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Chaim,

I write this letter with a simple and yet meaningful smile on my face. It has been some time since we were in court together fighting the good fight in what, from my perspective, was a battle not just for my children but to vindicate and empower me from parental alienation.

I remember before coming to you feeling powerless and emasculated. As an attorney myself and a litigator this was especially devastating to me. Here I was fighting for everyone else and yet when it came to me and my issues and problems the pain of dealing with things was so overwhelming that it paralyzed me.

I had always had such a loving and wonderful relationship with my children especially my son. We were best buddies and shared a bond outside of the typical parent child relationship. The divorce was difficult for everyone but the kids took it especially hard. For my son, it came at an incredibly difficult time as he was just embarking on his pre and then teen years, when transition, growth and the need for a father figure was most important. That didn't happen and instead resentment, anger and a range and flood of other emotions prevailed. Those emotions were further fanned by the flame of the emotions such proceedings were taking on his mother. This ultimately resulted in me having no contact with my son whatsoever.

I remember that things had gotten so bad and the emotional toll so great that it started to affect my relationship with my daughter. Not only that, the impact on me

personally was great as it started to affect my business and ability to practice law. Depression set in and the devastating effect was that not only was I unable to be a father to my children I was now having difficulty practicing law, doing my job and the everyday mundane things.

My brother was trolling the Internet and sent me an article about parental alienation written by Chaim Steinberger. I read it and immediately felt a connection to you even before we had met. The words, concepts and ideas resonated with and within me. Despite that, I was still immobilized and powerless to be proactive and go back to court to fight for my children. It was not until I was forced back onto court by motions brought against me that I ultimately found my way to you.

To say the journey since the first day we met was easy or free from stress would be disingenuous. This was without a doubt an emotional rollercoaster ride. There were bad days and then worse days. But throughout it all you tempered such moments with tough love and devotion to the cause. You never lost sight of the goal and end game while instinctually infusing me with a sense of self, duty, courage and belief in doing the right thing no matter how painful or difficult the task personally or financially.

I started this letter with a reference to the simple smile I now wear. I say simple because hindsight is 20/20. I look at where I am today and where I was when I met you for the first time. To say I have grown as a person, as a father and as a litigator would be an understatement. There were perhaps times during our relationship when perhaps I didn't truly appreciate who you were and what we were doing together. I am smiling now when I think about that time, those moments and when I reflect back. Today is a new day. Today I have emerged from the fog of war so to speak. Today I realize that we and you accomplished much more than what I thought we started out fighting for. Today I have the understanding and knowledge that not only did I get back my kids...I got back my dignity and my sense of self.

To say that you were instrumental in obtaining those things would not do you or your work justice. To think I could've done this without you would be equally disingenuous. I would say this, I was blessed with our coming together and with your knowledge, experience and professionalism. Your dedication to my plight and your determination to help me get to where I and my children needed us to go was nothing short of stellar.

So as another year comes to a close and as I take stock in where I've been and where I am going, I want to take the time and the opportunity to acknowledge you, your work and part in getting me to where I am today.

With much thanks and admiration a very grateful and appreciative former client.

Happy and healthy New Years.

Best, Izzy