

The family courts, that is the FCC and the FCA have no understanding of family violence, its impact, the manipulation that is possible, the harm suffered by families both in children's matters and in property settlement matters. The Court has no capacity or interest in dealing with family violence. If a party, usually the woman, raises and continues to raise allegations of family violence then the judiciary persecutes that woman. That is what happened to me, that is what happens to others, we are all too numerous in numbers. In child matters the woman will have the child or children, or sometimes even just one of a few children (usually one of the youngest and often the daughter to whom she is most closest) removed from her and placed with the abusive father. This is happening all around the country. In property matters, the woman raising the allegations of family violence and seeking to be "heard" on the issue is ignored, will be denied access to evidence that would prove non-disclosure of assets, can wait three months on "urgent" spousal maintenance matters before receiving one dollar whilst also not being able to claim Centrelink (due to joint business income to which she no longer has access upon separation). The family court judges do not care, have no empathy and most need to be removed from the bench.

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