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To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Recommendation Jon Hansen

I'm not a lawyer, but I've been through a rather bitter divorce recently, and I can write about my experience. Jon Hansen did a good job for me, and I recommend him to anyone who needs help in a divorce case.

My case started when my wife took our son, a special needs child with diabetes, and moved to Baltimore, just to cut me off from him. We had to go to court here and in Maryland to make her bring him back here. The court here finally ordered her back. Almost a year later, after over \$20,000 in attorney fees, we settled the case. She agreed to live fairly close by here for the next four years, and dropped all of her bogus claims of domestic violence, child abuse, etc.

First, I was up against a team of pretty unscrupulous attorneys who made it clear they would do anything to hurt me. There was nothing they would not encourage my ex-wife to say against me, no lie they would not make up. Their goal was to manipulate the family law system, intimidate me into backing down, and to make their client believe they were doing something productive for her when they weren't. It was disgusting. Jon is not this kind of attorney. Jon helped me to construct a story that was simple, clear, and true, and we stuck to that story throughout the case. We were dealing with bullies, but Jon was never distracted from what we were trying to accomplish, and we never changed our story—we never needed to. Jon never let my case deteriorate into the kind of name-calling, mud-slinging nightmare that the other side clearly wanted to have. He has experience, he knows what impresses judges and what doesn't, and he knows how the system works.

One thing that impresses judges, in my experience at least, is the clear and simple truth. Another is following the rules. Jon knows how and when things need to be filed, how many pages you have to say your say, and how the statutes are interpreted. I saw others sent home by judges and commissioners because of process errors like failure to properly serve, failure to file something with the court on time, etc. In one hearing, one of my wife's attorneys was told flatly by a commissioner, no, you're wrong, that's not what the statute says, that's not what it means. Do you want to pay your lawyer to be spanked like that by a commissioner? Jon's experienced. He's done it before, and you won't be paying him to learn his business.

Lawyers are expensive. Jon's expensive. You don't want your money wasted. When I sat in Jon's office for an hour, I left feeling we'd got a lot done in that time. Jon worked hard for me. He always showed up to court on time, and he knew what to do to get up to the front of the line so we wouldn't be sitting there all day. He does his job well, and though my divorce was one of the most painful things I've ever had to go through, I enjoyed working with him.

Paul Beidler

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