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THE DIFFICULT CLIENT COMPENDIUM:

A Taxonomy Compiled Under Pseudonym

By Atticus Darwin

Addict:

Too much is never enough.

Alienator:

Propagandist obsessively devoted to turning the child against the other parent at all cost.

Archivist:

No detail is too insignificant to memorialize and share.

Attention Hound:

LOOK AT ME!!!!

Bard:

Storyteller who collects and shares anecdotes of mythical results in other cases obtained by distant acquaintances with completely different fact patterns.

Bawler and Squawler:

Way off the chart as to expression of emotion. At every opportunity, it's wails, sobs, and projectile tears, snot and mucous.

Beeyotch/Aaarrse:

Thoroughly unpleasant human – utterly devoid of redeeming characteristics - and determined to broadcast that reality far and wide.

Blue-sky:

Cannot be divested of impractical, unprofitable and unachievable goals.

Cat's In the Cradle:

Waaay too busy just now for the child.

Co-Dependent:

Manipulates and feeds upon the child to satisfy own emotional needs.

Contrarian:

Won't agree to, or with, anything.

Cruise Director:

The Event Coordinator who allocates the child's every waking moment.

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