

IN THE HIGH COURT OF SOUTH AFRICA
(FREE STATE PROVINCIAL DIVISION)
BLOEMFONTEIN

CASE NO: 3537/12

In the matter between

C. [REDACTED]

APPLICANT

and

P. [REDACTED]

FIRST RESPONDENT

J. [REDACTED]; J. [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]

SECOND RESPONDENT

J. [REDACTED]; J. [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]

THIRD RESPONDENT

C. [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]

FOURTH RESPONDENT

EVALUATION REPORT OF THE FAMILY COUNSELLORS

1.

We, the undersigned, **ELIZABETH VENTER** (Senior Family Counsellor) and **EVETTE RILEY** (Family Counsellor), declare as follows:-

We are registered Social Workers, employed by the Family Advocate Office Bloemfontein. We are appointed in terms of the Mediation in Certain Divorce Matters Act, no 24 of 1987 as Family Counsellors to assist in the enquiry.

We were instructed by Family Advocate Ebrahim to assist in the assessment of the minor children concerned and to obtain a brief background from the Applicant and the 1st Respondent.

The children concerned are:

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

1.

EVALUATION

1.1. Language and understanding of the children and the need for protection measures of the children in Luxembourg

1.1.1 The minor children are only able to communicate in Afrikaans and are not able to fluently understand Luxembourgish and understand no English.

1.1.2 [redacted] and [redacted] communication and understanding in Afrikaans is the best and [redacted] could not be assessed as he is still too young.

1.1.3 Allegations of sexual abuse by the 1st Respondent towards [redacted] and [redacted] by the Applicant is cause for concern and thorough assessment and investigation needs to be completed. Thus Protection Measures need to be established for the minor children pending the completion of these assessments and investigations.

~~1.1.4 Allegations regarding the stability of the Applicant's mental health by the 1st Respondent needs to be clarified by medical professionals.~~

1.1.5 International Social Services need to be approached and included in order for the children's best interest to be ensured.


2.

CONCLUSION


2.1. On the return of the children concerned to Luxembourg, it is recommended that the minor children be placed in an independent Place of Safety pending the completion of forensic assessments of the children, Applicant and 1st Respondent.

~~2.2. Any assessment with the children concerned to be conducted in Afrikaans as this is the 1st language and primary means of communication and understanding.~~

Signed at BLOEMFONTEIN on the 20th day of September 2012


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