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Keith Strom — PETITIONER
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VS.

Douglas Mitchell, et al RESPONDENT(S)

ON PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO

Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals
(NAME OF COURT THAT LAST RULED ON MERITS OF YOUR CASE)

PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI

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QUESTION(S) PRESENTED

1. Should the State via the district attorney, courts, or child support agencies be allowed to force child support payments so high that the resulting poverty on either parent is unavoidable and that child-parent relationships are severely damaged?
2. Should the State when involved in the welfare of children in divorces or separation situations value monetary terms more important than parent-child relationships, stability and security, extended family and identity histories, and multi-faceted education including the arts?
3. Should the State be more involved in saving parental relationships with children through denial of divorce and imposition of counseling, therapy, healing, and teaching parents to be less selfish and just grow up?
4. Should the State be held accountable financially and otherwise for damages to children resulting from impositions and sanctions on one or both of the parents in ways that harm children?
5. Should the State be allowed to suspend a driver's license and the rights and privileges that go with it in an effort to collect money for reasons not related to driving and counter-productive to the interests of the children?

LIST OF PARTIES

[] All parties appear in the caption of the case on the cover page.

[✓] All parties do not appear in the caption of the case on the cover page. A list of all parties to the proceeding in the court whose judgment is the subject of this petition is as follows:

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And

I have yet to receive from Reedsport the names for the following docket numbers and a new collection agency for persons or agents trying to take my money (ouch) for fines related to the principles in the Complaint.

"M-Reeds

134273A

134273B

And I again reserve the *right to add other persons or agencies who are trying to cause harm financially or otherwise or who keep holds on my driver's license.

RELATED CASES

None.

None. Can you believe it? None.

Cases are law. In practice law uses children mostly as a commodity for money changing hands. There are references to stability needs of children but in the end children are part of an industry about money and there is little action about meeting the needs of the children that are not financial. Not in practice.

But parents and grandparents know. And they know they are powerless. And they know about the damages to their children and grandchildren. . . .the drugs, the violence, the anger, the insecurity,And law has not been the solution!

Until today.

Just look around, or listen to the news. We badly need to stop law from being used as a tool part of a huge and growing problem and used to harm children.

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APPENDIX I: My Notice of Appeal to Supreme Court October 4, 2022.

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Petitioner respectfully prays that a writ of certiorari issue to review the judgment below.

OPINIONS BELOW

☐ For cases from **federal courts**:

The opinion of the United States court of appeals appears at Appendix A to the petition and is

- ☐ reported at _____; or,
☐ has been designated for publication but is not yet reported; or,
☒ is unpublished.

The opinion of the United States district court appears at Appendix B to the petition and is

- ☒ reported at Justia 6/10/22; or,
☐ has been designated for publication but is not yet reported; or,
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☐ For cases from **state courts**:

The opinion of the highest state court to review the merits appears at Appendix _____ to the petition and is

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JURISDICTION

Er 21, 2022, with helpful instructions and a 90 day time limit.

[] For cases from federal courts:

The date on which the United States Court of Appeals decided my case was September 22, 2022. See Appendix A.

The order was stamped filed was September 22, 2022. I got it in the mail about 1 ½ weeks later. I made a Notice of Appeal signed October 4, 2022. I have copies of mailing receipts but they are not legible.

I made a formal appeal and signed on October 17, 2022 a document of 10n pages that I'm not sure was ever read. I received a box of my papers returned to me with a letter dated October 21, 2022, with helpful instructions and a 90 day time limit.

AndI have not yet ever been heard on this case! That's after a federal Complaint to federal district court, an appeal to the Ninth Circuit, and an appeal to the Supreme Court.

That's about a formal Complaint about child abuse by State Actors over many years with lots of cumulative evidence of damages that is all normal practice of the State of Oregon!

And, the primary defendant is now a judge and . . . judges who he likely knows have dismissed me so far and until the Supreme Court!

And, . . . I've never received any papers of the defendants to the court as required by civil procedure.

And my family still suffers from damages started 40 years ago!

And, . . . I've still not been heard!

CONSTITUTIONAL AND STATUTORY PROVISIONS INVOLVED

Amendment V

Amendment XIV Sec. 1: Citizens Equal Protection Clause

28 USCS Sec 1343: Civil Rights, redress to recover damages

**42 USCS Sec 1983: Civil Action for Deprivation of Rights
and Credit for Child Support Orders, Suppl pg 23 Congressional Findings, (a) (4) (d)**

**42 USCS Sec 5101: Congressional Findings, ". . . should promote. . . . self respect
and dignity of the child."**

**USCA Article 4 Sec 1; Amendment XIV; 28 USCA Sec 1738B, Patton v Brill, 663 NE
2d 421; 104 Ohio App 3d 826**

**Tenth Decennial Digest Part I Vol 8 Constitutional Law 287.3 Motor Vehicles and
Operators, Amends V and XIV, Champion v Department of Public Safety, 721 Pac
2d 131**

Ind. App. 4Dist 1989—USCA Const Amend IV, XIV; Snyder v State, 538 NE 2d 961

Amendment VIII

42 USCS Sec 1983 regarding malice and bad faith, n. 267 paragraph 5, n, 275

Amendment IV

**Amendment IX regarding other rights not included in the Constitution and
"essential rights", n. 15, paragraph family integrity**

Amendment X—"Powers reserved to the people." Me!

Amendment VII. Trial by jury in civil cases

Amendment I. ". . . .redress of grievances."

Amendment XIV. IV. Due Process. N. 23 meaning of due process, paragraph 10must be consistent with fundamental principles of liberty and justice, paragraph 17.

Amendment XIV. Interest of minors. N. 42. Libertyestablish home and bring up children", Meyer v Nebraska 1923, 262 US 390, 67 L ED 1042, 43 S Ct 625, 29 A LR 1446.

28 USCS Sec 144. Bias or prejudice of judge. I. In general. A Generally. Paragraph 2, n. 20 paragraph 1, n 42 paragraph 1

Revised Statutes of the United States 1875, Title XXIV, Civil Rights. Sec 1979, Pg 348, Sec 1979 re redress.

42 USCS. Sec 12301. Chapter 127. Coordinated Services for Children Youth and Families(5) the family is the primary caregiver and source of social learning and must be supported and strengthened"

CASE LAW, STATUTES AND RULES, OTHER

Moffat v Moffat. L. A. No. 31168, S. Ct. of Calif. July 10, 1980

Search fatherlessness and crime!

Argersinger v Hamlin. 92 S Ct 2000 (1972) regarding indigent counsel

Gamble v Estelle, 516 F2d 937 (1975) regarding aggressive and oppositional lawyers and judges towards non-custodial parent, and Pompey v Cochran, 685 So 2d 1007, 1997

Glasser v United States, 315 US 60, 70. Regarding "an attorney devoted solely to the interests of his clients

Board of Regents v Roth, 408 US 564 (1972). "...there can be no doubt that the meaning of "liberty" must be broad indeed."

Ex Parte Young, 209 US 123 (1908). Pg. 124 paragraph 2 regarding penalties

Stringer v Dilger, 313 F 2d 536 (1963)

Lehr v Robertson, 463 US 248 (1983) Pg 256.

Prince v Massachusetts. 321 US 148, 166 (1944)

Kelson v City of Springfield, 767 F2d 651

Mississippi High School Activities Association v Coleman, 631 So 2d. 768 (1994) pg 775 [11, 12] regarding right to travel.

Monroe v Pape; 365 US 167. Pg 167, 174-180

Screws v United States, 325 US 91 Pg 183-187

1997 Wests General Digest, Constitutional Law 83 (4.1), USCA Const Art 4 Sec 2, c1, Amend XIV. State v Cuypers, 559 NW 2d 435

State v French, 883 P2d 644 (1944), 77 Hawaii 222

McBeath v Campbell, 12 SW 2d 118 (1929) p 122 paragraph 2

Elliot v Perez, (1983 ED LA) 561 F Suppl 1325

Marrero v City of Healiah. 625 F2d. 499 (1980). Pg 512 Paragraph 2, Injury to reputation, Pg. 514 paragraph 1. [11, 12], Pg. 515 paragraph 2. C. Injury to Reputation, Pg 515 paragraph 2. [18-20]

Bolling v Sharpe, 342 US 497 (1954). Pg 499 paragraph 2

Quilloin v Walcott, 98 S Ct 549, 434 US 246, 255-256

P. O. P. S. v Gardiner (1993 CA9 Wash) 998 F2d 764 re living standards. (Parents Opposed to Punitive Support)

STATEMENT OF THE CASE

I made one mistake and I have one regret.

I married the wrong woman. She left and took my kids. And then the State assessed child support.

She moved my kids 90 miles away, 120 miles, 110 miles, remarried. My kids were abused by the stepfather and they still haven't told me much about those years. After she divorced him he committed suicide!

I bought clothes for the kids, had them in my home whenever possible, set up and attended teacher conferences—she never did, and I worked up to three jobs at a time and provided all the transportation with no credit on child support.

By middle school I recognized my kids weren't doing well and that changing from "a loving caring, responsible parent into a visitor, bank, and on-call babysitter" wasn't working for my kids. To quote my daughter about three years ago, "Mom didn't raise us: the babysitters did."

I constantly complained about raises in child support. The State changed the responsibility about appeals to the parent instead of the State. I always appealed.

My kids lived in poverty anyway and I was powerless and in poverty, too. Nothing worked. And the morals of the mother did not help, either.

I went back to school and got my teaching credentials current and remarried and got a job 220 miles away. My income went up. My child support did, too, so badly that my wonderful second wife, a model for a loving family for the kids' benefit, couldn't upgrade her nursing degree. She became bitter and left us. I couldn't afford to rent my house anymore and moved into an RV on a friend's Farm.

Quite some Dad for my kids, huh?

My Education Service District couldn't afford to keep me and pay me enough to live on including child support, and couldn't fire me so they "eliminated my position." Then the State couldn't take money from my check. They did not like that! It's all about the money, not the kids.

I tried getting more teaching jobs around the State but none would pay me enough to live on.

I was losing my kids in their critical years of middle school and high school.

My one regret? I had refused to request custody of my kids because I would have had to drag my kids' mother through the mud to get custody. I wouldn't have been any better person than she was. But looking back maybe I should have.

Enter Mr. Mitchell, DA for the children! No, it was "for" my money, not for my failing kids. Money does not replace a Dad, but he didn't know that even though I told him.

At a time when my kids were overdue for their Dad Mr. Mitchell totally disempowered me as a father and demanded more money and suspended my driver's license. Even people ignorant of law can see that you can't make a dad be a dad and get a substantial job by taking his driver's license! He stomped on me and so did a long line of cops and judges.

?Dad? A homeless, toothless, long haired bum begging on the street corner? Let me tell you a little of what my kids were aggressively deprived of. I don't like tooting my own horn but Mr. Mitchell and all the judges I've had so far won't tell you

Dad. Sixteen years schooling plus handicapped learner endorsement on my teaching degree, and continuing education. And outstanding commendations on standardization of my special education program. I've spent my life making other people happy (unlike lawyers) and lots of transportation for old folks since I was 17 or 18. I speak, read, and write a second language and I'm a musician. I used to be able to fix almost anything and a couple of my kids learned my work ethic. I've had ten surgeries in the last 32 years so I need to back off. And I've been under doctors' care for rheumatoid arthritis for more than 20 years. I'm drug free and

mentally stable and hardly watch TV or movies. I'm hands-on with people, my life and experiences is non-fiction. Real.

There's more but that's some of what Mr. Mitchell and others have deprived my kids of besides, more importantly, the value of how to negotiate quality relationships. And if I could earn more money, Mr. Mitchell would take it and my kids would continue to live in poverty. He has done it and he'd do it again.

And my kids have paid dearly.

I've taken the high road on behalf of my kids. But first somebody needs to know what I've written. The courts. I don't believe in violence, but the other way, the courts, isn't working. You have to read what I've written and explained.

My kids have not been immune from the damages. And it's obvious. They are suffering badly from the bad things starting with their mother and enforced by Mr. Mitchell despite my efforts. And just walk down the street and talk to homeless people; usually no parenting. And most of them are parents! Getting off to a bad start is really bad. Their first 20 years were bad, and I've done more parenting on bigger problems during their second 20 years. And it was not necessary!

Second 20 years. Poverty is hard.

Mr. Mitchell. I've been in custody, transport, or jail 14 times, 127 days or parts of days. I have never given up fighting for my kids. The one time I had a weakness to compromise with Mr. Mitchell. I went to his office to talk with him and he told me off, wouldn't listen to me, and threw me in jail for 35 days, no hearing, no judge, no papers, no guilty verdict! And my behavior was stellar. He's the definition of malice.

You really need to read the complaint I made 20 years ago. It's very well done and documented. Maybe I can somehow attach it to this complaint. Or maybe you can find it from 22 years ago.

Their second 20 years the damages have cumulated. And I've been struggling myself and trying for remedy when I can.

Nobody is above the law, and the law says so.

The remedy for damages can't fix everything but it will help a lot. I have plans on how to do that should we ever talk.

Then everybody else in this country likewise being damaged won't have to suffer like we have; see "Reasons for Granting the Petition."

REASONS FOR GRANTING THIS PETITION

First of all my research has found no cases of charging State actors with child abuse due to excessive child support and other sanctions for a parent fighting for his or her children. When parent child relationship rights are asserted it's most often about custody. Usually in legal complaints children are assumed as commodities for assessing dollars changing hands and the long term relationship effects are ignored.

This case has two significant reasons for finding justice. The first is to remedy the damages against my family, at least as much as money can and as much as I can coordinate and administer with what life I have left. Remedy for damages is a fundamental pillar of law.

The second reason. Locally there are dozens of divorces with custody and relationship issues to be decided. Dozens per day or week, hundreds or thousands in the State, thousands in the country, tens or hundreds of thousands of children affected per year.

Now, if the best interest of the child was about love, mental health and relationships instead of money changing hands at the cost of more friction, more fighting, more selfishness. . . .if that best interest, instead, meant counseling or therapy on the parts of the parents so they could grow up and teach their children how to be grownups someday

We, I'm sure, would have far more children and parents earning how to be civil and respectful, even loving instead of fighting, teaching kids how to fight, and adversarial courts forcing everybody to hurt one another. If we could make sure the courts understood that the best interest of the children was about stability, security, caring,instead of boys learning how to fight and girls craving affection in harmful ways, drugs, mental instability,

The courts could grant fewer divorces and require more classes for "growing up." Now the judges and lawyers can't do the classes. Their interest is in hurting

people—law is adversarial. But they could order classes much as they do for drugs, alcohol, and anger management, choices and long-term consequences.

Now, imagine all the people on the street corners lessening because they learned the value of a stable home, the value of a good job, and looking out for one another and actually like and prefer the stability of a home and, yes, even like . . . children! And they would learn all that from a . . . father, and a . . . mother in their lives.

I learned clearly in Special Education experience that children are a reflection of their parents. I'm proposing changing from poverty and violence and stress to love, care, sharing, stability, and practicing and teaching children how to grow up.

There should be no harm done to parents by the courts including financial (a property interest) harm unless one or both parents have done something bad enough to warrant a jail term! Support children and parents; not make their lives harder.

"The practice of law is the exercise of non-physical violence."

Your instructions asked about lower court errors, etc. I find this part very upsetting—and I'll keep this brief but I have addressed this 20 years ago, in response to district court and the court of appeals. I have not yet been heard! I don't think my writing, explanations, and intent have been read. It's as if somebody assumes I must be a "Deadbeat Dad" and I'm trying to get away from my kids. Nothing is further from the truth. Assumptions don't belong in law!

This time district court Judge McShane missed the whole point—you can tell in his order and response. I think he talked to Judge Mitchell (the primary defendant) who has proven his malice and bad faith. It's all in the responses I've written and in my first complaint.

And the Ninth Circuit had little to say. But I received no argument from defendants. They are required to send them to me so I know how to reply. Either they didn't reply so I win, or they have no rebuttle, so I win!

I did find some notes from FRAP (9th C) of violation of the following rules—Circuit Rule 27-1, pgs 93, 94, Rule 25 pg 79, and Rule 28 re briefs.

In any regard, there is a lot wrong here, both with the treatment of me and my family, and with my experience with the courts.

“If you hurt the parent, you hurt the child.”

Holding the defendants accountable for the damages they caused to me and my family will also serve as a deterrent for other lawyers who would otherwise use their authority to harm other innocent people and/or cause changes in policies and practice.

And I really want an oral argument. There is so much grossly wrong here and I’m afraid the courts are working with blinders on. You can ask me a question and I’ll probably have a story or three to explain how something did or did not work—and a stand-in lawyer will have no clue.

CONCLUSION

The petition for a writ of certiorari should be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith Strom

Date: Dec 8, 2022

**Additional material
from this filing is
available in the
Clerk's Office.**