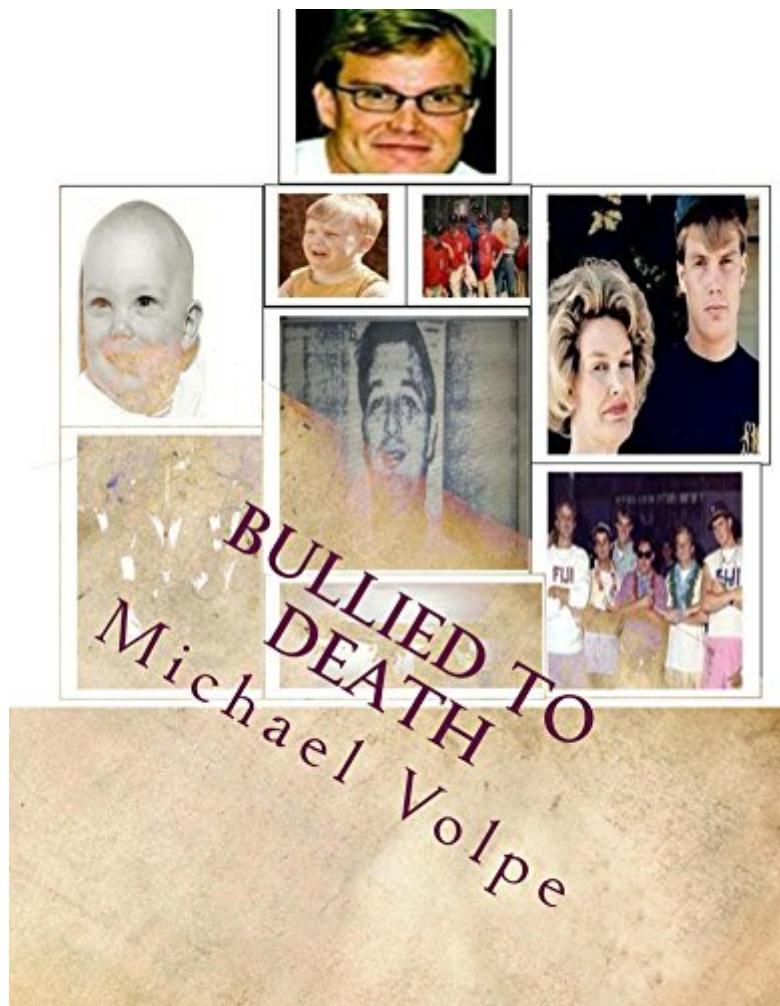


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# Bullied To Death: Chris Mackney's Kafkaesque Divorce



## **Synopsis**

On December 29, 2013, Chris Mackney sat alone in his parked car, put a shot gun underneath his chin and blew his head off. It was the tragic end to a near six year custody battle which saw him penniless, homeless, jobless, with no access to his children, and taunted and threatened with jail: all at the behest of his ex-wife and her father. This all started when Mackney discovered that his father-in-law was a murderer and the man who got away with one murder engineered a suicide to hide it. "Murder by suicide" Mackney called it. The legal bullying didn't stop with his suicide. His ex-wife followed him into the grave and attempted to copyright his suicide note. When that blew up, Mackney became a martyr and symbol for all that's wrong with family courts. His suicide note has been read by millions, but now the whole unbelievable story is told.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Michael Volpeâ™s Book on Chris Mackneyâ "describes court corruption in amazing detail.I have just finished Mr. Volpeâ™s book on court corruption, and in particular the experiences of Mr. Chris Mackney-as he worked his way through a highly troubled divorce with a ex-wife with an interesting family secret that came out during his own internet research: it was there he discovered that his

wealthy father in law had been convicted of murder, had likely been involved in much more criminal activity, and his ex-wife conveniently forgot to tell him during their long marriage. As a result, the father-in-law, a Mr. Scamardo (what an apropos name), went to great lengths to fund a divorce for \$1.2 million which of course involved dozens of failures of the court to simply follow the law, set reasonable child support for the father and a fair co-parenting schedule. What happened instead was a complete nightmare leading to his own suicide when judgments against him ended up for over \$100,000. Mr. Mackney never in fact did receive his share of equity in the marital residence which would have wiped out the debt; instead he continually struggled to fend off multiple unfair motions, one after the other. His ex-wife had him arrested and jailed four times. Once she and her attorney claimed attempted extortion when, after multiple attempts to reduce his child support to a level he could afford, he threatened to go to the media if it wasn't reduced. He spent 3 months in jail awaiting trial, only to have the jury acquit him of extortion, deciding that child support is for the child so no money could be extorted from the ex-wife. During the overly litigious divorce, the extreme motion practice of his ex-wife cost him his job and all future job prospects. One job was lost when Mrs.

I purchased this book and have read it thoroughly. It is an exposé of appalling circumstances in family courts in our country. Mr. Volpe uses cases of both men and women being absolutely ruined in every way to show that no one is truly safe. It is an incredibly difficult book to read because everyone wants to believe that children are never taken from a protective parent and placed with an abusive parent, but the sad truth is that it is not uncommon for that to happen. Mr. Volpe also gives example after example of people being silenced and threatened in order to keep misdeeds from being exposed. This book will absolutely terrify you. One of the quotes that chilled me to the bone is from Joan Kloth-Zanard, a Guardian Ad Litem. Mr. Volpe reports that Ms. Zanard emailed the following: "Shared parenting would actually reduce the issue of abuse, because both parents would be more involved equally. This would provide a chance for the kids to have a safety net. It would also enable counseling much more effectively for all involved. And believe it or not, someone who physically abuses does so because this is what happened to them as a child and it is all they know. They desperately need counseling to heal. While not all abusers can be healed, such as those that are sociopathic, there are many a person who has turned this around with proper counseling and education. As for pedophiles, while this is a harder group to heal, at the very least, with shared parenting, the other parent can teach the children right from wrong and how to say no and get help if it is physical. While I do not condone this behavior, these pedophiles are damaged from their

own childhoods or warped thoughts and ideas. But without shared parenting, you have no way to protect your kids.

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