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Declaration of John A. Moran, Ph.D., PLLC  
Relating to the Overcoming Barriers Family Camp  
July 11 – 15, 2016 in Vermont

I, John A. Moran, Ph.D. PLLC, declare under the penalty of perjury that: as follows:

1. I am a Clinical Psychologist, licensed in the states of Arizona since 1982 and in Vermont. I know the following facts of my own personal knowledge and, if called as a witness, could and would testify competently thereto.
2. I have qualified as an expert in child custody cases in five (5) family courts in Arizona. From 2010 – 2011, I was President of the Arizona Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AzAFCC). I have been court appoint on more that 400 family court cases in roles including evaluator, parenting coordinator and court Interventionist. I have published articles in peer reviewed journals, and presented workshops locally, regionally and nationally on topics related to behavioral health and family court. I have published a book entitled *Overcoming the Coparenting Trap* as a skills guide for families in crisis.
3. I am one of the on the Board of Directors and am the Clinical Director of the Overcoming Barriers, Inc. Family Camp scheduled for Vermont in 2016. Overcoming Barriers is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization that hosts family-centered programs and professional trainings that promote children's healthy relationships with both parents and that keep children out of the middle of challenging co-parenting situations.
4. Overcoming Barriers is conducting a High-Conflict Divorce Family Camp at Camp Common Ground in Starksboro, VT from July 11 – July 15, 2016. The program is based on a the Overcoming Barriers' Approach developed by Drs. Robin Deutsch, Matthew Sullivan and Peggie Ward. The camp has been conducted annually for 8 years in a variety of states under the direction of these three clinicians. A comprehensive description of the program development, camp program components, aftercare and program evaluation can be found in an article published in the *Family Court Review*, FAMILY COURT REVIEW, Vol. 48 No. 1, January, 2010 116–135. In addition, information about the above clinicians, the organization, and this camp program (including application, intake, etc.) can be found on the Overcoming Barriers organization website, [www.overcomingbarriers.org](http://www.overcomingbarriers.org). At the July 2016 family camp there will also be present approximately eight to ten

trainees who will be learning about the Overcoming Barriers' program model through observation. The daily groups and family interventions will be led by experienced clinicians and who have been involved in Overcoming Barriers' as Trainees and Fellows. The Clinical Team will be directed by myself and Dr. Marcy Pasternak.

5. The family camp program requires participation of all members of the family, including stepparents and stepchildren. It has an intensive psycho-educational component for parents and children, intensive co-parenting and parent-child work, and utilizes a rich and therapeutic camp experience to repair ruptured relationships in a safe and healthy environment. The intake process collects relevant information about the background and history of the case as well as the current legal status and current professional support to tailor the program to the individual needs of the families who are accepted. A specific aftercare plan is provided to each family and follow-up with the Court; working with aftercare professionals is an essential part of building on what has been viewed as a positive experience by nearly all family members who have participated in past camps.
6. Interested families complete an application form with \$250.00 fee and Overcoming Barriers' determines eligibility and fit by an initial screening. If a family meets basic screening criteria, an intake process with \$750.00 fee generally includes a review of relevant court documents, input from Court appointed professionals, interviews with family members and other support needed during intake. If admitted, the full cost of the program, not including intake, is \$12,500.00 per family of 4 or less, with an incremental cost of \$1000.00 for family member over 4 family members. Follow up work done by Overcoming Barriers' clinical staff will be billed at the individual clinician's hourly rate.
7. Families are asked to participate in program evaluation (anonymous) about their experience at camp. This information will be used to help insure the model is effective for families and to make changes where appropriate. Dr. Michael Saini, University of Toronto and Dr. Robin Deutsch lead the research team.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on this 20 day of February 2016.

John A. Moran, Ph.D.

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