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Judge John Robert Lasater

21st Judicial Court

105 South Central Avenue

Clayton, MO 63105

Re: Civil Procedure Form No. 8-A(2)
Wach vs. Dean - Case No. 21SL-DR00305-01

Honorable Judge John Robert Lasater:

My name is Justin D. Wach, paternal father to my minor children: Sparrow J. Wach, age 6, and Conscious A. Wach, age 4. In reference to the Wach vs. Dean case (Case No. 21SL-DR00305), I am writing to appeal my visitation orders listed in the parenting plan filed June 20, 2023, and provide an update on my current situation. I fully intend to comply with all court orders to the best of my ability to regain custody of my two daughters.

Since the initial hearing of this case, my circumstances have significantly improved for the better. I strongly believe that I am in the position to provide my daughters with the loving family and home life they have always deserved. Since December 2021, I have had a consistent, stable living situation where I currently reside with my wife and stepson (age 6). I have continually held a full-time job, where I have been recognized for my attendance and performance and have been making strides towards regaining my financial stability.

After the separation from respondent Dean left me without a home or any belongings, I was initially unable to afford the court-ordered drug test. As my situation has since improved, I am finally able to afford the cost of the 10-panel drug screening test and have scheduled time off

work Friday, July 21st to allow me to travel to Asure Testing Center (2101 Collier Corporate Parkway, St. Charles, MO) to have that completed as ordered. With the exception of medical marijuana, I have been clean of all substances for over a year. I am willing to provide any documentation necessary to validate my medical license and cooperate with any conditions you see fit to place on me in order to prove my lasting sobriety and dedication to a healthy, established life for my children.

Along with the improvement of my financial and living situation, my mental and physical health have also continued to improve and remain consistently positive. With my wife, who I married in February of this year, I strongly believe that I am in the best position to provide a stable, loving environment to raise my daughters and stepson in.

In order to continue to build and maintain the most consistent and solid relationship possible with my daughters, I am requesting to alter my order for visitation. Once the results from my drug test have been presented by Asure Testing Center, I am hoping you will be willing to review them and consider allowing more than the current ordered 1-hour visitation time with my daughters. Additionally, I hope you will also consider changing the location of visitation as the current venue is approximately 101.4 miles from my place of residence in Rolla. This distance will result in more scheduled time off work and increased travel expenses, which is counterproductive to the goals I have set to give the best situation possible for my daughters, Sparrow and Conscious.

Once all orders have been met, I hope that you will consider unsupervised visits, with the intention of overnight visits as you see fit. If supervised visits are required for the time being, I am requesting that my mother and/or wife be allowed to supervise so they also have the opportunity to maintain a bond with my daughters. It is important to me that my daughters have positive, well-balanced female role-models to guide and support them, especially during this time.

Along with the submitted appeal form, I have also included a reference letter from my employer and copy of the current parenting plan. I will also be mailing the child support payment of $250 to the Family Support Payment Center (Jefferson City, MO) as ordered.

I appreciate you making time to read over and consider this appeal. I hope you will consider granting me more opportunity to prove myself fit and will be willing to review and alter the parenting plan as I continue to make improvements and devote myself to regaining custody of my two daughters, Sparrow and Conscious Wach.

Sincerely,

Austin Wach

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