## **AFFIDAVIT**

State of Arkansas County of Pulaski

on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2004, personally appeared James Roger Brown, a resident of Pulaski County known to me to be a credible person and of lawful age, who being by me first duly sworn, on his oath, deposes and says:

I was contracted by The Family Institute of Virginia, 2910 Monument Avenue, Richmond, Virginia 23221-1404, to perform certain duties in completion of a federally funded study of the effectiveness of family therapy interventions. Among the duties I was contracted to perform were writing the data coding manual for pre and post test measurements on about three thousand six (3,006) variables, reviewing all video tape recordings of therapy sessions for sound and video quality, managing and supervising protocols for coding qualitative data, testing the assessment instrument for the video taped therapy sessions, and assisting in the final computer data analysis. Upon delivery of the data analysis tables in 1982 my contract was completed. At the time of my departure from the research project approximately \$750,000 in federal funds had been expended. Federal law and Department of Health and Human Services guidelines in effect at the time required a final report for federally funded research projects.

The Family Institute of Virginia objective in conducting the experiment was to definitively prove that family therapy intervention benefitted treatment recipients. Previous research to determine the effectiveness of family therapy interventions was inconclusive. The experiment was a classic design with a control group and three (3) experimental groups. The three respective experimental groups received treatment from therapists hand picked by Satir, Bowen, and Haley as being the most competent practitioners of their respective therapy doctrines.

Data analysis results conclusively demonstrated no statistically significant difference between outcomes for the control group and the three experimental groups on any of the approximately three thousand six (3,006) variables. There was no statistically significant difference among the three (3) experimental groups. The conclusions consistent with the data results were that family therapy interventions had no effect and that family therapy interventions had been falsely credited for the consequences of a natural rate of problem solving which results in some families finding solutions to crisis independent of intervention.

To the best of my knowledge, only three people ever saw the original results of the data analysis, myself, Dr. Michael Kolevzon, and Project Manager Dr. Joan Winter. When it was realized that releasing the results of this experiment would undermine the credibility of the entire mental health system, destroy the power, prestige and social influence of mental health practitioners, and create an economic disaster for The Family Institute of Virginia and the therapy doctrines of Satir, Bowen and Haley, Dr. Joan Winter went into damage control mode. It was at this point my contract obligations were completed.

In 1992 and 1993 I tried to obtain a copy of the final report for this research project that was required by federal law. The United States Department of Health and Human Services informed me that no final report had ever been received from The Family Institute of Virginia. Dr. Joan Winter, who is now Director of the Family Institute of Virginia, informed me that no final report for this federally funded research project had ever been written. Failure to produce this final report was a violation of federal law and Department of Health and Human Services grant guidelines. Failure to alert the public and other mental health practitioners to these extremely significant research results was a major lapse in professional ethics by the Family Institute of Virginia and the research project management.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 8th day of March, 2004.

signature of Notary

typed or printed name of Notary

**NOTARY PUBLIC** 

My commission expires:  $\frac{7}{21}$ ,  $\frac{2007}{}$ .

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