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Attention NC Attorney General Josh Stein  
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Dear Attorney General Stein,

I am writing you with an urgent request requiring swift action to ensure that me and my daughter receive equal justice under the law.

I think the best way to describe my situation is to begin by telling you a story. Once upon a time there was a single mother. For 7 years this single mother did her best to raise her daughter in the fear and admonition of the Lord. Unfortunately, this mother had a bully. This bully would show up sporadically to bully the mother and scare the daughter. One day the daughter began to have terrible anxiety because of the bullying. Finally the mother had enough and sought to put a stop to the bullying once and for all. She went to the King of the Courts to ask him to stop the bully by making a decree. Unfortunately, the King was an unjust and biased King. Instead of helping the mother, he helped the bully. He gave the bully time with the daughter without the mother around to protect her. Then he put the mother in jail for daring to try to protect the daughter. Then he falsely accused the mother of being unstable for not wanting the bully to spend time with the daughter. He even refused to write a decree to have the bully pay for the daughter to get help, and instead caused the mother to spend thousands of dollars trying to protect the daughter from the bully. This went on for nearly 4 years. The daughter was so sad she often cried herself to sleep and even threatened to run away. The mother was so stressed, she couldn't be the best mother she could because of the constant worry and the enormous financial burden. The situation seemed hopeless.

But one day the King's father found out about what the wicked King had done to the mother and her daughter. He investigated what happened and immediately removed the King from his seat and replaced him with his righteous son as the new King. The King's father then reached out to all of the single mother's and dad's that had requested help from the wicked King and investigated their requests too. He made sure each and every parent was empowered to protect their children. The parents threw a huge parade in honor of the King's father, and the children were happy. And they all lived happily ever after.

My name is Amanda Stowe, and I am the single mother in the story. In 2019 after several anger explosions from my ex-husband that scared my daughter to the point of showing signs of PTSD

herself, I sought help from the NC family court system. That corrupt system is the unjust King in the story. Despite my presentation of overwhelming evidence that my ex-husband was unfit including...

- Medical records from the VA echoing my allegation of his fits of anger;
- His refusal to take his medications multiple times for over 3 months on end;
- His admitted excessive use of alcohol and marijuana with his medications (when he *was* taking them);
- His admission that he only sought help as a result of the case suit

... the judge awarded him joint custody including overnights. The judge also refused to grant me a child support order despite the fact that my ex-husband hasn't paid monthly child support in 7 years; and continues to receive money from the VA for a wife and child despite the fact that we've been divorced since 2019, and our daughter has lived with me as sole caregiver (both financially and physically), for over 7 years (since 2014).

When my daughter began threatening to run away during the overnights and crying herself to sleep, I refused to send her back. I was then jailed for 30 days with no bail despite having no prior record. Now I am being asked for my psychological records after being told by the judge that I must have daddy issues that are causing me to be biased towards my ex-husband.

Over the past 3 years my constitutional rights have been repeatedly violated, I've suffered constant discrimination and injustice, and unimaginable harm has been brought to my daughter. The court system of NC has been used to incarcerate me unjustly without due process, and to violate my rights as a mother to protect my daughter from harm. Despite my vehement concerns, the NC court system has abruptly taken my daughter away from a safe environment where she was happy and forced her into a toxic environment where she is constantly neglected, emotionally abused, and forced to stay with people she has no relationship to/with.

I have brought my concerns (including evidence) to...

- The Judicial Service Commission;
- The State Bar Association;
- The Department of Veteran Affairs;
- The Office of Integrity and Compliance;
- The Governor;
- Supreme Court Justice Amy Coney Barrett.

Half of them never even responded, the other half responded with apathy at best, incompetence at worst.

The judge(s) in my cause have shown clear bias by refusing to give the proper weight to the evidence I presented, and judge the case based on that evidence. When lies are told with no evidence by opposing counsel, they make decisions based on them. My ex-husband has admitted on the stand to violating the judge's order, yet the judge did nothing to incarcerate him, yet I was incarcerated. The judge admitted her desire to place me in jail prior to my even taking the stand

to be heard and told the bailiff not to allow me to leave the courtroom before the hearing even started. When I was incarcerated, I was not even allowed to leave my cell and be heard during the follow-up hearing, while my family sat in court waiting for me only for me to never show up. For 7 years my ex-husband has been committing fraud by stealing money that the VA has allotted for me and my daughter and using it for himself; evidence the judge refuses to hear despite countless requests. After nearly 4 years of fighting and nearly \$20,000 in legal fees, I am still the single mother being bullied as I was at the beginning of the story.

I DO NOT want to be referred to another person or agency, but rather for you personally to take direct and immediate action to bring a just end to 3 years of injustice, pain and misery, and emotional suffering endured by my daughter and I.

Out of respect for your time, I have not included the details or evidence surrounding this case. Instead I will call your office following this letter to setup a time to meet with you and present the evidence. In the meantime the case number is 19 CDV 7960. There is evidence in the audio recordings of the hearings, as well as the case file to prove my allegations, and I plan to come prepared with all additional evidence that I have in my possession. Please be advised that I am listed as the defendant as this is a countersuit that I filed in response to an uncontested divorce filed by my ex-husband. The divorce has already been granted for his case, so this is in regard to the countersuit that I filed for child custody, child support, and equitable distribution.

The only thing I have enclosed with this letter, is a copy of the correspondence I sent to Governor Cooper (to which no response has been received). To the best of my knowledge, I have gone through several channels within the state before bringing this matter to your attention as stated above. However it has been made clear to me that your involvement is absolutely necessary in order for justice to be served for my daughter and I.

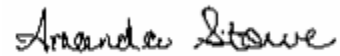
This is not about just me and my daughter. There are thousands of good parents and children in the family court system right now that are being bullied just like me. We've gone from being bullied by our ex-spouses, to being bullied by our own government.

There are hearings taking place in courtrooms that are not being recorded. The ones that are recorded are not transcribed, so pro se litigants are left to get the recordings transcribed on their own. One of the judges in my case has a disciplinary record a mile long and yet still sits on the bench. Lawyers are allowed to write up orders dictated by judges' months after the hearing and making changes as they see fit while the judge says nothing. This is a state crisis. The family law system of NC is bullying parents and destroying the lives of children. This must stop. These allegations must be fully investigated, and I'm asking you to please make this your top priority to do so.

We are now at the part of the story where it seems hopeless. It is my prayer, that you will step into the story as the King's father. Will you help my daughter and I by bringing justice to us; by helping me stop taking funds that are needed to provide for her and giving them to this unjust system.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration to this urgent matter. I look forward to your swift and just response.

Amanda Stowe  
NC Single Mother Seeking Justice,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amanda Stowe".

Amanda Stowe

cc: US Attorney General Merrick Garland

Enclosure: Letter Previously sent to Governor Roy Cooper