

FAD - Fathers Against Discrimination a.s.b.l.

"Both Parents for All Children™"

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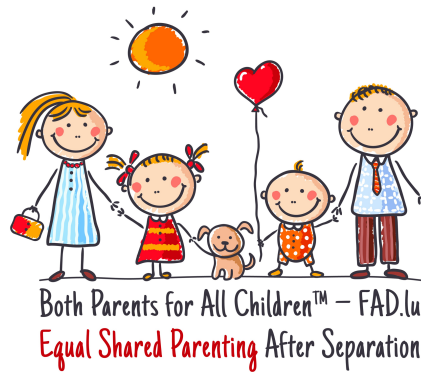
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Dear Mr. LENTZ,

My name is Patryk P. RYBIŃSKI and I am the President of FAD – Fathers Against Discrimination a.s.b.l. "Both Parents for All Children™", a non-profit organization based in Luxembourg with its offices in Strassen.

Our organization has been created to become a platform of dialog to promote gender equality of chance for both parents, to stop violation of children's rights and to assure their well-being. We strongly believe that a child should never be deprived of his natural human right to family life and equal access to both parents (father and mother alike) and that nobody has the right to decide which of a child's parents' love has more value.

As an association we promote the positive impact a respectful, healthy family and after separation **both** parents have on children's upbringing. While assuring that children's rights and gender equality are recognized in Luxembourg we work against any type of discriminatory practices that are not respectful of these rights. We therefore put all our efforts to make equal physical shared parenting to become the legal **default** after separation of parents to assure that all children can remain with both parents and thereby fighting parent-child separation, often the root cause of a subtle form of child abuse called Parental Alienation Syndrome.



Please note that FAD – Fathers Against Discrimination a.s.b.l. is continuously alerted by parents, unfortunately by a large majority mostly fathers, of illogical often in our opinion gender biased decisions of Luxembourg family courts causing great damage to children's emotional stability and their future. Along with our lawyers we read decisions regarding children's custody as well as arguments raised in these rulings and we are often struck if not to say deeply concerned by our findings.

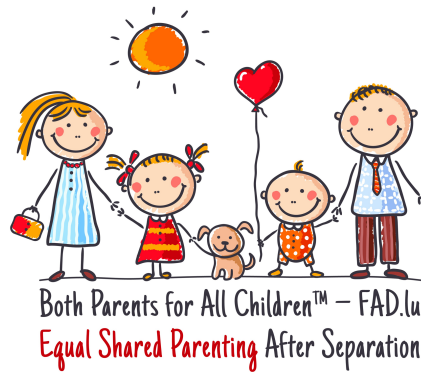
Decisions of Luxembourg Family Courts accompanied often by children's lawyers recommendations assigning children to one of the parents during custody hearings using template approach and without consideration for family life, ignoring gender-parental equality and children's rights stand in violation of numerous conventions and international legal instruments.

Such decisions can be easily put back to the 50's or 60's of the last century as they ignore the fact that our society has gone through significant changes. The roles of a mother and father are no longer defined as they were in the past. Yet, the approach often taken in Luxembourg family courts during custody proceedings follow some sort of closely undefined 19<sup>th</sup> century doctrine and the set of mind falsely assuming that a mother is the only appropriate caretaker of children undermining the important role the fathers play in children's lives.

We have been informed that you are often appointment to act as a children's lawyer. The work of any lawyer involved in custody proceedings often plays a crucial if not to say decisive role when deciding if a child or children should have equal access to both parents. In light of this could you please advise on the below:

1. What are the requirements to become children's lawyer in Luxembourg?
2. Is there a procedure to follow, examination or courses to reach competences that allow a lawyer without proper psychological or pedagogical education to decide what is and what is not in the best interest of a child?
3. How are children's lawyer appointed and mandated to take over a case? Is there a procedure? Is there a list judges choose from or it is done randomly?

As mentioned in the beginning of this correspondence FAD as an organization looking after the best interest of families and Luxembourg children we raise awareness about the importance for children to have equal access to both parents after their separation. We advocate the need of the 50/50 Equal Shared Parenting – Résidence Alternée to become a **default** law and a starting point for all custody proceedings and not just as an option as it is for the time being in Luxembourg. We will also seek to have Parental Alienation (as a direct consequence of the current residential model) to be included in the Luxembourg penal code as a subtle form of child abuse.



Considering the above please be informed that FAD – Fathers Against Discrimination a.s.b.l. along with its lawyers monitor and collect documents and materials of any discriminatory practices violating the rights of children and fathers in Luxembourg. We collect legal decisions and children's lawyers' recommendations with a view, when appropriate and necessary, to eventually publicize the evidence of gender bias and discriminatory practices of anyone involved in children's custody proceedings. This is very positive as the days when public did not know or talked openly about gender-parental discrimination of fathers and children's rights violations in Luxembourg family courts are fading away.

I remain available for any questions or inquiries you may have. I would be happy to have a chance to meet with you as I think written correspondence and good intentions associated with our letters can or already have been misinterpreted. I will adjust to your schedule. Again all the best in the New Year 2020.

Most respectfully,

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President  
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PS Please visit [www.FAD.lu](http://www.FAD.lu) for more information.



**"Mir wëlle bleiwe wat mir sinn an mir kënnen e Beispill fir den Rescht vun Europa sinn." -**

- "We want to remain what we are and we can be an example for the rest of Europe."