

**SOCIAL SCIENCE SOURCES AND INDIVIDUAL CUSTODY
CASES:
OF PITFALLS & THEIR AVOIDANCE¹**

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I. Motivations and Assumptions – Rose-Colored Glasses?

II. Sample Cases with Interdisciplinary Issues – From A
Practitioner’s Files

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III. Fads, “Experts,” and Money – Why the Theoretical Ground Keeps Shifting

IV. Tips of Icebergs – Resolving Cases Before Trial, At Trial and On Appeal

V. Implications – How to Minimize the Impact of Poor Social Science and Enhance the Role of Good Social Science

RESOURCES

A. Downloadable materials at the publications list on the author's faculty page, <http://www.law.ucdavis.edu/faculty/bruch.shtml>:

1. Carol S. Bruch, *Sound Research or Wishful Thinking in Child Custody Cases? Lessons from Relocation Law*, 40 FAMILY LAW QUARTERLY 281 (2006)
2. _____, *Parental Alienation Syndrome and Alienated Children -- getting it wrong in child custody cases*, 14 CHILD & FAMILY LAW QUARTERLY 381 (2002) (expanded from 35 FAM. L.Q. 527 (2001) version to include important English authorities at pp. 390-92)
3. American Psychological Association, *Guidelines for Child Custody Evaluations in Divorce Proceedings* (1994) (set forth as Appendix B to Brief of Amici Curiae Herma Hill Kay et al.)
4. Dr. Claire Sturge with Dr. Danya Glaser, *Contact and Domestic Violence – The Experts' Court Report*, [2000] FAMILY LAW 615 (set forth as Appendix D to Brief of Amici Curiae Herma Hill Kay et al.)

B. Specific suggestions for long-distance parenting (or grandparenting):

1. Helen Marieskind for the Chicago Children's Museum, *Long Distance Grandparenting, Building a Bond When Grandkids Live Far Away*, <http://www.chicilrensmuseum.org/learn-grandparent.cfm> (with additional reading list) (last visited 3/21/2007)
2. George Newman, 101 WAYS TO BE A LONG-DISTANCE SUPER-DAD. . . OR MOM, TOO! (2000 rev. ed.)
3. Tenessa Gemelke, STAY CLOSE: 40 CLEVER WAYS TO CONNECT WITH KIDS WHEN YOU'RE APART (2005)