

As the court said in the Order of 10/20/2009:

“In general, with parents like these, who are prone to finding fault endlessly with the other, especially the mother of the father in this latest round of hearings, and have nothing good to say about each other, but who are each adequate parents, the best thing the court can do for the children is to do nothing at all. The court should not encourage such fault finding parents to attempt to use the court system and this litigation as just another avenue for bashing the other parent. The court’s principal job in family litigation is to end the litigation because the fight between the parents, in the court and out of the court, is the worst thing for the children, who are stuck in the middle of the fight. The court can do very little about the fight outside of the courtroom but the court can end litigation that proves little and harms much.

The court did reserve jurisdiction in the Final Judgment to make changes to certain aspects of the judgment, but in this case it would be contrary to the children’s best interests to “tweak” or “fine-tune” the time-sharing schedule. The court is convinced that in this case it is advisable to do nothing at all because to do so would encourage the parties to forego learning how to cooperate and communicate so they learn how to sort out between themselves the decisions they need to make for the best interests of their children. So, the court is convinced today that the children’s best interests are advanced by denying the motions and dismissing the supplemental petition with prejudice, to the extent that it raises the matters already heard in the hearings on the mother’s motion, because the court does not want to give these parties the impression that coming to court and continuing this litigation endlessly is a fruitful activity. On the contrary, it is damaging to the children and it should stop. The court is required to enter orders that are in the children’s best interests, after considering the wishes of the parents. F.S. §61.13. Sometimes the children’s interest are advanced by doing nothing. This is one of those times.”

It is still one of those times. Further litigation on small matters is not in the children’s best interest. There is no evidence today that the children are not doing well in both homes or that either parent is not taking good care of the children.