access to. APA published the book. Also, Wolfe & Jaffee have a book out as does Inat Peled on the topic of the psychological injury to children exposed to domestic violence. Robbi Rossman has an article that helps explain the possible changes in brain chemistry as does Dan Goleman in his book on Emotional Intelligence. That is scary....

You can also make the nexus of the power and control literature in battering to the abuse of power and control in dealing with children as they get older and begin asserting their own rights more.

I suggest that a complete risk assessment for violence in general and specifically domestic violence be done on the abuser. If you think mental health issues might be coexistent, I also request that a comprehensive psychological be done and if there are sexual abuse issues or even sexually unusual or inappropriate behavior alleged, a complete psychosexual evaluation.

It is clear that more and more women and children are being held captive by our courts and then they wonder why juveniles are becoming more violent!

Hope you are well and enjoying your summer.

Regards
Lenore