



**UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER
CALL FOR INPUTS “CUSTODY CASES, VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND
VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN – DECEMBER 2022**

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This document contains a summary of personal stories submitted to ACF but which cannot be published or identified due to the in-camera rule in family court proceedings in Ireland. Victims, parents and extended family can be held in contempt of court, prosecuted and even jailed for identifying the parties involved or any details that the court considers private.

This has a chilling effect on victims of parental alienation in drawing attention to their plight, getting appropriate treatment or even revealing details to Tusla (The Child and Family Agency), social workers, teachers or medical professionals without first going to court and getting the express permission of the judge.

On the other hand, victims and targeted family members are victim blamed and victim shamed by organisations and commentators who have no such restrictions or consequences.

The stories are provided in this separate document to the ACF submission which takes the place of Section 8 Sample Victims Experiences (short versions) in that document. This should enable the main document to be published without this document being published.

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8. Sample Victims Experiences (short versions)

These are a small sample of the stories that ACF receive on a regular basis. ACF has collated the stories of victims who have contacted us but may be concerned about being identified or the issues surrounding the strictures of the in camera rule. ACF setup an email address mystory@alienated.ie to receive these and have also received some stories to info@alienated.ie. They are redacted here to protect the individuals for any potential issues with the in camera rule)

[Important Note –

These stories and experiences of victims are supplied in this separate document sent with the main document of similar title. While the main document may be distributed and published, this document may not published by the Special Rapporteur in order to protect the victims both from the perpetrators , the privacy of the victims and from potential issues from the in-camera rule that allows victims to be prosecuted for contempt of court if they tell their stories.

ACF note the absurdity that victims are asked to speak out to protect children from abuse but that they can be held in contempt of court or jailed for doing so.

The court rules apparently put more emphasis on protecting the abusers than protecting child and parent abuse victims.

The change required should be obvious to any thinking person.]

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The following 27 stories have been supplied in the original version but are redacted here for privacy and compliance with the in camera rule in order to protect the victims.

9. Government Ministers' Letters Exhibit [author's note: all to mothers]

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