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**PRESS RELEASE**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**National Military Family Advocacy Organization (NMFAO)**

**Homeless Ex-Military Spouse and Child/Congressional Witness/Military Family Advocate to Advocate  
Military Spousal and Child Abuse in a \$1.5M Defamation suit filed  
by an abusive USAF Lt Col JAG Corps Officer**

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The military family is the foundation for members serving in harm's way, worldwide.

Occasionally, military members can be under much stress or even suffer from significant debilitating injuries; it can be too much. Often, abuse or even abandonment of the military family is the result. The military members require help, and so do the families. Change is needed.

That is where National Military Family Advocacy Organization (NMFAO) comes in. Our mission is to advocate for the military family, protect the rights of the military family, and help restore services and protection often denied to military families due to abandonment or abuse from a military service member. NMFAO seeks to ensure justice and protection for military families. We work to implement and correct federal laws and federal pre-emptive laws as we do what we can to assist Military Commanders, JAGs, State and Federal courts, and Congress to understand the rights and protections of military families.

It is most unfortunate that issues need to be addressed and attention placed on the need for military families to be protected. Our founder of NMFAO and Vice-President, Ms. Rohini Hughes, herself, a victim of domestic violence and abuse and judicial tyranny, along with her son Jay Hughes, testified before the House Armed Services Committee in September 2019 at the bequest of Hon. Congresswoman Jackie Speier.

Her husband, a military lawyer in the Virginia/Maryland area, abandoned his family and almost immediately they became homeless and without any support. Now, her ex-husband has filed a \$1.5 million defamation suit against her, for her honest testimony before Congress and Senate even though he is aware she has terminal cancer and no employment.

Ms. Hughes and her son, Jay, have been fighting for protection and justice since 2014 by seeking assistance from the United States Air Force and the U.S. legal system due to domestic violence and abuse by their perpetrator, but to no avail. Though her ex-husband remains in the military and has received subsequent promotions, Ms. Hughes and Jay remain in peril and continue to be harassed by him through the legal system that he is greatly familiar with; however, Ms. Hughes has no legal representation due to being destitute. She has not been able to access pro-bono representation; therefore, she has had to learn the legal processes on her own and does what she can to represent herself and her son. Hon. Judge Paul Sheridan selected to preside on this case after all Fairfax County Circuit Court Judges recused themselves due to Conflict of interest. As of today, he has denied and violated Ms. Rohini Hughes's due process rights in Fairfax County Circuit Court, Fairfax, VA Case CL 2019-0014275, a trial by Jury, after a formal motion with this request was submitted in March 2024, informing the Judge that due to her terminal cancer and lack of funds, she is unable to appear or have her witnesses appear in person. Hon. Judge Sheridan had stated that this decision would be decided closer to the trial, however, has denied this request today. Today at 2:47 pm, Ms. Hughes received an email that Hon. Judge Jonathan D. Frieden has been assigned to this case who happens to be a Fairfax County Circuit Court Judge, however, should recuse himself according to a Recusal order issued by the Chief Judge on March 8, 2024, for all Fairfax County Circuit Court Judges due to conflict of interest.

If anyone can provide support, guidance, or assistance, please email [Info@NMFAO.org](mailto:Info@NMFAO.org) or [Press@NMFAO.org](mailto:Press@NMFAO.org).

Please call your local Virginia Congressman and demand from them, that Fairfax County Circuit Court, VA Case CL 2019-0014275 be dismissed as it is a frivolous case against a mother and child that have suffered enough in 10 years of homelessness, poverty, and judicial tyranny at the hand of their abuser.

Their justice, protection and safety, continue to be at risk.