

STATE OF MICHIGAN

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF MACOMB

EDWARD HANNAFORD,

Plaintiff,

-vs-

Case No. 95-4609-DM

CHRISTINE LYNN MORRISON,

Defendant.

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PROCEEDINGS

BEFORE THE HONORABLE PETER J. MACERONI, (P-16922) JUDGE

Mount Clemens, Michigan - Monday, March 8, 1999

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13 4 THE CLERK: Hannaford versus Morrison.

5 THE COURT: You are Mr. Hannaford?

6 EDWARD HANNAFORD: Yes.

7 THE COURT: You are Miss Morrison?

8 CHRISTINE MORRISON: Christine

9 Morrison.

10 THE COURT: Miss Morrison. This is
11 your motion.

12 CHRISTINE MORRISON: Correct. It is a
13 motion to set aside and vacate the interim order of
14 the child support of July 20th of 1998. January 19th
15 I told this Court that I've been off on a disability.
16 There is a letter from a Dr. Miller on December 17th
17 of 1998, there is a letter January 26th of 1999, and
18 there is a disability certificate from 1-26 of '99.

19 THE COURT: Didn't we already hear
20 these motions?

21 EDWARD HANNAFORD: Yes.

22 THE COURT: Do you have the file,
23 Darla?

24 CHRISTINE MORRISON: On January 19th
25 it was a show cause and you were informed on that day

1 that I was off on a disability, but you said I had to
2 procedurally do you this correctly, so on February
3 8th this same motion was heard in front of Frank,
4 Referee Ckosasy who denied a modification for child
5 support. This was not for a modification, this was
6 to vacate and set aside the interim order. It should
7 be noted that my file and my motion was not in front
8 of him.

9 THE COURT: What do you mean it was
10 not in front of him?

11 CHRISTINE MORRISON: He did not have
12 my file.

13 THE COURT: Oh, the file.

14 CHRISTINE MORRISON: Or the motion.

15 THE COURT: All right.

16 CHRISTINE MORRISON: In front of him
17 and he was told that I had two doctors' letters and a
18 disability certificate and he denied it. I also told
19 him that they were taking out \$50 more per week in
20 arrearages, and also going back to the July 20th, '98
21 order, it was ordered that I pay a hundred dollars in
22 child care expenses.

23 Can you tell me how a hundred dollars
24 would be reasonable for nine hours of baby-sitting
25 per week? I would like you to refer to this document

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from September 10th of 1996, Page 26, where the plaintiff says he works from noon to three on three alternating days per week and earns seventy-five thousand per year with medical benefits.

THE COURT: Were you referring to the final recommendation which has not yet been adopted?

CHRISTINE MORRISON: Correct. But you ordered a hundred dollars in child care expenses based on nine hours of baby-sitting a week. I don't think that's reasonable. And also if you are shown income discrepancies of a thousand dollars a week, would that verify the Court investigating?

THE COURT: Well, the Court always investigates as evidenced by this final recommendation.

MS. MORRISON: But--

THE COURT: It says, said investigation would indicate that the plaintiff's net weekly income amounts to \$404.66, and the defendant's net weekly income amounts to \$1901.74. So the investigation date, we do investigate.

CHRISTINE MORRISON: Okay. But there's also another, in '96 he claimed four hundred dollars a week, that's a significant income discrepancy, wouldn't you think? There's

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THE COURT: Ma'am, ma'am, you are not represented by an attorney, but it's not proper to ask me what I think or not think. You want to make statements or give me facts and figures, fine, and I'll make my decision based upon that.

CHRISTINE MORRISON: Okay.

THE COURT: Mr. Hannaford, you are employed outside the home?

EDWARD HANNAFORD: Yes.

THE COURT: What are your work hours?

EDWARD HANNAFORD: They vary usually from eleven until eight.

THE COURT: 11:00 a.m.?

EDWARD HANNAFORD: Yes.

THE COURT: To eight.

EDWARD HANNAFORD: p.m.

THE COURT: p.m.

EDWARD HANNAFORD: Or seven, seven or eight.

THE COURT: Where are you currently employed?

EDWARD HANNAFORD: Bill's Suburban.

THE COURT: Pardon?

EDWARD HANNAFORD: Bill's Suburban. I

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think it's in Roseville.

THE COURT: What do you do there?

EDWARD HANNAFORD: I'm owner of the business.

THE COURT: What type of business is it?

EDWARD HANNAFORD: It's automotive-related, auto parts.

THE COURT: When you are at work, who cares for the child?

EDWARD HANNAFORD: When she gets home from school I have an au pair that cares for her; Alsa Druis (phoentic) is her name.

THE COURT: How much do you pay her a week?

EDWARD HANNAFORD: It's a set amount which is \$140. The total amount comes to about \$250 with agency fee. Plus a car, plus educational allowance, plus food and lodging.

THE COURT: All right. Miss Morrison, where do you come up with three hours a week based upon that testimony?

CHRISTINE MORRISON: On the piece of paper that I just gave you from September of '96 he says he earns seventy-five thousand a year on

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Page 25 working from twelve to three, and on the next page he claims he earns \$400 a week in '96.

THE COURT: Did you swear them both in?

THE CLERK: No.

THE COURT: Swear them in.

THE CLERK: Raise your right hands, please.

Do you solemnly swear that the testimony you are about to give in this cause will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

EDWARD HANNAFORD: Yes, I do.

CHRISTINE MORRISON: I do.

THE COURT: All right. Sir, the testimony you just gave, in other words, working from eleven to eight or eleven to seven, that's five days a week?

EDWARD HANNAFORD: Yes.

THE COURT: And you do have someone who watches your daughter and you pay her with fringe benefits and whatever \$250 a week?

EDWARD HANNAFORD: Yes.

THE COURT: That's current?

EDWARD HANNAFORD: Yes, it is.

1 THE COURT: Based upon that testimony,
2 I feel a hundred dollars a week is more than
3 appropriate.

4 CHRISTINE MORRISON: Is it true that
5 the child support formula in the Friend of the Court
6 recommendation and judge's determination can vary
7 when the formula, when there would be reason that
8 there would be an unfair or improper applying of the
9 formula?

10 THE COURT: If I understand your
11 question, I think you mean is the Court obligated to
12 follow the support guidelines? The answer is yes;
13 however, the Court does have equitable powers and
14 under certain circumstances can deviate from the
15 guidelines.

16 CHRISTINE MORRISON: Is it true in the
17 Michigan Child Support Formula Manual under Q there's
18 special consideration in determining income of
19 self-employed persons and business owners?

20 THE COURT: Ma'am, I'm going to say
21 this again. It is not my function to sit up here and
22 educate you with our legal system. Now, you have a
23 motion, I'll listen to your motion, but I'm not going
24 to sit up here and answer your questions.

25 CHRISTINE MORRISON: Okay. Can you

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tell me that this is in the best interest of my daughter? In 1982 Mr. Hannaford attempted murder, his brother was accused of an open murder, all his brothers and sisters are in and out of jail, he did health care fraud in 1997 where Mr. Ricard defended him, he utilizes a travel agency fraudulently by utilizing a false I.D. number. In 1998 Detective Klein and Chrysler Corporation showed up at his business for stolen core units, there was no doubt that they were from Chrysler. Also, his attorney introduced him to a Pam Vorheise (phoentic) who attempted suicide and doesn't have custody of her children. These are the individuals that my daughter is confronted with. Is this in the best interest of my daughter?

THE COURT: Ma'am, what motion is that on your three-page motion?

CHRISTINE MORRISON: What motion?

THE COURT: Yes.

CHRISTINE MORRISON: This is what's in the best interest of the child, correct?

THE COURT: Ma'am, I will sit up here and I will respond to each and every motion that you have raised, and that's all I will do. We are going to take them one at a time.

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1 CHRISTINE MORRISON: Okay.

2 THE COURT: Set aside interim support
3 order dated July 28th, 1998, rehearing. What's the
4 order of July 28th, 1998?

5 CHRISTINE MORRISON: It was an interim
6 order pending discovery, and it was based on a
7 temporary basis for a hundred seventy-five per week
8 in support and additional hundred per week in child
9 care expenses and fifty per week in arrearages.

10 THE COURT: What's the basis for the
11 rehearing?

12 CHRISTINE MORRISON: I was denied
13 January 19th, and I was denied February 8th by
14 Ckosasy who said the modification for child support
15 motion is denied.

16 EDWARD HANNAFORD: Is that the order
17 that you are supposed to give to the Court regarding
18 your mental stability that I have here?

19 THE COURT: All right. February 8th
20 of 1999, Mr. Ckosasy on behalf of Miss Liwienski
21 recommended that the motion of the defendant for a
22 modification of the interim support order be denied.
23 Objections were received timely on February the 8th.
24 Now, why are you requesting a modification of the
25 interim support order?

1 CHRISTINE MORRISON: I never requested
2 a modification. I requested to set aside and vacate
3 the interim order of child support of July 20th, 1998
4 due to a disability. I have two doctors' letters and
5 a disability certificate.

6 EDWARD HANNAFORD: May I see those
7 letters and certificate, Chris?

8 THE COURT: Hang on, sir.
9 Miss Morrison, if I understand you correctly you are
10 objecting to the interim order for payment of child
11 support, child care and child support arrearage and
12 for health insurance coverage for minor child which
13 was entered on July 28th, 1998 and was signed by your
14 attorney; is that correct?

15 CHRISTINE MORRISON: I did not give
16 her permission.

17 THE COURT: Your motion is denied.

18 CHRISTINE MORRISON: I have a
19 disability.

20 THE COURT: Your motion is denied.
21 This Court entered that order based upon your
22 attorney's consenting to that order. That's a
23 consent order.

24 CHRISTINE MORRISON: Okay. My second
25 motion is the motion to compel the production of

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documents and answers to interrogatories and taking depositions. This was heard by Referee Liewinski and within five minutes we came up here and it was heard by you. Once again, my motion was not in the file. This was ordered July 20th of 1998 that he produce these documents within thirty days of entry of this order. I have the papers in front of me, would you like to see them?

THE COURT: Yes.

CHRISTINE MORRISON: There was also an amended motion with this for post-judgment remedy and relief demanded based upon the consent judgment of annulment. I never signed the papers and my attorney never signed them, either, and I have this in front of me. Would you like to see that?

THE COURT: What's the date of it?

CHRISTINE MORRISON: The date of it is August 18th, 1997.

THE COURT: '97?

CHRISTINE MORRISON: Correct.

THE COURT: Plaintiff's response to defendant's motion to modify existing custody orders?

CHRISTINE MORRISON: No.

THE COURT: That's August 18th.

CHRISTINE MORRISON: Do you want to

1 give that to him?

2 THE COURT: Consent judgment of
3 annulment. What is your issue regarding the consent
4 judgment of annulment?

5 CHRISTINE MORRISON: The validity of
6 it. I never consented or signed that and neither did
7 my attorney.

8 THE COURT: Your attorney did.

9 CHRISTINE MORRISON: He said to form
10 only, not content.

11 THE COURT: Miss Morrison, you are
12 objecting to items that have been entered almost two
13 years ago. And that's entitled consent judgment of
14 annulment.

15 CHRISTINE MORRISON: Not without a
16 signature.

17 THE COURT: That was approved as to
18 form only, and as far as Mr. Aiello was concerned and
19 signed by Mr. Perakis, and if there was any problem
20 with that it should have been appealed a long time
21 ago.

22 CHRISTINE MORRISON: I never
23 consented. Can you tell me why on my docket sheet I
24 have asked for asset discovery more than thirty
25 times; it was granted but the orders were never

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complied with over and over in this court? At my expense.

THE COURT: Give me a specific order.

CHRISTINE MORRISON: April 2nd of 1998, or the 29th, and then Mr. Perakis objected to--

EDWARD HANNAFORD: We had an evidentiary hearing next week scheduled for all of this.

CHRISTINE MORRISON: Liwienski's recommended order.

THE COURT: When is the evidentiary hearing?

EDWARD HANNAFORD: Next Tuesday.

THE COURT: That's--

EDWARD HANNAFORD: 16th, I believe.

THE COURT: Do either one of you have a piece of paper indicating what that evidentiary hearing will cover?

CHRISTINE MORRISON: I don't, no.

EDWARD HANNAFORD: Request for production of documents.

CHRISTINE MORRISON: He was told to produce these several times.

EDWARD HANNAFORD: I have a file here two inches thick that she has received.

1 CHRISTINE MORRISON: You have in front
2 of you July 20th of '98. Those were produced without
3 attestation to my attorney, '96 and '97 documents
4 that are in that file for exhibits.

5 EDWARD HANAFORD: She keeps getting
6 answers and doesn't like the answers and keeps
7 requesting more and that's why we are having the
8 hearing next week.

9 CHRISTINE MORRISON: I've received
10 nothing with attestation. And on my docket sheet you
11 will see requests for more than thirty times for
12 depos, production of documents.

13 THE COURT: What is your definition of
14 depo?

15 CHRISTINE MORRISON: A deposition.

16 THE COURT: Yes.

17 CHRISTINE MORRISON: For asset
18 discovery. To ask, to depose him under--

19 THE COURT: Oh. Mr. Hannaford, was
20 your deposition ever taken?

21 EDWARD HANNAFORD: No.

22 THE COURT: My clerk just advised me
23 that 10:30 next Tuesday that we have scheduled an
24 evidentiary hearing regarding these issues.

25 EDWARD HANNAFORD: That's right.

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1 CHRISTINE MORRISON: Correct.

2 THE COURT: So Miss Morrison, what are
3 we doing here today then?

4 CHRISTINE MORRISON: I'm asking why
5 this Court has failed to fine and sanction
6 Mr. Hannaford and his attorneys for failure to
7 comply.

8 THE COURT: Miss Morrison, I have
9 scheduled an evidentiary hearing in connection with
10 that matter for next Tuesday at 10:30.

11 CHRISTINE MORRISON: I understand
12 that.

13 THE COURT: I'm hereby assessing five
14 hundred dollars court costs for you for this motion
15 which is frivolous based upon that hearing for next
16 Tuesday.

17 CHRISTINE MORRISON: It is not
18 frivolous based upon--

19 THE COURT: I just made a ruling that
20 it is frivolous.

21 What else do you have, ma'am?

22 CHRISTINE MORRISON: I have a motion
23 for the entry of the seven day orders, for denial of
24 counsel by Referee Connolly, Referee Liewinski,
25 Susan Thorman and your Honor.

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THE COURT: What do you mean denial of counsel?

CHRISTINE MORRISON: And Frank Ckasosy. They denied me my next friend to assist me and I sent them an order signing the denial and I received the orders back.

THE COURT: Let me see your orders?

THE COURT: Miss Morrison.

CHRISTINE MORRISON: Yes.

THE COURT: Is Joey-Thomas an attorney?

CHRISTINE MORRISON: No, he is not.

THE COURT: Is Joey-Thomas sitting in the courtroom?

CHRISTINE MORRISON: Yes.

THE COURT: Is Joey-Thomas the same Joey Thomas that at your last motion or second to last motion you asked him to come up here and assist you, and I asked if he was an attorney and you responded no?

CHRISTINE MORRISON: Correct.

THE COURT: And I said, Miss Morrison, it is against the law of this state for people to practice law without a license. Is that the same Joey-Thomas?

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1 CHRISTINE MORRISON: Yes.

2 THE COURT: Motion denied.

3 CHRISTINE MORRISON: Okay. My next
4 motion is for an investigation of the Friend of the
5 Court.

6 THE COURT: Based on?

7 CHRISTINE MORRISON: Based on I filed
8 six grievances with them, and I received answers from
9 them, and they show caused me for March 16th, three
10 days after payroll of my check. I'm off on a
11 disability, I have no wages, I have no income. The
12 Friend of the Court has known this since January
13 19th. I have given the Court a letter from
14 December of '98 and January of '99 and a disability
15 certificate in January of 1999.

16 THE COURT: Have your grievances been
17 responded to?

18 CHRISTINE MORRISON: Yes, they have.

19 THE COURT: Okay.

20 CHRISTINE MORRISON: And January 19th
21 when I was show caused, you told Miss Thorman to
22 schedule an evidentiary hearing, and on one of the
23 denial responses it was said that you did not.

24 EDWARD HANNAFORD: I don't recall
25 that.

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THE COURT: Anything else?

CHRISTINE MORRISON: Pardon?

THE COURT: Anything else?

CHRISTINE MORRISON: I have all, I have the transcripts here where you ordered her to give me an evidentiary hearing and they denied the validity of my grievance.

THE COURT: Anything else in regards to requesting an investigation of the Friend of the Court?

CHRISTINE MORRISON: I have a question on the MCL statutes that they have violated with answering my grievances in a timely fashion.

THE COURT: Miss Morrison, that's not the topic of a motion. There are procedures where you file your grievance. If you are not satisfied with that grievance, you can advise the Chief Judge, that matter will be looked into, but for your motion to have an investigation of the Friend of the Court is hereby denied.

What other motion do you have?

CHRISTINE MORRISON: The validity of the consent judgment of annulment.

THE COURT: I already ruled on that.

CHRISTINE MORRISON: I would like that

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1 to be set aside.

2 THE COURT: Motion denied. What else?

3 CHRISTINE MORRISON: That's it. One
4 other question. I feel that you are biased and
5 prejudicial towards me. Would you recuse yourself
6 from this case?

7 THE COURT: Miss Morrison.

8 CHRISTINE MORRISON: I've been in
9 front of you three times and you've denied me.

10 THE COURT: If your only basis for my
11 so-called impartiality, not impartiality, is that you
12 do not get favorable rulings, there is case law in
13 the Court of Appeals which states that that ground is
14 not sufficient for a judge to disqualify himself. I
15 will give you ever opportunity as I would anybody
16 else, I have no animosity nor am I prejudiced against
17 you in any way. You submit your evidence and I'll
18 listen to it, and I'll make a decision. Your motion
19 to have me disqualified is hereby denied.

20 CHRISTINE MORRISON: Can you explain
21 to me why based on a disability with two doctors'
22 letters and a certificate you are denying to vacate
23 and set aside child support payments? I have no
24 wages.

25 EDWARD HANNAFORD: You have five

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1 hundred thousand dollars in the bank.

2 THE COURT: Miss Morrison, it is very
3 difficult to attempt to give you a legal education,
4 and since I took the oath of office in 1991 as a
5 circuit court judge I have given up the right to
6 practice law, so I cannot advise you on what to do.
7 You have some very substantial issues, that with all
8 due respect and based upon your education and your
9 professionalism you are not an attorney, and it is
10 difficult if not impossible for you to adequately
11 represent yourself in this matter, but if that's your
12 desire, that's what you can do. And if you want to
13 get an attorney, fine, but on one of your motions you
14 cannot have somebody up here who is not an attorney.
15 And there are some very legitimate reasons for that,
16 just like no one without a license can go in your
17 operating room and do what you do.

18 CHRISTINE MORRISON: I understand
19 that. Then why won't you sign the denial orders?
20 That you denied me, you made a ruling and
21 determination on transcript you said, no, he cannot
22 assist me, he's not an attorney.

23 THE COURT: That's right.

24 CHRISTINE MORRISON: Why won't you
25 sign your judicial response to me?

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THE COURT: You have an order there,
and I'll sign it.

CHRISTINE MORRISON: Okay. I'm also
asking that you have Referee Connolly, Liwienski,
Frank Ckasosy and Susan Thorman sign the orders that
they are denying Mr. Thomas to assist me, that's all
I ask.

THE COURT: Well, see, here we go into
the legal education again. It is not their function
to sign any orders, it is my function.

CHRISTINE MORRISON: Okay. Could you
sign it on their behalf?

THE COURT: No, ma'am. I'll sign it
as a judge assigned to your case. They don't sign it
in your case and they don't sign it in the other
thirty thousand cases that they are handling.

EDWARD HANNAFORD: Did you prepare
those documents?

THE COURT: Sir, I'll do the
questioning. I don't know why you thought I wouldn't
sign this, that's what I ruled from the bench. Take
that, please.

THE CLERK: Are there any copies?

CHRISTINE MORRISON: Yeah.

THE COURT: What other orders that you

1 have there that you would like me to sign?

2 Miss Morrison, Miss Liwienski, it is not appropriate
3 for her to sign these orders, it's just not what is
4 done.

5 EDWARD HANAFORD: Can I have a copy of
6 whatever has been signed?

7 THE COURT: You'll get a copy of the
8 order where I have hereby denied Mr. Joey-Thomas the
9 right to represent her.

10 CHRISTINE MORRISON: How many do you
11 need?

12 THE CLERK: You want one and one for
13 Mr. Hannaford. You have two more?

14 CHRISTINE MORRISON: I don't on me.

15 THE CLERK: I'll make copies.

16 CHRISTINE MORRISON: Okay.

17 THE COURT: What else?

18 CHRISTINE MORRISON: That's it.

19 THE COURT: See you Tuesday at 10:30.

20 Be prepared to proceed.

21 CHRISTINE MORRISON: May I have my
22 papers?

23 THE COURT: Yes,

24 EDWARD HANAFORD: Thank you,
25 your Honor.

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THE COURT: You are welcome.

CHRISTINE MORRISON: And the consent judgment of annulment papers?

THE COURT: (Handing down) Anything else?

CHRISTINE MORRISON: That's it.

THE COURT: See you Tuesday at 10:30.

CHRISTINE MORRISON: Okay.

(Proceedings concluded at
3:19 p.m.)

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