

Revelations about Alan T. Chan, Part 7

Portrait of a Family Court Protégé (of Judge Jane Gallina-Mecca)



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Abusers like Alan T. Chan do what they do: abuse, violate, coercively control, and hide. But Family Court puzzled me: why was it not doing what it is supposed to do, and stopping everyone else as well? When Child Protective Services (CPS) kept dodging an interview with me—the primary, firsthand witness of Alan T. Chan’s daily abuse against his wife and his children for fifteen months—I reported this deviation from protocol to the governor’s office. An interview was finally scheduled—but on the week it was to occur, Judge Gallina-Mecca intervened and canceled it! When I called CPS, the caseworker profusely apologized: “The Court has tied our hands.” And when I berated another for closing a case before investigation, she said: “We have to do as the judge says.” Indeed, we later learned that Judge Gallina-Mecca gave Alan T. Chan, the accused child abuser, Court-authorized access to threaten—and prematurely to close down—three CPS investigations! Judge Gallina-Mecca interfered with law enforcement as well, who once helped the battered mother, but now they confessed: “The Superior Court is above the municipal police.” As a psychiatrist, I have dealt with many guardians *ad litem*, who are reporters to the court, but Judge Gallina-Mecca’s appointed guardian *ad litem*, Evelyn Nissirios, did no investigation at all. Had she interviewed the neighborhood’s mothers, teachers, or the babysitter—as several psychiatric experts did before determining that the mother had “exceptional talent in parenting”—she would have heard that Patricia Lee was no ordinary mother but one reputed to be “the best mom,” to whom everyone came for advice! However, Nissirios had another agenda, which later became clear from her daily phone calls with Alan T. Chan (but never with the mother, even after permanently removing her children).

Since Judge Gallina-Mecca’s courtroom shuns evidence and witnesses—which is like disqualifying witnesses from a murder trial because they witnessed the murder—the incriminating evidentiary material will be exhibited here. Below is my first letter to her, when I still assumed she was rational. Judge Gallina-Mecca’s nonsensical response—“you are not a party to the proceeding”—to be repeated a dozen more times over the next four years, can be found at the web site: alantchan.com.

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Ref.: Chan v. Lee

Dear Judge Gallina-Mecca:

I recently received a warning by Ms. Patricia Lee not to come to her house and not to have contact with her children, Mirabelle and Blake Chan, at the behest of the Court. While I have so far stayed out of their case, it has now come potentially to affect my medical license, and therefore I am writing you to inquire: how can I resolve the conflict between my legal obligations as a health professional and the orders of the Court?

As a physician and psychiatrist, I am obligated by the law to protect the safety of children, whenever I have knowledge of abuse, regardless of whether or not I am related to them. I am obligated by the law to report abuse whenever it is ongoing and when there is no intervention and no prospect of intervention soon. My relation to them does not absolve me of these obligations.

I know for a fact that the abuse I have witnessed has not been taken into account by the Division of Child Protection and Permanency, the Center for Evaluation and Counseling, or the Court, because none of these agencies have interviewed me. I know for a fact that the children are currently being seen by a therapist they do not trust, because the therapist reports to the father after each session with the children while the children are waiting outside.

Finally, I know for a fact that the father has been refusing to allow the children to receive the therapy they desperately need by controlling whom they may or may not see—essentially confining their “care” to the above therapist, for fear that the source of their trauma be discovered. He has even refused to allow them to see a psychiatrist, three months after their pediatrician recommended one for their stress-related headaches and stomachaches, pulling out of hair, skin picking, incessant masturbation, and reversal of milestones (including reverting to urinating and defecating in diapers).

As a consequence, the children continue to be placed under harm and are deteriorating as expected. Since I am a psychiatrist who is obligated not to walk away from a medical emergency, and the children are receiving no other significant source of care, I have begun to take formal psychiatric notes, starting in September 2021, when serious deterioration was noted by the entire family.

I also have diagnostic documentation of their father, Mr. Alan Chan, from May 2020, when he asked me to diagnose him as well as to evaluate his situation with his wife, Ms. Patricia Lee. At the time, I diagnosed him with Psychopathy and Ms. Lee with Battered Woman Syndrome and Major Depressive Disorder, now resolved. I can share with you my medical notes upon request. Because of the alarming changes I noticed in the children, of which some may now be irreversible, I notarized my diagnosis of Mr.

Chan and obtained abundant collateral information to be certain of the soundness of my diagnosis. His score is alarmingly high, which means he is a danger to the children.

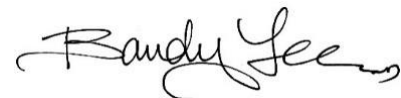
This is all consistent with my witness of his abuse, which he has managed to hide from all evaluators, essentially through lying and through control of information, most notably by restricting “care” of the children to the current therapist. Under his influence, the current therapist (Ms. Barbara Maurer) and the Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCPP) have not kept with professional standards or with agency protocol. I have made my first-ever ethics complaint on Ms. Maurer for improperly handling information indicative of a medical emergency. I have also asked the New Jersey Governor’s Office to look into the fact that DCPP did not interview and refused to interview me after speaking to Mr. Chan, despite its protocol of interviewing all adults in a household.

In this manner, Mr. Chan has so far succeeded in keeping incriminating information on himself out of the Court and of all relevant evaluations. Using this unfortunate situation, he has not only continued to abuse his children, but he is now systematically separating them from their primary attachments. After their mother, the children were most attached to their maternal grandmother until she passed away in 2016. After that, it had been me. Since Mr. Chan influenced the Court to force me out of the house, the children have been showing signs of trauma from that separation. At my last visit, Mirabelle lamented, “You ditched us,” and on another occasion, “You no longer care enough to stay overnight.” I could not explain that it was their father’s lies, primarily to eliminate evidence of his abuse, that resulted in their being punished. When I was still in the household, I fed them when their father neglected to, more often than not, and they came to me as a refuge when their father frightened or abandoned them.

Mr. Chan’s diagnosis of Psychopathy explains his unconcern—indeed desire—for harm to his children. It is a diagnosis that precludes parental fitness, for it devalues and destroys life, no matter how Mr. Chan will wish to argue the opposite: that his spouse is, rather, unfit. Psychopathy is one of the most serious diagnoses in psychiatry and should not be overlooked under any circumstance.

Hence, I am writing to you for advice on how I can keep with my medical obligations while at the same time keeping with your orders for Ms. Lee, with which I have every intention to comply, so long as the children’s safety can be ensured—and I keep my medical license. Thank you very much for your time and attention on this critical matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bandy Lee", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Cc: Patricia Lee; Loren LaForge, Esq.; New Jersey Governor’s Office; New York State Dept. of Health

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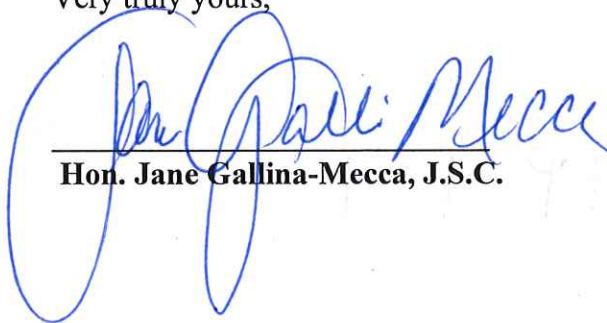
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Re: Chan v. Lee
Docket No. FM-02-754-21

Dear Ms. Lee:

The Court is in receipt of your correspondence dated October 17, 2021. Since you are not a party to the proceeding, the Court cannot entertain your correspondence, nor provide you with advice.

Very truly yours,



Hon. Jane Gallina-Mecca, J.S.C.

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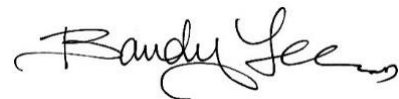
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Dear Judge Gallina-Mecca:

It is a fact that I am not a party in your proceeding. However, it is also a fact that your plaintiff made me the centerpiece in your proceeding with the specific intent to prevent admission of incriminating evidence against himself. Rather than investigate the veracity of his claims, you have taken them for truth, thereby assisting in his control over evidence. In the event that harm to children were to be proven, now or at a later date, are you then prepared to take responsibility for the harm?

I urge you to reconsider your response to so serious a matter. I do so respectfully, with an appeal to your sense of justice and fairness as an arbiter of the law, and to your obligations of impartiality as a judge.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bandy Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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Attn: Melanie Ruiz; Alicia Dolchine

Re: In the matter of Mirabell Chan and Blake Chan

Dear Sir/Madam:

Please be advised that this firm has been retained to represent Bandy Lee in connection with the ongoing investigation by the Division into the Chan family. As you are aware, a referral was made regarding concerns of abuse and neglect in June 2021 by Dr. Lee as both a family member and professional who is a mandatory reporter in the State of New Jersey. Since that time, the Division has failed to follow its own regulations by failing to interview Dr. Lee regarding the referral.

Pursuant to DCP&P Regulations, Vol. II, Chapter C, Subchapter 5, Issuance 1000, when interviewing and gathering information, "the child protective investigator, shall, in completing an investigation of a report concerning any allegations: **interview, in person, and individually, the caregiver and each adult in the home.**" As the caseworker is aware, Dr. Lee was residing in the family home at the time the referral was made, as she had been staying with the Chan family since the pandemic began in April 2020 and during that time, the parents ultimately decided to move toward a divorce. At the time of the referral in April 2020, Dr. Lee witnessed first-hand incidents of the children being extremely afraid, crying and suffering both emotional and psychological abuse. As a resident of the home who witnessed the abuse first-hand, the Division has an obligation

to interview with Dr. Lee regarding what occurred in the home, especially since her report in June 2021 was only one of numerous similar incidents.

Further, not only was Dr. Lee residing in the home, she was the reporter. Pursuant to DCP&P Regulations, Vol. II, Chapter C, Subchapter 5, Issuance 1000, the caseworker investigating the referral is obligated to: **“interview the reporter and each other person identified in the current report or related information as having knowledge of the incident[.]”** Given that Dr. Lee, by virtue of her profession, is a mandatory reporter, the Division has an obligation to interview with Dr. Lee regarding the report of abuse/neglect that was called in to the hotline.

As the Division is aware, pursuant to the regulations, an investigation cannot be completed until each household/family member is interviewed, and further, the investigation must include “contact with those people who, by the nature of their relationship to the child, the family, the alleged perpetrator, or the incident, will be able to give the most relevant information.” See CP&P-II-C-5-175. These contacts include the source of the referral (i.e., the reporter), as well as any other caregiver or relative.

The Division has completely failed in its obligations in this investigation by refusing to speak with Dr. Lee regarding the referral made and the concerns which she witnessed first-hand while residing in the home. As such, we request that the assigned caseworker contact Dr. Lee immediately to schedule a time for an interview, pursuant to the Division regulations.

We thank you for your prompt attention to the foregoing.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Victoria D. Miranda". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

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Re: In the matter of Mirabell Chan and Blake Chan

Dear Sir/Madam:

Please be advised that this firm continues to represent Dr. Bandy Lee in connection with the ongoing investigation by the Division of Child Protection and Permanency involving the Chan family. As you are aware, a referral was made regarding concerns of abuse and neglect in April 2020 and June 2021 by Dr. Lee as both a family member and professional who is a mandatory reporter in the State of New Jersey. Since that time, the Division has failed to conduct a thorough and complete investigation as to the referrals made by Dr. Lee. An additional referral was made in November 2022 regarding the continual abuse and neglect as it relates to the Chan children. All the allegations have been made against the father.

The prior allegations made in April 2020 and June 2021 were gleaned over, as the Division failed to properly conduct a thorough and complete investigation. Additionally, reports from a nationally-renowned forensic psychiatrist, which warned that the father in this case is dangerous, was inappropriately ignored by the Division and the "experts" utilized by the Division. It is imperative that appropriately trained experts are involved in this investigation, unlike

investigations in the past, to ensure the health, safety and well-being of the children involved. Due to the Division's failure to handle this matter appropriately in the past, this case has become all the more complicated.

The Division mishandled the prior investigations and referrals of child abuse and neglect in a number of ways. 1) The father was advised by the caseworker, Ms. Stephanie Beirne, that Dr. Bandy Lee was the reporter despite the requirement for the Division to maintain confidentiality of any and all reporters of child abuse and neglect. 2) The caseworker, Ms. Beirne, refused to speak with Dr. Bandy Lee, who was the reporter, and advised that the mother not speak with Dr. Lee. 3) The caseworker, Ms. Beirne, interrogated the then 9-year-old child in an accusatory and intimidating matter causing the child to feel incriminated, breaking down, crying and shutting down from sharing further information. 4) The caseworker, Ms. Beirne, divulged a secret that the then 9-year-old understood to be shared between only her and her mother which undermined the confidence and trust between the daughter and mother. 5) When Dr. Lee asked to be interviewed by the Division, the supervisor, Ms. Shannon Greco, stated that she could not do so for HIPAA reasons. Dr. Lee was attempting to give information to the worker which is permitted under HIPAA. 6) The supervisor, Ms. Greco, did divulge information to Dr. Lee which violated HIPAA, claiming the father to be excellent without any expert weighing in and in obvious bias in favor of the father. 7) The supervisor, Ms. Greco, continued to refuse to interview Dr. Lee despite a release being signed by the mother. 8) The Division ignored two highly-qualified forensic psychiatrists whom had independently diagnosed the father with a dangerous psychiatric condition as the father was declared to be of "no risk" within two days of the Division's investigation despite the presence of these professional reports and without any further examination. 9) The Division did not interview Dr. Lee despite her being one of the three adults living in the household. As per their regulations, the Division is to interview all adults in the household. The Division last closed the case without notifying the mother, even though the Division notified the father. [See Attachment 1]. Furthermore, the father requested and has been given complete access to the confidential Division investigation records whereas the mother has not been given such access.

As a result of the Division's mishandled investigations, the Family Court mandated visits with the father, stating that there were absolutely no concerns, despite the father being under temporary restraining order for injuring and neglecting one of the children at the time. The ordered visits led to a precipitous decline in the children's health, safety and well-being including acts of self-harm, worsening suicidal ideations, gestures to burn down the house and overt signs of trauma. The abuse continues as full custody was transferred to the father. It is imperative that the Division conduct a thorough and complete investigation to ensure the health, safety and well-being of these children which must include their return to their mother's care.

I respectfully request that the Deputy Attorney General currently assigned to this matter contact me immediately to ensure that the investigation is conducted appropriately and that all the proper steps are taken to ensure a thorough and complete investigation by the Division.

We thank you for your prompt attention to the foregoing.

Very truly yours,



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