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Alec Baldwin's Crusade Misses the Mark *Emmy-Winning Actor's Book Aligns Him with Molesters & Abusers*

Alec Baldwin is correct— the United States of America is experiencing a shameful national crisis in our family court system — a crisis that is jeopardizing the health and safety of more than 58,000 children each year¹. Yet Alec Baldwin's analysis of the problem in his new book *A Promise to Ourselves* significantly misses the mark, and a brief, award-winning 12-minute online film explains the reasons underpinning the systemic breakdown in our nation's family courts.

Family Court Crisis: Our Children At Risk counters Baldwin's claim that 'Parental Alienation' is the culprit in this breakdown, and it debunks the myth that fathers are the primary victims in the family court crisis. Just like the Catholic Church pedophile scandal, this true story shakes the very foundation of decency at the root of our society. The public will be outraged when they learn the truth about America's family courts.

Please take just a few minutes to watch this 12-minute film clip:
<http://www.centerforjudicialexcellence.org/cjefldocumentaryvnr.htm>

The family court system has evolved into a profit-driven business that ignores the best interests of the children it is supposed to protect. Time and again, divorce courts throughout America are placing children in the sole physical and legal custody of **sexually and/or physically abusive parents**.

By blaming Parental Alienation for the dysfunction in family courts, Mr. Baldwin is aligning himself with a legal theory that is commonly used by molesters and abusers to avoid prosecution for their crimes. **The American Prosecutors Research Institute** issued a 2003 report calling 'PAS' the means to obstruct prosecution of abusers, while threatening the integrity of the criminal justice system and the safety of abused children²

Family Court Crisis: Our Children At Risk is an award-winning documentary. The film's recent awards include:

¹Sept. 22, 2008 press release from Leadership Council on Child Abuse & Interpersonal Violence at <http://www.leadershipcouncil.org/1/med/PR3.html>

² Parental Alienation Syndrome: What Professionals Need to Know: Two Parts
http://www.ndaa.org/publications/newsletters/update_volume_16_number_6_2003.html
http://www.ndaa.org/publications/newsletters/update_volume_16_number_7_2003.html

- *2008 **Accolade** Honorable Mention for Feature Documentary: 42-minute film
- *2008 **Accolade** Honorable Mention for Viewer Impact: Content/Message Delivery: 42-minute film (<http://www.accoladecompetition.org/>)
- *2008 **Action/Cut** Short Film Documentary Semifinalist: 12-minute film (<http://www.actioncut.com/>)

To schedule Interviews with nationally renowned child abuse experts, lawmakers, attorneys and litigants who can refute Alec Baldwin's claims, please **contact Kathleen Russell at 415-250-1180.**

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