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By Barry Goldstein, J.D. and Elizabeth Liu, J.D.

All too often, the courts get domestic violence cases spectacularly wrong, accepting "junk" science and myth in handing down decisions that favor abusive fathers while placing protective mothers and their children in grave jeopardy. In fairness to judges, some of the mistakes are caused by the failure of victims' advocates to present needed information to the court. We all need to do better!

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