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**Kansas Legal Services, Inc.
Grievance 19-04-01654**

KLS Grievance Board - Unresolved grievance - Referral to Legal Services Corporation
The Honorable Ret. Judge Robert J. Schmisser
Kansas Legal Services Chairperson Board of Grievance Committee

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Good day Committee members:

I have not received contact from any committee members for assistance to resolve the Kansas Legal Services, Inc. **Grievance 19-04-01654**.

The previous so found KLS Grievance committee decision to ignore published grievance procedures is not a resolution of my valid and substantiated complaints. Change of the established and published KLS Grievance resolution procedures further discourages the hope of not involving additional efforts from state and federal agencies.

My communications is with one more attempt of offering alternatives to move forward for resolution of my grievance through and with this committee.

KLS has shown no effective process to resolve discriminatory grievances, fulfill legal obligations of the purpose of the organization, and to discipline KLS employee's extreme offenses of moral turpitude. I am, and have been, attempting resolution of this grievance with Kansas Legal Services Board of Directors Grievance Committee. No communications from this committee, except the written violation of procedures, does not afforded an opportunity for any positive actions and satisfactory resolution.

Chapter 42 USC § 2996 Congressional findings and declaration of purpose establishes the goals of the creation of Legal Services Corporation and the results of the LSC Act to be achieved through KLS and all contract recipients. 42 U.S. Code § 2996e(b)(2) of Powers, duties, and limitations, establishes disciplinary actions for violations of the LSC Act.

The attorney violations of moral turpitude and other discriminatory actions, and then the following retaliatory actions of KLS employees is harming, abusive, and violates statutes, morals, and code of professional conduct which is directed toward a Kansas Native minor child and elderly gender / race / religion unspecified parent. Kansas Legal Service employee's bias, prejudice, discriminatory actions, and interest in providing service to selected groups invalidates the purpose and fulfillment of Chapter 42 USC § 2996.

The benefits of this grievance may allow visibility to Legal Services Corporation of the need for another contracted provider of legal services in Kansas to remove discriminatory and limiting provisions of equal access to federal, state, and donated benefits to all classes of qualifying Kansas citizens.

The abuse of the Rule 226 by KLS attorneys and the undisclosed and hidden prejudice purpose of the "Conflict of interest" exemplifies the need for policy changes, or establishing addition LSC legal service providers in the State of Kansas.

Since conflict of interest Rule 226 is used discriminatorily, then one would highly suggest additional contract legal service providers to fulfill 42 U.S. Code Subchapter X - § 2996 Congressional findings and declaration of purpose.

The fact is that Kansas Legal Services and many attorneys use Rule 226 as a LEGAL TOOL TO DISCRIMINATE against low income citizens, abused children, and generally any applicant not of preference for the services of KLS and of other attorneys.

Imputation of conflict of interest and imputed disqualification without some procedural form of screening of KLS attorneys for Rule 1.10(a) does not allow equal access to Federal and Kansas grant, tax, and donation benefits for legal representation or any type of assistance for qualifying low income citizens. Another Kansas provider for LSC legal services is necessary to fulfill purpose and requirements of Chapter 42 USC § 2996.

The Kansas Governors Grant Program (KGGP) was ineffective for reporting KLS unethical actions and discrimination, and was a failure in producing any actions directed toward responding to, or preventing offenses of moral turpitude by KLS employees and other grant recipients. The correspondence with KGGP from Erica D. Haas made no reference concerning the egregious flagrant violation of moral turpitude by KLS attorneys and employees. KGGP response was to deter my filing a complaint with KGGP, and stated that KGGP had no role in any grievance resolution, except to file the complaint with another government agency.

Because of Kansas Legal Services attorneys claiming Rule 226 conflict of interest preventing legal assistance, they have allowed the continuation of child abuse in Kansas, NO OTHER KANSAS ATTORNEYS NOW WANT TO HELP MY NATIVE MINOR SON TO STOP CHILD ABUSE! The Kansas Bar Association (KBA) has produced NOT ONE ATTORNEY that wants to help my abused son. No figure - Kansas attorneys have illegally and unethically used the Rule 226 for "legal" discrimination, and will not help to stop the abuse of my son in the First Judicial District of Leavenworth, Kansas.

Other opportunities that would afford legal assistance for a single elderly low income parent to have "equal access to the system of justice in our Nation" to protect his son from abuse is eliminated, BECAUSE ALL LOW INCOME KANSAS LEGAL ASSISTANCE, including Access to Justice, Senior Citizens Law Project, Elderly Hotline, and of course KLS is all the same provider. One discriminatory "Conflict of Interest" with KLS Inc. eliminates all access to the **42 U.S. Code § 2996** declaration of purpose "to provide (equal access to) high quality legal assistance to those who would be otherwise unable to afford adequate legal council (to protect his son from abuse in Leavenworth, Kansas).

The State of Kansas needs another LSC legal service provider to fulfill 42 U.S. Code § 2996.

At this time my son and I cannot get legal assistance from ANYONE. The Kansas Bar Association (KBA) referral requests for my son's assistance produces attorneys that have refused assisting my abused son, quoting the "conflict of interest" discrimination. The last attorneys referred from the KBA, Ryan C. Evans and MaKenzi D. Higgins of Juris, LLC, scheduled a conference and then cancelled hours before the appointment. And, just like KLS attorneys, their law firm denied helping an abused Kansas minor child quoting the same discriminatory Rule 226 "excuse" to deny the minor child access to justice and Children's Right to Protection from Abuse.

The University of Kansas has a low income legal assistance program. No one in this committee has made any effort to find some hope for legal assistance for a Kansas abused child.

Very concerning and interesting is that my son as an abused Kansas child cannot get help, and two children, Austin and Logan, were recently killed in Judge Dan K. Wiley's First Judicial District. And, a retained attorney with current custody / separation case proceedings in Judge Wiley's court, abandoned helping, as we know abused, and now dead children, because of "conflict of interest". Did this case abandoning attorney know that Austin and Logan were unsafe. Could have this "conflict of interest" abandoning attorney saved the lives of Austin and Logan? One could plausibly say "Yes.". These children could be alive today.

Did any of the KLS Grievance committee members report this child abuse? Are not all of the members mandatory reporters? There are laws for Failure to Report, and False Reporting (multiple false reports). I just hope and pray that the Kansas attorneys do not get my son killed. Seven Kansas district judges know that my son is abused, yet not one attorney or judge has yet helped my son. All of the judges know the custody case for my son. None will stop the abuse.

Legislation was written in the hope of helping children and parents involved in domestic family court proceedings. One can read this legislation by searching one's name with "KLS child abuse". Members of this committee could read and review the legislation. The publication is very easy to find on the internet. KU law students could also review this legislation, or preferably, KU Law student's would help a Kansas abused minor child with legal assistance for custody modification for their constitutional rights of safety and protection from abuse.

Again, one more time for the readers of this document. No one from any Kansas organization, police, CASA, DCF, or court has ever bothered to protect my son and find out why my native Indian minor son asked me to file a protection order, of which, KLS employees unethically with atrocious violation of moral turpitude persistently tried to prevent, and possibly helped to influence Judge Keven M. P. O'Grady to ignore the evidence of child abuse. These unethical and illegal actions allowed continued child abuse, which then instantly happened, and has and is still occurring, because of Judge O'Grady, Judge Wiley, and KLS employees.

For mutual benefit, I look to the opportunity for a possible resolution of my grievance with the KLS Board of Directors members, and any participants of the Grievance committee, that this complaint would not involve additional local, Kansas, and Federal or National organizations. One could hope that we would work together to discover the facts and produce a process to resolution by KLS organizational procedure changes that would significantly diminish discrimination, and promote equal access of qualifying Kansas citizens, including abused children, seniors, and all protected classes.

The discussion of KLS procedural changes for Rule 226, and additionally, the identification and disciplinary actions of KLS employees for violation of moral turpitude, and BAR reporting of the unethical actions of KLS attorneys needs to occur. Publication and dissemination of all KLS grievance correspondence is pursued for assistance. Kansas children must be protected from all types of abuse. Attorney ethical standards must be upheld. KLS Attorneys must hold each other accountable for compliance with law, and for the dignity and reputation of your profession.

I believe Austin and Logan could be alive today in Judge Wiley's First Judicial District if Kansas organizations and KLS attorneys would at least try to protect children. When you believe lies another Kansas child dies. Kansas children can be protected. Stop the lies.

Nothing that is worth doing can be done alone, but has to be done with others." - Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr

Thank you for your considerations for Kansas children.

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