GUILTY UNTIL PROVEN INNOCENT by Janks Morton (2010)

1. Propositions for your state—Any parent engaged in a custody dispute falsely alleging

domestic violence, abuse, or assault will be subject to a fine of no less than $1,000 & a minimum

of 3 days in jail. Any attorney willfully abetting 3 or more false accusations in 12 months will be subject to disciplinary action including suspension &/or disbarment.

1. In the U.S. only 10-15% of children of divorce are living at least 25% of the time with their fathers. (Family Process 46, 2007)
2. Fathers with joint legal custody see their children more frequently, have more overnight visits, & pay more child support than fathers in families in which the mothers have sole legal custody.
3. Propositions for your state—Any judge in the family court system shall not be appointed but elected by the constituents of the area. Judges shall be limited to 8 years of cumulative service in the family court. Courts shall provide annual data reports on custody awards & child time shared.
4. 1950 – the first federal child support enforcement legislation requiring state agencies to notify law enforcement when it became necessary to provide aid to dependent children abandoned or deserted by a parent.
5. About 82% of African American children born since 1990 will live in a home without their father. (Institute of the Study of Labor, Aug. 2007)
6. 85% of all youth in prison grew up in a fatherless home. (GA & TX jail pop.)
7. 71% of all dropouts come from fatherless homes. (National Principals Association Report on the State of High Schools)
8. 85% of all children that exhibit behavioral disorders come from fatherless homes. (Center for Disease Control)
9. 63% of youth suicides are from fatherless homes. (USDHHS)
10. There are about 11 million U.S. custodial mothers & 2 million custodial fathers. (US Census, 2007)
11. About 38% of fathers are denied any visitation. (US General Accounting Office)
12. 40% of mothers reported they interfered with father’s visitation to punish them. (American Journal of Orthopsychiatry)
13. About 22 million children under 21 live with only 1 of their parents. (Census Bureau, 2007)
14. In 2007 about 7 ½ million Americans paid over $24 billion in child support &/or spousal support, & 87% of the payers were male. (US Census Bureau, 2007)
15. In the 1970’s court professionals began turning their attention from promoting reconciliation through marriage counseling to helping couples end their marriages. (Family Court Review)
16. State propositions – In event of divorce or separation, there shall be a rebuttable presumption that both parents are fit & fit parents act in the best interest of their children. When parents can’t agree on a parenting plan, court will presume the child will spend equal time with both parents & both will share in decision making for the child.
17. 4,500 children lost a parent in family court today.