

## MISINFORMATION REGARDING PARENTAL ALIENATION – 2015b

### Article Containing Misinformation

Miguel Clemente, Dolores Padilla-Racero, Manuel Gandoy-Crego, Adela Reig-Botella, & Ruben Gonzalez-Rodriguez (2015). Judicial decision-making in family law proceedings. *American Journal of Family Therapy*, 43:314–325.

**Abstract:** Judicial Family Law proceedings are peculiar; a large number of cases are never closed, until the children reach adulthood. We selected three variables to test whether they can explain the credibility of each party and agent in the proceedings: guiding principle that orients the court's decision, confirmation of maternal manipulation in the psycho-social report, and establishing credibility of the child's testimony. An incidental sample of 169 people was used. The three manipulated variables imply very different levels of credibility for each party to the proceedings. Finally, proposed modifications to court proceedings are suggested to ensure adequate protection of children. I

### Article Refuting Misinformation

Amy J. L. Baker, Linda Kase Gottlieb, & Maria Cristina Verrocchio (2016). The reality of parental alienation: Commentary on "Judicial decision-making in family law proceedings," by Clemente, Padilla-Racero, Gandoy-Crego, Reig-Botella, and Gonzalez-Rodriguez. *American Journal of Family Therapy*, 44:46–51.

**Abstract:** In the above article, the authors made several unsubstantiated assertions about the findings and contributions of child psychiatrist, Richard Gardner, who coined the term, Parental Alienation Syndrome (PAS). Moreover, there are conceptual and methodological flaws in their own research. Taken together, these two issues converge to call into question the theory, research, and conclusions presented in the Clemente, Padilla-Racero, Gandoy-Crego, Reig-Botella, and Gonzalez-Rodriguez (2015) article.