



254th District Court
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Mr. Marc Angelucci
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Dear Mr. Angelucci:

I read your work on the Hari Wilburn matter with great interest. This is a problem that is more vastly pervasive than most people imagine. In my position as District Judge in a Texas Family District Court, I have seen countless examples of paternity fraud.

Following several high profile cases, I have won over key Legislators as well as the Texas Attorney General. What a vast amount of attorneys forget is that when the law reaches obviously unfair conclusions that fly in the face of reality, public confidence, appreciation, and willingness to follow the law becomes seriously eroded. When we allow procedure to triumph over substance, we have forgotten why the courts exist.

Your work in addressing the Wilburn case is highly commended. Often it takes an appellate case to show the Legislature when the law falls short of justice. That was the situation with the Rodriguez case in my court; ordering a man to pay child support for the two children (out of three) that were not his, is just wrong. It took an adverse Appellate Opinion to expose how an artificial time limit can create a legal lie. I told the Attorney General that "the truth doesn't have a statute of limitation."

The ultimate victims of such laws are ignored...the children. To decide a child cannot know who his real parents are because an arbitrary amount of time has passed is manifestly unjust. The child will find out some aspect of the truth; an aunt, school administrator, neighbor, or the mother will let some comment slip. The problems in finding out this way are usually profoundly hurtful to the child and take years to resolve. Without attorneys like yourself, these harmful injustices will continue.

If I can be of any assistance on your efforts, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Hanschen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

David Hanschen