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Mr. Keith Stott
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Dear Mr. Stott:

I recently had a case in the family court about my son [redacted] in front of Judge [redacted]. One of my attorney's first motions was to ask Judge [redacted] to recuse himself if he knew, was friendly with, had a relationship with, any of the parties to this action.

The parties listed were:

Myself, [redacted], a former employee of The Attorney General's Office, [redacted] and Judge [redacted] a recently retired judge [redacted] who is also [redacted] husband, and [redacted] step-father..

Originally, my case was before Judge [redacted] who recused himself for reasons I do not know. Judge [redacted] refused to recuse himself.

I have come to learn that Judge [redacted] and Judge [redacted] have both worked for [redacted] on [redacted]. I also have found out that cases that were heard by Judge [redacted], have been [redacted] [redacted] decided by Judge [redacted].

I would think that in order for the decision to appear ethical would have been for Judge [redacted] [redacted] to recuse himself. There seems to possibly be some unethical behavior and therefore not an even playing field for my son and I, in this case. I believe that there is something not kosher here. I believe, in my gut, it just doesn't look or feel right. Is it unethical to have two judges who might even be colleagues at [redacted] may have socialized with each other, and one of these people, be a step father in this courtroom?

I would hope that with your resources you can look into this matter to make sure that everything has been done above board, ethically, and legally in the courtroom.

