



Overcoming Parental Alienation

Reconciling Parents and Children
High Conflict Relationships
Legal Coaching

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"Reconcile with Your Children, Reconcile with Yourself if you Cannot"

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When I first started specialising as a practitioner in the field of parental alienation in Australia, some years ago now, there was, as far as I could tell, no one else involved in providing dedicated support, intervention, education and advocacy in this field. I, and others like me had nowhere to go for support.

Indeed, there was no franchise for social or community appreciation of the traumatic experience of alienation upon children and alienated/rejected parents. Therefore there has been a justification for me to take on multiple roles across the dimensions of individual support, intervention, education and advocacy, supporting both individuals and groups.

Since then, at least three organisations have now been established in Australia to lobby and advocate for social and legal change for parental alienation. I have worked with a number of individuals who have expressed an intention to join various groups or to start their own initiatives. There are now probably over a thousand parents, many with whom I have been engaged, involved in social media based parental alienation support groups in Australia.

Given from where I started, this is an excellent development in parental alienation consciousness in Australia. It also imposes requirements upon me to carefully manage my independence and alliances with established and emerging groups, mindful that my original engagement with people has generally been in a therapeutic context and that my focus has always been upon inclusivity, non-partisanship, intervention and reconnection.

With this in mind, in response to the emerging franchise for community and social appreciation of parental alienation, it is appropriate that I evolve the capacity in which I engage with any particular advocacy or support group, organisation or entity. This is especially the case where my principal involvement has been via therapeutic relationships.

Therefore, I will need to consider formal involvement with advocacy and support groups on a case-by-case basis and in consideration of my stated mission and values. In many situations, I believe a consulting relationship can better support inclusivity, non-partisanship and better serve many groups and individuals in exploring involvement in the parental alienation field. This capacity allows other groups to engage me without crossing boundaries between advocacy, support and therapy.

It is a measure of just how far parental alienation consciousness has evolved in Australia, that I can now say as an alienated parent of at least a decade now, that someone like me who had nowhere to go 10 years ago for support, who felt they were on their own, can now turn to multiple avenues for help.