

1 What Started the Hysteria

Throughout time children have been victims of adults. We all know that. But in the 1970's Senator Mondale who later became vice president created what was called the Mondale act. What he learned was that if you're for increasing the budget for the Department of Defense you'll win some votes and you'll lose some votes. If you're for increasing welfare payments you'll win some votes and lose some votes. But if you're against Child Molest and hard on Child Molest you win votes and you win votes.

Out of that political reality came the Mondale Act. The Act was very well intentioned and it has done a lot of good but it has also had some extremely adverse effects. The law requires there be mandated reports. Doctors, Ministers, Psychologists, Psychiatrists used to have privilege and if they received information from you they would not report it. The law changed and there was an exception written into the privileges for child abuse and child molest; a Doctor, a Minister, Psychologist, Psychiatrist, etcetera is now mandated to report it. If they fail to report it they can be criminally prosecuted. On the other hand, if they do report it; let's say they were negligent and they do you great harm the fact of the matter is that they will be given civil immunity. Civil Immunity means they can't be sued. With the carrot and the stick; the stick means they will be prosecuted. The carrot meaning they will be protected from Civil Immunity. People report it; even frivolous cases and millions and millions of cases came out. That is what created this hysteria of child molestation allegations and child abuse allegations. The second negative affect that came out of it is that was that enormous amounts of money were provided for District Attorneys to prosecute these cases.

You know how much was given to the defense to defend false allegations? Nothing. Not one dime. There was a total imbalance of power because all the funds went to D.A.'s, Special Teams of D.A's to prosecute, Expert Witnesses for the Prosecutions and on and on and on. The next thing that occurred was that we got a series of biased and one-sided laws. These have been passed every year since the Mondale Act. Also, in order to prosecute these cases a whole field of what you would call junk science has been developed; medical professionals and mental health professionals who have the answer of how you find out which cases are true and which cases are false.

Most of these cases were not based on valid research and this led again to easier prosecutions but a lack of accurate prosecutions. To overcome this imbalance of power; the one-sided and biased laws can be junk science that developed around this area we created our own team. This team specializes in nothing but these types of cases and by specializing we are able to level the playing field and even turn it [INAUDIBLE 03:48].