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To

Melina Humphrey

Manageress Children’s Authority of

Trinidand and Tobago

Wrightson Road

Port of Spain

Dear Madam,

**Re:Ena Sookhan/adoption of infant of Vicky Sookram**

I represent the above named applicant for the adoption of the infant Vicky Sookram.

My client instructs me:

1. That the infant of Vicky Sookram is a 16 month old male who was admitted to the Paediatric intensive Care Unit at the Eric Williams Medical Sciences Complex in October, 2015.
2. During that time My client was responsible for the last 2 weeks of his care.
3. My Client has showed a keen interest in Baby Sookram since his admission which continued while he was on the Medical Ward i.e for the past 14months.
4. She has provided constant physical, mental and emotional support.
5. She even went to the distance to wash his clothes, feed him and provide that emotional support and stability that is essential in nurturing a young human being.
6. These facts are support by the letters of Dr.Elizabeth Persad dated 13th February, 2017, Dr.Leonardo Akan, Consultant Pediatrician, dated 3rd of April, 2017 and Ms.Siobhan Clarke, Pediatric Nurse Manager dated 8th March, 2017.
7. These letters also state that the care provided by my client contributed to the infants progress.
8. These events lead to the formation of a strong and emotional bond between the child and my client.
9. My Client approached the Child’s Authority and spoke to Ms.Alana Smith and Noreen Furlonge , expressing her desire to adopt the infant. She was advise to write a letter which she did.
10. She made an application for adoption on 24th of Novemer,2016.
11. On 9th of February,2017 the child was placed in foster care even though my client expressed a desire to care for her as a foster parent while the application was in process.
12. The infant was brought back to the Hospital on 3 occassions and on the 4th occasion was warded.
13. This decision of giving the child to a foster parent who did not care properly for the child and made the child come to the Hospital on 3 occassions and was warded on the 4th occasion for pneumonia was a detrimental event for the infant and was an unreasonable decision taken by a public body which no reasonable public body would have taken.
14. On28th of March, 2017 the staff of Paediatric Medical Ward has written a letter stating how my client has cared for the infant and it would be in the best interest of the infant that my client would be a better person who should get the adoption application.
15. On 9th of February, 2017 My client was rudely informed that she shouldnot bother to find out anything about the adoption and she was informed that she had no chances for adoption, without even making any investigations by a field officer, which I would think would be a normal course
16. I strongly wish to know what are the criteria the board would follow and why my client’s application was not even being pursued in terms I.e social worker visiting her place to determine the application.
17. In these circumstances taking into consideration of all the recommendations and the testimonies , and the bond between the infant and my client it would be in my opinion of an unreasonable decision made by a public body if my client is denied the oppurtunity to adopt the infant which a any reasonable thinking public body would have made.
18. If your authority did not follow the regular course of action and follows the Ultra vires procedure it would a very unfair and unconstitutional for my client.
19. In these circumstances unless you do what is right and fair, reasonable decision and Intra Vires decision, you would not give me any other choice than to take my redress in the Court of Law, and you are aware a Judicial review is a very time consuming and would be a big loss of public resources.

So I humbly request to consider the matter reasonably keeping all the information that is present before you and give a reasonable oppurtunity for my client with the application

Thanking you Madam,

Your’s sincerely

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