IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF GARVIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE MATTER OF:

VICTORIA ALCORN

(DOB: 06/08/2005)) Case No. JFJ-2007-43

An Alleged Deprived Child.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA GARVIN COUNTY

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TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

HAD ON AUGUST 8, 2007

BEFORE THE HONORABLE CHARLES N. GRAY

ASSOCIATE DISTRICT JUDGE

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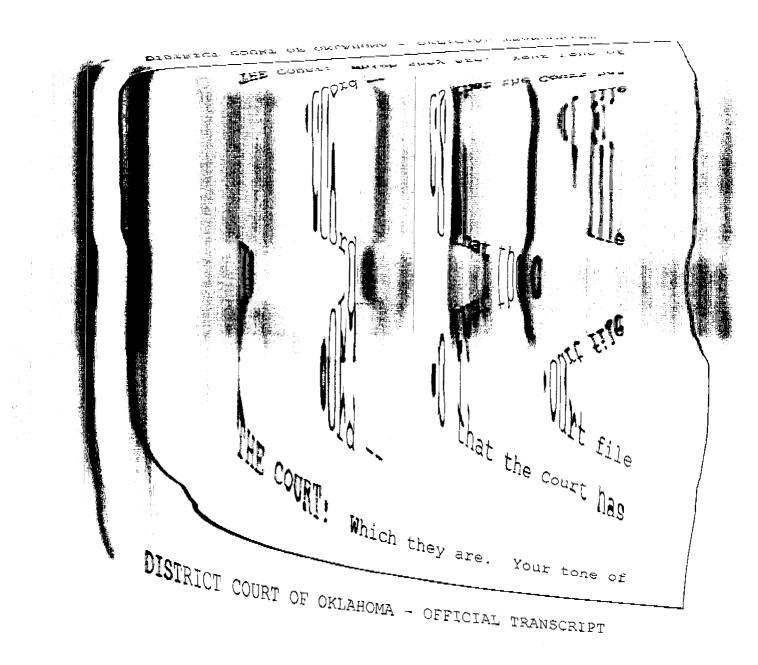
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(The following proceedings were had August 8, 2007, with the Court, assistant district attorney, and Mr. Donald G. Haslam, Jr. present:)

THE COURT: This is in the District Court of -- sitting in McClain County is a case assigned out of Garvin County, State of Oklahoma, through the juvenile division. In the Matter of Victoria Alcorn, date of birth 6/8/2005, Case No. JFJ-2007-43.

I have called this matter to a hearing because as sitting in my chambers -- well, before I get into that, my understanding of this case is it originated by a filing in Garvin County District Court. It was then assigned to Judge Jequita Napoli out of Cleveland County, at which point on a -- also a paternity action was filed in addition to a juvenile matter, which were consolidated at some point and were brought to a hearing before Judge Napoli, which resulted in certain rulings.

The mother in this case has retained an attorney, Mr. Haslam, who appears at this moment in my courtroom. The matter -- he was retained after the matter was assigned to me due to recusal of Judge Napoli. I am making a record at this time that as I sat in my chambers minutes ago -- it is now 10 until 10 o'clock --I heard Mr. Haslam in my chambers, or in my bailiff's



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room, giving what I would interpret as hostile directives
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        to my bailiff. And I am at this time, for the record,
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        warning you, Mr. Haslam, that you will not enter my
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        courtroom -- and the look on your face speaks for itself.
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        You will not come to my courthouse, you will not come to
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       my bailiff's office and talk to my people in that manner.
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        Is it clear?
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                      MR. HASLAM: Consider me advised.
       gather that this is my statutory warning under the direct
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       contempt statute?
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                      THE COURT: You can gather that.
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                      MR. HASLAM: Consider me advised.
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      we're on the record I have a matter to take up.
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                     THE COURT: You may proceed.
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                     MR. HASLAM: I approached the Court this
      morning about getting a copy of the court file. I was
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      somewhat surprised, however, that notwithstanding what
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     appears to be in my 10 years of practice the convention,
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     shall we say, that before a matter is heard in a
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     courtroom, that the court file will be present for access
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     by the Court and the attorneys. I learned this morning,
     however, to my dismay and surprise that that court file
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     is not here. The hostile directives that the Court has
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     characterized on the record --
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                    THE COURT: Which they are. Your tone of
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voice right now is increasingly hostile.
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                      MR. HASLAM: I cannot overstate how
       terribly disappointed I am to hear that the Court
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       characterizes my tone that way.
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                      THE COURT: Well, I'm sure you're making a
       good record that you feel that way, but there are other
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       parties that may back me up that are present in the
       courtroom. You may proceed.
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                      MR. HASLAM: Thank you. The hostile
      directive, as the Court characterizes my conversation
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      this morning with its bailiff, was simply a request of
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      the Court and the bailiff to let me know whether that
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      court file is in Garvin County or if it's here because I
      need to get to the court file to adequately prepare to
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      defend my client today.
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                     THE CCURT: Okay. Now, you're saying that
     you asked her. I heard you direct her to take certain
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     actions. That was not a request. That was a directive.
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                    MR. HASLAM: What exactly --
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                    THE COURT: Do you dispute that?
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                    MR. HASLAM: I do.
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                    THE COURT: Well, then we'll call my
     bailiff in here and ask her for the record under oath
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     what you told her.
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                    MR. HASLAM: If we're waiting on me, we're
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backing up. 1 2 THE COURT: Well, we're about to wait on you somewhere else. And here is the response to you. If 3 you feel that you cannot adequately prepare your case or 4 present your case today because the file is filed in 5 another district court and does not exist at this 6 courthouse, then I'm taking this as a request from you 7 for a continuance of this matter. 8 9 MR. HASLAM: That would be a misapprehension. 10 11 THE COURT: Then you're not asking that this matter be continued to another day? 12 13 MR. HASLAM: In a word, no. 14 THE COURT: And what's the other word? 15 MR. HASLAM: I think it's simply 16 communicated in -- most effectively communicated in one 17 word. 18 THE COURT: Then what's your complaint? 19 MR. HASLAM: Again, that's a mischaracterization. I have no complaint. 20 21 THE COURT: Then why are we making a 22 record of this issue? 23 MR. HASLAM: I didn't request a record. 24 THE COURT: Did you say you wanted to 25 bring another matter up on the record just minutes ago?

1	and simply that I need to		
2	have the court file. I'm not asking for a continuance.		
3	THE COURT: So what are you asking me to		
4	do?		
5	MR. HASLAM: I need I'm not Judge, I		
6	need the court record. What I was asking you what I'm		
7	asking you now is exactly what I was asking your bailiff		
8	10 minutes ago, and that is simply to determine where the		
9	court file is so that I can get my hands on it prior to		
10	trial today. I can ask you, at the risk of having my		
11	request being mischaracterized as a hostile directive, to		
12	get the file here so that my client can be adequately		
13	represented, but if that can't happen, I would simply		
14	like to know where the court file is so that I can go		
15	fetch it.		
16	THE COURT: Well, how long have you been		
17	involved in this case, sir?		
18	MR. HASLAM: Sir, I've been involved		
19	you probably two months.		
20	THE COURT: Okay. And have you received		
21	the pleadings that were presented in this matter?		
22	MR. HASLAM: One would like to think that		
23	I have, Judge.		
24	THE COURT: Were you present in the		
25	courtroom?		
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1	MR. HASLAM: When?			
2	THE COURT: At our last hearing.			
3	MR. HASLAM: Yes.			
4	THE COURT: Okay. Were you handed			
5	documents before you left here today?			
6	MR. HASLAM: Before I left here today?			
7	THE COURT: I mean left here that day.			
8	MR. HASLAM: I don't recall, but			
9	THE COURT: So are you telling me that as			
10	of today, on the record, that this is the first time that			
11	you have made an inquiry as to the actual location to the			
12	court file?			
13	MR. HASLAM: I have neither said that nor			
14	implied it.			
15	THE COURT: No, I'm asking you. Is that a			
16	fact?			
17	MR. HASLAM: Am I saying that?			
18	THE COURT: No, I'm asking you: Is that a			
19	fact?			
20	MR. HASLAM: Just to be clear, is the			
21	question presented to me whether or not I have consulted			
22	the court file before today?			
23	THE COURT: No, sought the location of it.			
24	MR. HASLAM: Have I sought the location of			

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                     THE COURT: Yes. Can you understand me?
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                     MR. HASLAM: I'm struggling, but I'm doing
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      the best I can.
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                     THE COURT: Okay. Let me put this in
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      simple English. Prior to this morning, this being the
      8th day of August, 2007, have you made an attempt to
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      locate the whereabouts of the court file?
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                     MR. HASLAM: In fact I have consulted the
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      court file and it was in Garvin County.
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                     THE COURT: Then what has prevented you
     from reviewing the court file in Garvin County?
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                    MR. HASLAM: Call me silly, but I'm
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     laboring --
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                    THE COURT: That's it. Take him down.
     Ten days. That's it. I've had enough. That is enough.
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               (Proceedings concluded at 9:52 a.m.)
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10	I, RETTA M. BRITTAIN, Certified Court Reporter		
11	for the State of Oklahoma, No. 1838, do hereby certify		
12	that the aforesaid proceedings transpired before me at		
13	the time and place set forth herein; that the testimony		
14	was reported by me stenographically and thereafter		
15	transcribed by me and is a true and correct record of the		
16	testimony given.		
1 7	I further certify that I am not of counsel or		
18	related to or employed by any of the parties to this		
19	cause or in any way interested in the event thereof.		
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