

The Vengeful Judge – A Monologue of a Despondent Father

By First Department Team

They are a part of Makayes' casualty group, and they are not letting go * Their story, as they tell it, presents a harsh reality * "Makayes" or not, these are fathers who haven't seen their children * This, in itself, is a sad story



"I didn't get to be a real father"

"Without the kids, I'm losing my mind"

* * *

A photo from the secret gathering of the Makayes' casualties

"I didn't get to be a real father"

Pini Zuaretz, 43 years old, works in Pelephone Company. Zuaretz's story, like many others, reveals years of bitter experience. "Makayes had ruined my life. It's hard to describe it in any other way. That's the essence of the entire story. My story is just one example of many dozens of men who were hurt forever", he claims.

"I had a signed divorce agreement on February 22nd 2002", he says with excitement. "All that was needed was to approve it in court...". "If the agreement was signed", he asks, "then why did it take 5 years to take care of the case?". According to him, "Judge Makayes took the agreement and dragged it for five years of run-arounds, five long years of uncertainty".

Zuaretz, who has already concluded his court proceedings, insists on continuing to struggle with the system. "I've finished the deliberations in front of Judge Makayes, but I go out to this struggle because I can't sleep at night. I cannot accept this injustice". I did not know of the group gathered against Makayes, he says. "I don't know if it's any consolation, but I know I'm not the only one, I am not alone. I found out that it wasn't just me suffering because of her".

Zuaretz can't come down. "You know, during all that time I could have gone back to live with my wife; she just prevented us from being together. Today, my daughters don't know me anymore. I didn't get to raise the girls. I didn't get to be a father". In one instance, says Zuaretz, "there was a complaint against me, while I was in surgery for my cancer. The complaint was on the exact same time. The judge, instead of checking the complaint, backs the woman up, giving her immediate restraining orders, and in fact always accepted her requests. I never got to receive anything in Makayes' court. I never received anything. I gave up the house, the money, the kids, everything. My life was ruined".

Zuaretz's monologue doesn't end. It's difficult to stop the emotions from bursting out, and the tears already trickle. "I don't know what the law is anymore, I don't know what is justice. I sat in court miserable. I went in to see her, and I knew I'll leave with nothing. I was a sick person, she removed me out of the house for good. I would come back from surgeries and have nowhere to be".

"If I could turn to the minister of justice", he sums it up, I would have asked him to investigate the whole store immediately. "She stands behind the scales of justice, but

Makayes does not represent even a shred of justice. As I've said, I am done with my story, I pay alimony, I don't have relationship with the girls, and I can't sleep at night with this feeling that everything was taken from me. That is why I'm here, in the struggle".

"Without the kids, I'm losing my mind"

Yossi Tzaig, one of the complainants in the matter of Judge Makayes, tells for the first time of his difficult experience in the "contact center", where he was required by the judge to meet his children only once a week, for only one short hour. "I will never forget it. It's

just a way to sit on your back and not let go. You go inside, there are a few rooms... You sit down and immediately someone sits near you and listens to your conversations with the kids. It bothers the kids, hurts their spirit. It's not normal. Makayes asks me to go through psychological tests – so I have. No problem. And now the judge refuses to hand the results to my lawyers... but even before that there was no problem with the kids. A contact center is for fathers who bit their kids or abuse them. Here, the judge is just as evil as can be, unbelievable. What's this center has to do with me?"

"I have no problem with my ex-wife having custody. I'm a great father, I had no problem with my ex-wife leaving home. But why cut the kids from their dad? If it weren't for my enormous effort to stay with them, they would have cut me off my kids a long time ago. The kids are crazy about me, they long for a father. My son is already losing his sanity. He calls me and starts talking, and you feel that he's already losing his mind 'cause he so wants to see dad. Dozens of times he wants to play soccer with me, and he can't".

"I'm willing to humiliate myself for my kids. Otherwise my kids will feel that I didn't do everything for them. Their mental health depends on knowing that I will do anything for them. Judge Makayes humiliates the men and I am willing to take it, if my kids' future depends on it. But many of the fathers that were sent there, simply don't go, and give everything up. They're uncomfortable. Justifiably or not, I don't know".

"Judge Makayes humiliates the men and I am willing to take it, if my kids' future depends on it. But many of the fathers that were sent there, simply don't go, and give everything up"

NFC editorial staff emphasizes that these claims are currently only supposed and needs to be thoroughly legally examined. We only publish things as were said to us, and we do not take a stance regarding the truthfulness of the matter or its severity.