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of 2006

CANADA
PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

IN THE COURT OF QUEEN'S BENCH FOR SASKATCHEWAN
(FAMILY LAW DIVISION)
JUDICIAL CENTRE OF SASKATOON

BETWEEN:

[REDACTED]

PETITIONER

AND:

[REDACTED]

RESPONDENT

AND:

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

THIRD PARTY RESPONDENTS

AFFIDAVIT OF [REDACTED]

I, [REDACTED], of Prince Albert, in the Province of Saskatchewan, MAKE OATH AND SAY
AS FOLLOWS THAT:

1. I am not a party in this proceeding. I do have personal knowledge of the facts and matters hereinafter deposed to, except where stated to be on information and belief, and whereso stated I believe the same to be true.

2. I have earned a Bachelor of Social Work (B.S.W.) Degree and have completed all the course work for my Master's Degree in Social Work (the final documents for awarding of the degree are just being approved). I have worked in the Human Services field for the past 24 years in a variety of positions. Before starting my own private practice, I worked in geriatric facilities, with profoundly handicapped children and their families, in the school system, counselling individuals and families, and in child protection with provincial social services. I service contracts with a First Nation community, and have provided such service for almost ten years now. I also hold a corporate employee and family assistance contract and have

done this for at least the past eight years. I offer counselling services to many different referral agencies, as well as to private individuals seeking support. I own a thriving counselling / therapeutic firm which started in 1993.

3. I am a former employer of both [REDACTED] and also [REDACTED]
4. I have known [REDACTED] for eleven years now. I met [REDACTED] in 1995 when we were working together on a workshop for one of the northern communities that I service. [REDACTED] later came to work with me in 1997 at my therapeutic firm. Soon after that I came to know [REDACTED] as well.
5. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] have played a variety of roles in our lives over the years. [REDACTED] has been a valued and respected colleague for many years. We have relied on each other from time to time for moral support and encouragement, as well as professional guidance and feedback. Since she initiated her own firm we have become referral agents for one another. We have learned much from each other. I have worked with her as she has counselled countless children and their families, helping to recover from traumas, parent - child conflict, behaviour issues, family violence and other issues. She must address very difficult issues with parents and their children and earn their respect and confidence and trust. She possesses extraordinary skills in relating to people, of all ages and stations in life, experiencing all manners of difficulties and problems, with grace and a direct and gentle manner.
6. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] have trained my oldest daughter in riding lessons. I have witnessed the training and their work with my daughter, and have been amazed at how they helped her understand the necessity proper treatment of all animals and of gaining a horse's respect and trust in order to achieve the greatest performance from the horse. They guided and taught my daughter with respect and patience. My younger children would also come to watch and gravitated towards [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and came to appreciate them as well.

7. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] love animals and people. They have a gift in caring for animals. I have seen them many times caring for their various animals. I have respect for this trait in them.
8. I had to find a trusted person to care for my younger children. [REDACTED] filled in for me without hesitation. He cared for them almost full time and did everything for them and their care. He was entirely responsible and very personable. I trust both of them completely with my children.
9. I know that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] have no tolerance for abuse of alcohol or drugs. There is no violence in their marriage / home. They always act and talk appropriately around children. They do not swear or use vulgar language. They have no tolerance for racial slurs or suggestive jokes. They show respect for all people.
10. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] have a model relationship in terms of their marriage. They are openly and appropriately affectionate and encouraging. They are respectful of each other and of others. They never pull down or denigrate one another in public. They are openly supportive of each other and of others that they encounter.
11. I understand that they have not been able to have children of their own. I have often felt for them. They have so much love to give. I am so pleased for them having care of Baby [REDACTED]
12. I am completely confident that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are excellent parents for Baby [REDACTED]. They are exceptional individuals and individuals of high character and good reputation. I have never known them to have any involvement in any criminal or even questionable conduct or dealings. They do not abuse drugs or alcohol. Their home is a safe home. They are good people.

[REDACTED]

13. This Affidavit is made for no improper purpose or motive, and in support of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and to provide more information to this Honourable Court for use in its deliberations.

SWORN before me at the City of)
Prince Albert, in the Province of)
Saskatchewan, this 28th day of)
SEPTEMBER, 2006.)
N. Gareau)
A COMMISSIONER FOR OATHS in)
and for the Province of Saskatchewan,)
My Commission expires:

[REDACTED SIGNATURE]

NORMA GAREAU
My Commission Expires
January 31, 2011

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