Beverly Hills Harvard-Trained Doctor Sues County of Los Angeles and Social Workers $750 Million in Whistleblower Lawsuit

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In 2015 *Health Impact News* first reported on the case of Dr. Susan Spell (formerly Evans) whose 4 children were allegedly kidnapped by the LA County Department of Child and Family Services (DCFS). See:

Harvard-trained Beverly Hills Doctor Mom Has 4 Children Kidnapped by LA County DCFS

Her oldest child has since turned 18 and aged out of the system. This week, Dr. Spell and her son filed a $750 million lawsuit against LA County and some social workers.

The Epoch Times has published an article about her case:

Dr. Susan Spell, alongside her 18-year old son Nicholas, filed a $750 million lawsuit July 30 against the County of Los Angeles and individual social workers.

“I want to bring awareness. This is the epitome of corruption and abuse of power. I have to pay to see my children,” Spell told The Epoch Times.
“Susan is a physician in L.A. County. She went to pick her kids up from school one day, only to find that DCFS removed them,” Spell’s lawyer Stephen Lamont told The Epoch Times.

“DCFS convinced the school they had a warrant. They did not have a warrant. They tried to get a warrant but it was denied. They said there was a restraining order against Dr. Spell, but that never existed.” (Source.)

Melinda Murphy, a former DCFS social worker who became a whistleblower, has supplied an affidavit in Dr. Spell’s lawsuit stating that DCFS falsifies evidence to justify taking children from their parents.

Murphy published a book, co-authored by Julian Dominguez, another former DCFS social worker, titled “Culture of Fear: An Inside Look at Los Angeles County’s Department of Children and Family Services.”

You can watch an interview with Melinda Murphy (which includes Dr. Susan) on the National Safe Child show with Tammi Stefano here:

**Former LA County Social Worker Reveals Corruption in Child “Protection” Services**

You can watch an interview with whistleblower Julian Dominguez on the National Safe Child show here:
LA County DCFS Whistleblower Reveals how Parents are Losing Their Children to a Corrupt System

Murphy told the Epoch Times:

“If one social worker didn’t like another, she would recommend the kids would not go home,” Murphy told The Epoch Times. “A supervisor would say we are never sending these kids home, no matter what. That’s not the way it was supposed to be done. I would say 30 percent of all the cases were marked by departmental or personal or political biases.”

Murphy testified in her affidavit in the Spell case that she was being trained as a supervising children’s social worker of the Los Angeles County DCFS, from which she resigned.

Murphy said in her affidavit that her trainer told her and others on their first day of training, “We should be ashamed of what we have done to some of the families that we have sworn to serve.”

“During my training, my observations, and in my work experiences, I learned that the DCFS does not have a mechanism for backing down and, has a tendency, even if the parent is innocent, to make them appear guilty in some way, and that includes perjuring testimony, falsifying reports, and fabricating evidence to justify taking children,” Murphy said in the affidavit. (Source.)

Read the full story at The Epoch Times.

See Also:

Medical Director of LA Child Welfare Testifies Under Oath That He Does Not Know the Law Regarding Seizure of Children