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To: Mr. [REDACTED]

Re: Duty to protect concerns

Mr. [REDACTED], this is not a personal issue, this is a professional issue. You are minor's counsel, you are an officer of the court representing the [REDACTED] children. I have given a DSM-5 diagnosis to [REDACTED] of V995.51 Child Psychological Abuse, Confirmed. This is a matter of child protection.

In your email to me (appended), as an officer of the court and counsel representing the children you instructed me that I should file a CPS report regarding my child protection concerns. If those are your instructions as the children's counsel regarding the child abuse diagnosis and child protection concerns, I will follow your instructions. When I asked for clarification regarding your instructions, you did not respond.

As a clinical psychologist, I have duty to protect obligations surrounding a confirmed DSM-5 diagnosis of Child Psychological Abuse, and I consider my duty to protect obligations have been discharged by my report to the court. If, however, you are providing additional instructions to me now as minor's counsel regarding the child abuse concerns evidenced in the family during nine hours of clinical interviews, I will follow your instructions.

Since the court was likely influenced by the fraudulent and substantially inaccurate testimony of Dr. Mercer, who was presented by you to the court as a "psychologist" and "expert in psychology" when that characterization of her professional qualifications was false and inaccurate, I continue to maintain duty to protect obligations surrounding my DSM-5 diagnosis.

I am currently discharging my continuing professional obligations for child protection through you, the attorney representing the children. I am trying to educate you about the psychological abuse of the children, and the treatment needs of the family. If you choose to disregard my professional input, then the children will continue to be psychologically abused by their mother, to the severe detriment of the children and for the father.

As I indicated in my report to the court and in my prior emails to you, the children's overtly expressed statements are being substantially distorted, manipulated, and psychologically coerced from the children by the mother, and are not accurate reporting of their authentic feelings and experience. I have provided you with abundant information about the nature of the pathology in evidence in the [REDACTED] family, the distorting effect this has on the children's reporting (i.e., the psychological control of the children by the mother) and the needed treatment interventions.

If you disagree with my diagnosis, then the proper steps are to have it overturned by second opinion from another clinical psychologist. You are a legal professional, Mr. [REDACTED]. And unlike Dr. Mercer, I am a licensed clinical psychologist authorized by the state of California through licensure to make DSM-5 diagnoses. Until my DSM-5 diagnosis is

overturned, the children remain diagnosed as being psychologically abused by their mother, and you do not appear to accept that fact. This continues the psychological abuse of your clients.

I believe this attitude of intractable intransigence represents an overreach in your professional responsibilities, to disregard a DSM-5 diagnosis of child abuse made by a licensed clinical psychologist, and instead assert that the diagnosis is in error based on no substantive discussion with the clinical psychologist, and no supporting facts or evidence relative to the evidence of the pathology provided to you by the licensed clinical psychologist.

Your failure to engage in a professional-level discussion of the psychological child abuse being inflicted on your clients is, from my view, a failure in your professional obligations to your clients. If you disagree with my DSM-5 diagnosis of V995.51 Child Psychological Abuse, the proper professional steps are to get it overturned by second opinion from another clinical psychologist. It is likely not within the scope of your role as minor's counsel to disregard and unilaterally overturn the DSM-5 diagnosis of a licensed clinical psychologist.

Your fraudulent misrepresentation of Dr. Mercer to the court and her substantially inaccurate testimony likely influenced the court's decision regarding my legally authorized DSM-5 diagnosis of V995.51 Child Psychological Abuse, made from nine hours of clinical interviews with all members of the family, and authorized by my licensure in the state of California.

I continue to maintain duty to protect obligations surrounding my confirmed DSM-5 diagnosis of V995.51 Child Psychological Abuse of [REDACTED]. I consider these obligations discharged though my discussions with you as counsel representing the children.



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Craig Childress

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to [REDACTED]

It's not a matter of conceding anything to me, it's about doing the right thing for the healthy development of the children. This is not a personal issue. It is a professional issue. I am a licensed clinical psychologist. I conducted nine hours of interviews with all members of the family. My DSM-5 diagnosis is V995.51 Child Psychological Abuse (pathogenic parenting; mother). The children are being psychologically abused by the mother. This is not personal, this is professional.

If you disagree with my diagnosis, then get it overturned by a second opinion, but until it is overturned, I am licensed by the state of California, unlike Dr. Mercer, which mean I am legally authorized to give a DSM-5 diagnosis. This is a professional child protection concern.



[REDACTED]
to me ▾

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Then file a child abuse report with CPS
