

Statement of Purpose by Mr. Andrew Steele

Purpose of Protest:

- My sons' rights have been and continue to be denied them.
- My rights have been and continue to be denied me.
- My children's mother's life has been made very difficult.
- Some family members have been and continue to be harmed.
- Some family members have been and continue to be harmed. (Judge Sabatis said, "Divorce is hard on everyone.") (This divorce, a three-plus-year divorce war, is not yet done.)

Fact:

Children need to feel special in Mom's life and Dad's. When they have this they do alright. When they are denied this they are at greater risk of having troubles.

Details:

The Children (Robert, William, Mathew and Kristopher):

- They have been and continue to be denied their father—unimpeded and substantially—in their lives. (After being asked when the children would be allowed to see their father, Judge Sabaitis once said, "I don't have a crystal ball so I'm not going to be able to tell what the future will look like." To which the father replied, "A Guardian ad Litem could be your crystal ball.")
- They were denied by Judge Sabaitis a Guardian ad Litem (requested by the father on two different occasions).
- They have been told things that are untrue and cruel.
- Due to Massachusetts' destruction of the father's careers, the boys have been denied financial support from him.

Father:

- I have been and continue to be denied the right to regroup and continue life with my sons, unimpeded, substantially, and in a healthy environment.
- Due to the denial by Judge Sabaitis of a Guardian ad Litem early on, a calm and collected environment to thoroughly explain the intentions behind decisions I made was denied me (Judge Sabaitis once said, "I don't have time to listen to this, I have lots of other people waiting to see me").
- Over 20 years of my custom building career may very well have been ruined (4 avenues within this one career); and three other career paths have been barred, destroyed, and or stalled, including writing (I

published a novel titled *The Galaxy Boys and the Sphere*), a job with Outward Bound, and furthering skills and project ideas in photography.

Mother:

- Life being centered on her love for her sons, she may the rest of her life be subjected to harm because of problems the boys may experience due to damage to their psyches.
- Due to the State of Massachusetts' destruction of the father's careers, she has been partly and in many cases completely denied financial support from the father.

Suppositions and Conclusions:

- Without resolution our sons may be permanently harmed.
- Without resolution our sons will have lost that part of their childhoods, so important, that include memories of their father, and feeling special in their father's life.
- My four career paths have been destroyed or seriously stalled, to a point that, taking into account my age (46 on Dec. 13, 2009) and certain, manageable, long-term injuries, some careers (my building career) may not be recoverable.

Basic Requirements for Solution:

- My sons need to be allowed to have me, unimpeded and substantially, in their lives (after Christmas 2009 my sons and I will have endured 4 years of being kept apart during Christmas, to name just one example).
- The State of Massachusetts needs to provide me with a job, paid in accordance with Judge Sabaitis' support order (\$550.00+ per week, which was based on my income several years prior to my sons' mother's filing for divorce), which was continuously upheld by the judge against all evidence, current deteriorating national economic conditions, and my repeated requests for reduction to match my real income.
- What I can do for Massachusetts is: Design a system to eliminate the possibility that tragedies like this—The Divorce War—that has brought us to this protest can be avoided for the "lots of other people waiting to see me" (as stated by Judge Sabaitis)—the spouses who will seek to end their marriages, the spouses who will have to absorb that change, and especially the children who all too often become collateral damage in the current "headless system."