

NRI Marriages - “Abandoned” Grooms, “Abducted” Children and “Abused” In-Laws

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Case Study No. 1

Wife Marries NRI Husband to Procure Visa, Destroys His Family afterwards

Victim Name : Jaspreet
Victim Location : New York, USA

Case Highlights

- Wife married to get Visa to US and did not wish to continue marriage
- On filing for divorce, a false dowry case registered against Husband and family
- Wife's Influential family harassed and threatened Husband's Family in India
- False dowry case registered against Husband and his entire family
- Wife's family demanded Rs.1 crore to take the case back.
- Interpol Red Corner Notice issued against Husband
- Unable to bear the humiliation, Husband's father suffered a heart attack and passed away
- Husband and his brother unable to come to India to perform last rites of father, whom they had not seen in 8 years because of the false dowry case
- Husband and family running around in courts for the last 8 years to get justice
- Wife remained in the US, remarried and is enjoying normal marital life with husband and two children
- Wife and family still pursuing the dowry case by making false statements in the court.

Case Details

- Got married in India in 1998 (Stayed with my wife for 1 week and came back to the US)
- Wife stayed back in India as she was finishing up her MBBS.
- She joined me in the US 5 months later after obtaining her degree.
- Left me 1 month after she joined me in the US with her uncle and aunt.
- Said she was interested in someone else and she only wanted to become a doctor.
- Told my parents to get me married to someone else.
- Showed no interest in continuing the marriage with me.
- She used me to get her visa to the US.
- I waited for 4 months and when she didn't want to come back to me, I began my divorce process.
- My parents went back to India in the meantime.
- I filed my divorce in the US in 1999 on charges of fraudulent marriage.
- 2 weeks later my wife's parents filed 498a against me, my brother, and my parents.
- I obtained my divorce in the end of 1999. My wife didn't contest the charges and the divorce.
- My wife's parents debated in India that the US divorce is invalid.
- They harassed my parents by making obscene phone calls, conducting police searches using their influence, and basically humiliating them in front of our relatives, family friends, and neighbors.
- After some time they even started issuing death threats to my father.
- My father filed a case with the police but my wife's (now ex-wife) parents used their influence and high connections to cancel the case.
- My ex-wife became a registered doctor in the US, then went to India in 2002 and issued a statement that she was harassed in the US. She never filed any charges against me or my family in the US.
- A chargesheet was filed against me and my brother. My parents already had an anticipatory bail but their passports were confiscated so they couldn't travel to the US to visit us.

- My ex-wife's parents began publishing my name and my brother's name in newspapers, and showed our names in a couple of TV programs.
- They demanded upto Rs. 1 crore from our parents to drop the 498a case. They threatened that if we don't pay, we will be issued RCNs and arrested and defamed.
- My ex-wife came back to the US after issuing a statement against me, then remarried in 2002 and settled down in her new marriage and her new job as a doctor.
- She has 2 children thru her new husband.
- Back in India, her parents continued the case misleading the police and the courts by issuing false statements that her life has been ruined by me and the US divorce is invalid and that she didn't marry and doesn't have any kids.
- In the beginning of 2006 RCNs were issued against me and my brother. Seeing this, my father suffered extreme stress and passed away due to cardiac arrest.
- My ex-wife's parents again threatened our relatives that if we went to India for the funeral, we would be arrested at the airport.
- Me and my brother couldn't go to India to see our father and perform his last rites. We hadn't seen him in years because my parents passports were confiscated and we were separated from our parents for 8 years.
- In the meantime, my ex-wife's parents came to the US to celebrate their grandson's birthday.
- Back in India, the case against my mother finally got quashed. The case against the remaining members, me and my brother got listed for hearing in the court.
- Knowing this, my ex-wife's parents rushed back to India. Again made false statements in the court that US divorce is invalid in India, their daughter's life is ruined, she's on the street, she didn't re-marry, and she doesn't have kids.
- We tried hard to obtain her marriage records and all we got was a mortgage document showing my ex-wife's and her husband's name with their signatures and their parents signatures.
- According to the Hague Convention "Apostille" and the agreement between the Indian and US governments as per the information on the Indian Embassy's website, this document was supposed to be considered as valid proof.
- But it wasn't and the quash petition submitted by me and my brother was denied.
- We immediately applied in the Supreme Court and our case got admitted.
- When my father's 1 year anniversary was coming up in early 2007 we applied for our mother's visitor's visa so we could perform the ceremony in the US.
- My ex-wife's parents wrote a letter to the US Consulate that my mother was trying to run away from India and she had a pending arrest warrant. My mom's visa got denied.
- When she went the next time, she took the court judgement copy stating that her case has already been quashed. She got the visa and came to the US.
- The case against me and my brother is currently pending in the Supreme Court. My ex-wife's parents are still making false statements that their daughter has not re-married and doesn't have kids and that the US divorce is not valid in India because she didn't contest it.

Case Study No. 2

Greedy Wife Tries to Make Money from Marriage to NRI

Victim Name : Illiyas Ahmed
 Victim Location : Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
 Victim Educational Background : Diploma in Computers
 Victim Employed at : Climatech

Case Highlights

- Wife wanted Husband to bear expenses of her family
- False dowry case registered against Husband and Family
- Husband can not visit India fearing detainment

Case Details

I married a girl name HUSNA on 09-Jul-1999, she was of my choice as I LOVED her since June-1990 and the first and only time I spoke to her prior to marriage was in August-1998. Following are highlights after marriage

- On 30-Aug-1999 that is within two (2) months of marriage I brought her with me to Riyadh-Saudi Arabia.
- On 15-Mar-2000 she went to Bangalore-India, with my parents who came to Saudi Arabia for Hajj, as she was 6 month pregnant.
- On 22-Jun-2000 she gave birth to UMAR, my first son, during my presence.
- On 31-Jul-2000 I returned to Riyadh-Saudi Arabia with my wife (Husna) and son Umar.
- On 17-Sep-2001 I took my wife and son to Switzerland and France.
- On 13-Feb-2002 I took my wife and son to Bangalore-India and returned back with them on 28-Feb-2002.
- In May-2002 I purchased a site/land 40x60 in HBR Layout – Bangalore thru my elder brother Mr. Abdur Rahaman.
- On 05-Dec-2002 I took my wife and son to Bangalore-India this time for the delivery of our 2nd child. I returned within 3 weeks to Riyadh-Saudi Arabia and left my wife and son in my in-laws.
- On 07-Apr-2003 she gave birth to UWAIS, my 2nd son, during my presence.
- On 05-May-2003 I brought my wife and both sons back to Riyadh-Saudi Arabia.
- On 29-Jan-2004 I took my wife and sons to Bangalore-India to commence construction of the house and returned with them back to Riyadh-Saudi Arabia on 09-Feb-2004.
- On 25-May-2004 I took/shifted my family (wife and sons) to settle them down with my parents in my newly constructed house/home PEARL VILLA # 1218, 1st Stage, 3rd Block, HBR Layout, Bangalore-India. I admitted my son UMAR in St. John's High School by paying full year's fees. I returned to Riyadh-Saudi Arabia on 18-Jul-2004. SAME DAY MY PARENTS WERE THROWN OUT OF THE HOUSE BY HUSNA AND MY APRENTS RETURN TO MY ELDER BROTHER.
- In November-2004 I went to Bangalore-India and brought back my parents to my house in HBR-Layout - Bangalore, being the youngest of their children my parents always wanted to live their remaining life in my house with my wife and children and more-over I love and respect my parents like all the obedient sons in the world. I returned back to Riyadh-Saudi Arabia in December-2004.
- In the second week of January-2005 I went again to Bangalore-India and found that my parents are neglected and disrespected in all the possible evil ways. To make things worst in my presence HUSNA called Police after her brothers and uncles beat me and my brother-in laws.
- On 04-Feb-2005 I brought my wife and children back to Riyadh-Saudi Arabia. Upon her mental and physical torture on me, I was forced to change the Apartment with all new furniture and home appliances in March-

2005 during this time she made sure to get pregnant. Within days after becoming pregnant she started pestering me to send her back to Bangalore-India upon my refusal she tortured me in every possible and evil ways. I tolerated everything for the sake of my children future, I admitted my son UMAR in Indian Embassy School in April-2005. My responsibilities and pressure at office and home doubled as I have to prepare/ready my son UMAR for School and she continued rather tripled her evil behavior. Finally for the sake of mental stability and prosperity of my children and myself I was forced to DIVORCE her on 11-May-2005 upon her confirmation that SHE DOES NOT WANT TO CONTINUE LIVING WITH ME. I send HUSNA and my children on 12-May-2005 much against my will and love for my family. I had to send my children also with her as legally/officially being the mother she was the sponsor of my children, if she is going out of the Kingdom, the children must go with her.

- On 13-May-2005 she went to my house, where my parents are staying, with police and tried her best to registered case under section 498a against all my relatives and finally the FIR was registered with the influence of DCP Syed Ulfat Husain on 30-Jul-2005. Even after the FIR she continued staying in my house with my parents doing everything possible to throw my parents out of the house. She also registered a case against my elder brother.
- On 29-October-2005 she gave birth to the 3rd child/son.
- On 11-Dec-2005 Sunday a large group of people including HUSNA'S parents, brothers and all her relatives attacked on my parents by breaking the house. Soon after this attack my father and sister were hospitalized. The police refused to register the case against HUSNA and her relatives until my parents had to appeal to the court against this and obtain court orders/involvement. Now the Trespassing case is registered against Husna's relatives.

The above are only the highlights; I have gone thru a very terrible and disturbed time all thru my married life only because she knew that I love her to the extent of madness and she always took me for granted. I DON'T REMEMBER A SINGLE MOMENT THAT MAY MAKE ME FEEL THAT MY WIFE EVER LOVED OR RESPECTED ME, NEITHER IN HER ATTITUDE NOR IN HER EYES. SHE ALWAYS WANTED TO LIVE WITH HER PARENTS AND THEIR EXPENSES TO BE PAID BY ME.

My parents are very scared and every evening they are in a real horrified mental stress expecting that Husna will enter the house again and physically and mentally insult them.

I cannot come to Bangalore-India as I may be legally stopped from leaving Bangalore/India until the case under 498a is finished. For the sake of my career and my children future I got to stay back here in Riyadh-Saudi Arabia.

NOW I AM ONLY INTERESTED IN THE FUTURE OF MY CHILDREN; I AM GOING TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE WITHIN THE BOUNDRIES OF THE LAW TO GET THE CUSTODY OF MY CHILDREN AS I AM SURE OF THE TERRIBLE FUTURE MY CHILDREN IN THE CUSTODY OF HUSNA'S AND HER EVIL PARENTS AND RELATIVES.

Case Study No. 3

Wife Deserts NRI Husband, Husband harassed by Indian Legal System

Victim Name : Vinayak
 Victim Location : Dubai, UAE
 Victim Educational Background : Chartered Accountant and Company Secretary
 Victim Employed at : A Multinational group with 67 companies and 40 production facilities on 5 continents

Case Highlights

- Wife wanted total control of Husband and his Money and wanted to alienate him from his family
- False dowry case registered Husband and Family
- Husband has to fly to India to attend court dates.
- Husband still ready to accept wife to save his baby girl's future
- Wife doesn't want to come back and wants money

Case Details

- Arranged marriage after a news paper advert from our side that was responded to by my wife's father
- I was employed in Dubai and Abu Dhabi (both cities in United Arab Emirates) for 3+ years before marriage. i.e. I was abroad before marriage. My mother stayed with me ABROAD ! EVEN before marriage
- Both me and my wife are from a middle class ... upper middle class background.
- NO dowry demand
- Got married in 1996, had a baby daughter in 1998.
- Wife threw mother out in March 1999
- Wife wanted complete control of my money and myself. Practically an ego issue. Probably considered outster of my mum as a psychological victory
- Wife threatened Suicide in 1999
- Since I lived in an Islamic country with strict laws and severe punishments, I sent wife and kid AT MY COST to her father's place. Wife took ENTIRE money in her bank a/c AND SIGNED FOR THE SAME BEFORE INDIAN EMBASSY at Abu Dhabi (AUGUST 1999)
- Both families tried to negotiate
- No dowry complaints till then
- Later in July / August 2000 AS A COMPLETE afterthought, wife filed a false 498a case against us. She claims that I sought 8 Lakhs dowry. At another place she claims that I am earning Rs. 3 Lakhs as salary PER month !! So I must be mad to ask for 2months 20 days salary as dowry !!
- My Mother got anticipatory bail (complaint stage)
- I remained abroad. No bail for me ...neither applied nor granted.
- I continued to try to mediate TAKE WIFE BACK - mainly considering baby daughter's life
- Wife changed many locations / addresses and completely alienated me from daughter
- I filed for divorce as I could NOT get her back
- During counseling AND mediations AND before the judge at the divorce case I have said I am ready to take her back
- Wife does NOT want to return, wife want MONEY !!
- Now wife says pay for the kid !
- I have attended the FAMILY court at least on 8 occasions AT MY OWN COST (30 K Indian Rupees, per trip)
- I am ready to pay for the kid AND OR taken them back

Case Study No. 4

Incompatible Wife destroys NRI's Family

Victim Name : Ravi
Victim Location : USA
Victim Educational Background : BE Electronics

Case Highlights

- Differences between Husband and Wife. Wife returns to India and files Divorce and dowry case
- Husband's Father unable to bear the shock and passes away. Husband Unable to perform his Father's last rites. Husband's Mother unable to cope with Husband's Father's death
- Wife moves court to confiscate Husband's Mother's passport so that she cant visit her children

Case Details

- Got married in India in 2002
- Wife joined the victim after a month.
- She started complaining about everything possible after a few days.
- Started telling tales about him and started to create problems with his friends and colleagues.
- Wanted to work and fought when told you cannot work here without valid visa
- Created an unhappy atmosphere at home in the first 45 (which is honeymoon period)
- Went back to India with all belongings/jewellery after he asked her about all the tales she was spreading and she was ashamed of being caught red handed
- The victim's parents never lived with the woman except for 2 days after marriage in India, after which they had to come to US for daughter's pregnancy.
- When the woman joined the victim in US, she never even met his parents who were at the victim's sisters place for the pregnancy
- After her reaching India she filed for divorce and after 2 years filed false 498a against him and his family
- Parents got bail after a lot of running from pillar to post
- Innocent suffering father died due to shame and harassment last October and mother is unable to cope with husband's death.
- Victim could not go to father's funeral inspite of being the only son due to the false 498 charges against him.
- In Hindu custom all last rites for father are performed by son and this was not possible due to all the false charges filed by the woman and the draconian laws in support of this legal terrorism
- The woman has now petitioned court to confiscate the mother's passport so she has no chance to visiting her family in US. Both her children are in US

Case Study No. 5

Wife Mentally Sick, Her Family Tries to make Money from Marriage

Victim Name : Suresh
Victim Location : Texas, USA
Victim Educational Background : Bachelors in Computer science, MG University, Kerala
Victim Employed at : RTEC

Case Highlights

- Wife mentally ill. Doctor recommends mental Asylum
- Husband takes back to India. Talks to Wife's father. Files for Divorce
- False Dowry case registered against Husband and Family.
- Wife's Family wants money out of the marriage.

Case Details

- A complete arranged marriage came through a well known marriage firm in Kerala and no check of the girls family and conduct have been done
- Within 9 days of the marriage, both came to USA. She stayed in my house for only 1 day.
- Within 3 months, she showed psychiatric problems and went under treatment for 1.5 yrs
- Finally the doctor in US told to take her back home or put her in mental asylum
- Took her back to India, After 6 months talked to her father and filed for divorce
- Next month they filed a False dowry case, Maintenance case, in women cell, also false case against mother saying mother tired to kill her even though they never stayed together
- They filed more complaints asking for 2 lakh per month for maintenance and put notice on my house in Kerala.
- This complaint for maintenance was stayed by high court of Kerala
- I was completely down and had to consult a counselor for help. Too much mental harassment.
- Now matter has ended up in settling down for money.

Case Study No. 6

Visa Seeking Adulterous Wife Dupes NRI Husband

Victim Name : Raghu Modi
 Victim Location : Toronto, Canada
 Victim Educational Background : Delhi College of Engineering (B.E.)
 Victim Employed at : Verizon Wireless

Case Highlights

- Wife marries NRI Husband for Visa
- Wife refuses to consummate marriage on one pretext or another
- Husband returns to Canada and initiates Immigration process for Wife
- Wife resumes her pre-marital relationship and is caught red handed with her paramour
- Wife admits to marrying for Visa and Wife's family threatens of dire consequences to Husband
- Husband Stops the Immigration procedure for wife
- Wife files a false dowry case against NRI Husband. Husband's relative arrested
- Wife demands Rs. 26 Lakhs to "settle" the case
- Husband and family harassed by Wife's Family and Police
- Unable to bear the harassment, Husband's family pays Rs. 7 Lakhs to settle the case
- Within a month, Wife marries her paramour

Case Details

- Canadian citizen of Indian origin, working for the largest telecom wireless company in North America and an only child with parents living in India, went to New Delhi in February 2002 and got married to a girl 24 ½ years old at the time of marriage, MBA working as a sales rep for a pharmaceutical firm.
- Marriage took place in Delhi within 1 week of meeting the girl through common friends who is a cousin of the girl. Girl refused to consummate marriage on wedding night or during the following week claiming she would prefer to consummate marriage during the honeymoon. Paid for 1 week honeymoon to Mauritius during which girl refused to consummate marriage stating she was having her menstrual periods. Returned to India after the honeymoon for another week during which the girl further refused to consummate the marriage stating the marriage would be consummated once she arrived in Canada. Returned to Canada and started sponsorship of the girl under spousal visa category.
- Girl was living with my parents at that point of time. Few weeks later the girl changed her employer and started working for another pharmaceutical company. 1 week later she started complaining she was having great difficulty commuting to work so my parents gave her our 2nd car for her use and also our chauffeur of 14 years to drive her to and back from work. Girl started using the car for her parents use and few weeks later chauffeur complained that girl would use the car for late nights out at somebody's residence in Faridabad. Few days later chauffeur reported that the girl was seeing another man in Faridabad.
- My parents and I confronted the girl who vehemently denied ever going to Faridabad and complained that our chauffeur had attempted to violate her modesty hence was attempting to frame her. Her bold and outright stance took us by surprise but we wished and hoped for the best and took her word at the face value.
- Subsequently my parents removed our chauffeur of 14 years and hired another chauffeur. Things were fine for the next few weeks following which the new chauffeur also complained that now the girl was visiting a couple of hotels in South and Central Delhi during and after work hours citing business purposes. On learning this, my parents asked our new chauffeur to discretely follow her and report when she would visit another hotel the next time. True enough he called a few days later at 6:30 pm. My father got one of my cousins, a Naval officer stationed in Delhi to check her whereabouts in the hotel. With the help of our chauffeur and some of

the junior staff of the hotel my cousin tracked her down in one of the hotel rooms with another man who was one of her co-workers at the company where she worked earlier. Incidentally he had also attended our wedding.

- My cousin and our chauffeur confronted her when she calmly explained she was having a business meeting with a prospective client of hers. She further added she needed to rent a room in a hotel as she was afraid if she met an ex-co-worker in a public place and if someone saw them together it would jeopardize her career as it would be deemed to be a conflict of interest. Subsequently she went down to the hotel lobby, called for a taxi and went to my parent's house, collected all her jewelry and went to her parents house. The same evening her father called my parents and complained that we were harassing his daughter for dowry and she would continue living with her parents. When my parents asked him about his daughter's escapade at the hotel he shrugged it claiming that we were simply attempting to malign his daughter's character to cover our misdoings. He further threatened of dire consequences if we attempted to disclose the details of the hotel to anyone.
- Subsequently I called her at her parent's house where her father refused to let me talk to her and abused me over the phone. He repeated what he had told my parents earlier that we would have to face dire consequences if we attempted to do anything to disrupt his daughter's life. I had called her the next day at work where she came on the phone and on confronting her with the hotel details she calmly replied "So what?" and added that the only reason she had married me was she wanted to immigrate to Canada for her families sake and once that was achieved I was free to divorce her.
- At that point of time I realized what I had gotten myself into. The first thing I did the next day was contact Immigration Canada and explained the entire situation to them. They advised me to hire an immigration lawyer and seek further advice. The immigration lawyer advised that her sponsorship to Canada be stopped immediately for which he prepared the papers and it was sent to immigration Canada. Immigration Canada stopped her sponsorship a few weeks later which incidentally was in the final stages and informed both my ex-wife and me by mail.
- On learning that her sponsorship had been aborted by Immigration Canada in August 2006 my wife filed a case with the CAWC in a Delhi Police Station under sections 498a, 306 and accused my parents and I for harassing her for bringing insufficient dowry and further demanding more dowry as a condition to sponsoring her to Canada and since the additional demands had not been met her sponsorship had been cancelled. In the complaint she mentioned that her father had given Rs. 5 lacs in cash at the time of marriage and Streedhan worth Rs. 2 lacs that had been forcibly taken away from his daughter by my parents. The CAWC called my parents to the police station who were abused and harassed by the girl's parents and extended family members while the police was a silent spectator. The following 3 days the police kept calling my parents and every time the girl's parents and extended family members would abuse my parents and harass them. The following week my parents applied for anticipatory bail (AB) and were granted the same by the Delhi Court.
- This trend of constant abuse and harassment continued at the CAWC and suddenly a month later the girl's father called up my parents and informed that he had withdrawn the case and wanted to talk of a compromise. His demand for a compromise turned out to be a one time settlement of Rs. 26 lacs. My parents flatly refused and reported this to the CAWC. On checking with the CAWC my parents found that the girl's father had merely asked the CAWC to put the complaint in suspension. Subsequently my parents asked the girl's father to give in writing that if he wanted to withdraw the complaint with the CAWC he give it in written but he refused to do so reduced his demand to Rs. 16 lacs but asked that I be present in India for the divorce proceedings. My parents refused again the my ex-wife's father went back to the CAWC and re-opened the case citing that he offered to settle the case but we further asked for most dowry so he was forced to re-open the case. In the additional complaint he further mentioned that 2 of my uncles were also party to the additional demands allegedly made by us. The police re-opened the case and a charge sheet was filed. This was done on the Friday afternoon of a long weekend when the police came to my parents house with the girl and one of her aunts. They spent close to 2 hrs searching our house and were unable to find

anything dowry related. At the same time they also went to my uncles residence and one of them was arrested while the other one was luckily out of town.

- Since my parents had anticipatory bails they were spared from being arrested and had 1 week to get regular bail. After my uncle was arrested our lawyer applied for his bail with the vacation judge on Saturday who refused to grant bail and he was sent to judicial custody. Being a long weekend our lawyer applied for regular bail at the trial court on the following Tuesday where it was further rejected. 2 days later our case for bail was taken up at the Session Court and my mother and uncle were granted bail on the condition that Rs. 2 lacs be given to the girl in demand drafts towards her claim for Streedhan while my fathers bail application was rejected. My parents paid the Rs. 2 lacs and got bail for my mother and uncles.
- Our lawyers applied for my fathers regular bail at the Delhi High Court on the following Monday and since a week had passed his anticipatory bail had expired he had to go in hiding with my mother. During such time the police in cognizance with my ex- in laws raided all our relatives place in the hope of arresting my father. The same week Delhi High Court granted interim bail to my father. In the next 9 months the Delhi High Court kept asking my parents to appear for bail hearing every few weeks and tried various ways and means of either forcing a compromise or a settlement. The following week the girl's lawyer moved the sessions court requesting my parents passport be impounded as there was a possibility of my parents fleeing the country. The sessions court heeded to their request and my parents passports were impounded by the CAWC.
- In the 4th hearing the Delhi High Court judge asked for my wife to be present and asked her how much she would have to be paid to settle the case. Her reply was as much as was stated in the original complaint. Subsequently the Delhi High Court judge stated to my father that he was either going to reject my fathers bail application and send him to prison or my father pay Rs. 5 lacs towards my ex – wife's claims of dowry. Given no choice my father had to give into he wishes of the Delhi High Court Judge and paid Rs. 5 lacs to the Delhi High Court Bank Branch and was granted regular bail. The terms of settlement also included a full and final settlement of all claims followed by a divorce with mutual consent in a matrimonial court in Delhi .
- Our lawyers prepared the required paperwork for filing a divorce by mutual consent in Delhi but the girl refused to sign the papers for 4 months citing that she wanted me to be present in India to file the joint petition. I refused to visit India as they girls cousins and friends in the US kept harassing me on the phone as I feared for my safety if I visited India . The following month the girl agreed to sign the papers for divorce by mutual consent which was accepted by the Delhi matrimonial court. I submitted the power of attorney to my father to act on my behalf during the divorce proceedings and 6 moths later the matrimonial court granted a divorce based on grounds of incompatibility.
- The following month we filed for quashing of the complaint at the Delhi High Court which was taken up 2 ½ months later and the case was quashed. The next month my ex-wife remarried the same person she was found with in the hotel room. They are presently living and working in Delhi .

Case Study No. 7

British Wife Tries to Extort Money from NRI Husband

Victim Name : Raj K
Victim Location : New York, USA
Victim Educational Background : IIT Madras
Victim Employed at : Investment Banker at a major Financial Corporation

Case Highlights

- Wife abusive towards Husband
- Wife threatens to use false 498a against Husband to extort money
- Wife not even an Indian Citizen, grew up in UK and holds British citizenship

Case details

- Wife is a British citizen. Even her parents are British citizens.
- I'm an Indian citizen, been living in the US for more than 10 years.
- I have never been in any trouble with the law ever in my life.
- Neither my parents nor I believe in dowry. We never demanded a cent.
- She and I never lived together in India as husband and wife.
- We separated after one year of marriage in US due to her abusive behavior and Jekyll and Hyde personality.
- She is demanding an extortionate amount of money as a divorce settlement.
- I refused to pay anything above what was fair and equitable as decided by a divorce court.
- They discovered 498a. Her father threatened to ruin my life and career and my parents with dire consequences if I did not meet their demands.
- My father, who spent 30 years of his life as an army officer, defending this country's borders, is being threatened by a foreigner who left India for good decades ago and owes nothing to this country, but is free to abuse our legal system.
- I have not seen her for over 4 years.
- We all live on separate continents, she in the UK, I in US, and my parents in India. Yet 498a allows for immediate arrests without investigation and has no statute of limitations.

Case Study No. 8

After Obtaining Permanent Residency, Wife Files False Dowry Case Against NRI Husband to Take Over his Assets

Victim Name : Sukhmander Gill
Victim Location : Sydney, Australia
Victim Educational Background : BE , Punjab Engineering College
Victim Employed at : Australian Govt.

Case Highlights

- Wife patiently waits for 6 years after marriage to get Australian Permanent Residency
- Within a week of getting Australian Permanent Residency, she goes back to India and files a false dowry complaint against Husband and his Family
- Husband still ready to take Wife back or willing to get divorced, as per her choice
- Wife refuses to come back to Husband or get divorced from him
- The intention is to somehow force the Husband to come to India, where he will be stuck in litigation for years and will be unable to come back to Australia
- The Wife can then go to Australia and take over all his Assets

Case Details

- Married in Dec 2001, I was continuously visiting India every few months until wife got her visa. We never asked for any dowry at any stage. They still have few gift that they bought for marriage, and are using themselves now because we refused to take dowry.
- Wife never stayed at my mother's place in my absence for more than a week or so. Wife used live at her father's place using an excuse that it is more convenient for her to go to job (teaching) and also her mother (mentally ill from last 20 years) feels better in my son's presence. I allowed it as I liked my mother in law, I still like mother in law, she is nice lady.
- Wife attained Permanent Resident Status in May First Week (2007), Left for India in May Second week, and filed 498a complaint in June First Week against Me, My old age Mother living in India, Sister (married since Feb 2003 and never visited us for more than a day, living in India), and against my teenage cousin (used to visit my mother to help by groceries and pay bills etc)
- I booked, paid her ticket, bought gifts for her relatives, gave cash for pocket money, as there was no sign of any anger or anything while she left for India.
- In the police complaint she says that we have always been asking for dowry, I used to beat her physically (until 2004). She has not mentioned any cruelty after 2004. and she says that I have extra marital relationship now and I am into business of Human smuggling. (does it come under 498a or 406)
- My father in law is not rich but his sisters are married to influential persons. They have about 15 High Court/Supreme Court/International Hague Court Lawyers, One Magistrate, One Session Judge and few more at right points. By using all their possible contacts they have also influenced High Court Judge when we applied for my mother's AB (in first hearing their lawyer (wife's brother in law, International Lawyer) said to Judge that he will mediate and settle this case please give him some time, Judge gave 10 days time, Then their lawyer said to our lawyer that we want divorce tell me how much compensation is your client willing to pay, we said ESTRIDHAN plus 4-5 lakh. Then after few days their Lawyer said to our lawyer that our daughter does not want to settle it, she wants to harass your client. So then in next hearing Judge refused my mother's bail even though we agreed to do everything and they refused to settle anything)

- We are happy if she comes back home, or if she wants divorce we are happy to do that as well
- One of their aim is also that I should come to India and stuck there, while my wife can come to Australia and take over everything/ all assets
- We /our relatives took "Panchayat" (prominent people of area) and went to my in-laws place about 7 times until now to settle this either way. Every time they said something new. Once they said that I was not having enough sex with her, next time they said I was not having any sex with her, next time they said I have extra marital relationships, finally they said go and talk to our uncle in Chandigarh (Lawyer HC). Our people went to him, he did not treat them well, and finally said that our daughter does not agree to settle in any way. They all say that but actually they are all together and all these decisions are made by UNCLES not by wife.
- While she was living with me, she never mentioned in lack in sex or extra-marital doubt.
- Now my mother's AB application is in Supreme Court.

Case Study No. 9

Wife Robs NRI Husband, Husband Fears a False Dowry Case

Victim Name : Chetan
Victim Location : Australia

Case Highlights

- Wife stole money and jewellery from Husband's house
- Forges Husband's Signature to Rob A\$90,000 from his Bank account. She currently has 3 criminal charges pending for 90,000 forgery by Aussie Police and it is still in courts
- Files False Domestic Violence Charges against him, all charges against him were "unauthorised" (not established)
- Husband vindicated by Australian Courts.
- Husband Fears a False dowry case in India

Case Details

I have been facing chronic and very unusual problem of continuous emotional, social and physical and financial violence ever since I made a criminal complaint to the Police in Australia against my ex-wife Ms. Bina Navin Shah (Director of Indo Australian Education Centre, Mumbai & Australia). I had complained to the Police in Australia that in March 2005, Bina had forged my signature and obtained A\$90,000 from our joint mortgage account. I was married to her in February of 1999 in India when I was NRI working and residing in New York, USA as software professional. Ours was an arranged marriage and we did not take any dowry. Without knowing anything, I had walked into a trap that lot of NRI fall into. We migrated to Australia in 2002.

From February 1999 itself, I started encountering some difficulties with Bina regarding money, jewellery and valuables. I felt that she was too insecure about all such things and I tried searching ways for her to get over her fears but to no avail. From time to time, Bina used to grab something of value and hide it somewhere (usually at her mother's place) with no obvious reasons. Most of the disputes between Bina and me erupted after she had deceptively taken something like this. After she had whisked away her latest booty, she would stay quiet as if nothing had happened. It usually would have taken me a while before I would notice that something amiss.

I would start querying about what was going on. For a long time, I had naively trusted her and believed the stories that she narrated with finesse. When I started asking Bina serious questions about things that had gone missing, she would become very aggressive and extremely inflexible to deal with. No matter what and how was talking her, she would refuse to talk and frustrate all of my attempts to even talk to her. She would say things like "I did not trust her", "I did not love her"; "Let us just get divorced" and so on. If these tactics did not work, she would start yelling at me or my family members. If I persisted, it would graduate to throwing objects such as cordless phones and kitchen vessels at me. Sometimes, she would start crying and claiming that somebody from her family was too ill. She would go on using one trick after another until I had stopped asking her questions. No matter what I did, her answer always boiled down to "there is nothing to discuss and no need to discuss it anyway".

Bina would procrastinate and harass me until I was too frustrated to argue with her. I tried to talk to her mother in confidence. Her mother would start telling me that I was not being practical. Her family always supported her abusive behavior. If I tried to get my parents to talk to Bina, she would start yelling and screaming even more violently to the point that it completely derailed the conversation. If I tried to get someone else to talk to her on my behalf, that person would turn around to tell me things like "she is your wife after all", "you love her" and "she loves you" and so on. Most of the people would advice me to not focus on such small items and just let her be. I would also be telling myself that "If I love her sincerely, the problem that I am facing with her will automatically be resolved". Bina would start

expressing her apologies in non verbal fashion. I felt that I had no other choice but to reconcile with her. 9 out of 10 times, this would mean that Bina had managed to keep the very thing that we had started the fight for.

In hindsight, I realize that her behaviour was learnt and very much a part of her personality and THE modus-operandi for her to cover her deceptions.

Bina stole cash and jewellery in India in this manner and I discovered a loss after about a year. In Australia, in January 2003, she stole US\$11,000 in this manner that I found two weeks later. I have also discovered small amounts of cash that had gone missing from our bank accounts in USA. In November 2003, she took some amount from a joint locker in India and I still do not the missing amount exactly. According to Bina's own statement, she had forged my signature 15 times during our 7 years marriage.

Bina's act of forging my signature to rob A\$90,000 from my account was very different from its very beginning. The fights started between Bina and my father in March of 2005 and Bina concluded her statements by uttering threats to kill my son. She abused my parents and my brother over the phone and then followed up all of her abuses in emails to them.

Within 48 hours of this fight, Bina forged my signature to obtain sum of A\$90,000. After I complained to the Victoria Police, her violence has continued to grow and she has increasingly becoming hostile. She even wrote derogatory statements in the Bhagvad Gita that I used to read to calm myself.

Her A\$90,000 forgery was too shocking for me. It has ended up wounding me physically, mentally and financially and isolated me socially. I went from one social service and community organization to next in a bid to get some help beyond basic counseling as I had no immediate family in Australia. As I started digging around my house to find out what was going on behind my back, I discovered few emails in which Bina (anonymously) was discussing ideas of having romantic rendezvous with her boy-friend.

Out of sheer frustration and disbelief, I could not sleep at all and was in stress all the time. She continued to torment me with intense verbal abuse and she kept on playing up with my emotions. She blackmailed me with more threats to kill their own child until all of her financial demands were met.

Bina started claiming that A\$90,000 taken by her belonged as a loan to her mother. Eventually, she came down to a loan figure of A\$45,000. By April 2006, I managed to gather some evidence to suggest that there were no loans at all and the net amounts that had come to my house from Bina's mother was below A\$2,000. However, due to relentless mental torture for over one year and more threats, I consented in a court that A\$45,000 was a debt to her mother in May 2006.

In May 2006, Bina agreed to return my jewellery that she had stolen in India earlier. Her court imposed deadline to return my jewellery before 1st February 2007 has also passed and she has not made any efforts to make the return.

In February 2007, Bina made a false complaint under Domestic Violence against me to Victoria Police and using that she prevented the regular visits of my son to my place. I feel that emotional outbreak that I went through at the Police station prompted them to act rapidly but it still took a little over one month for them to confirm that they will not be charging me for any wrong doing.

In May 2007, Victoria Police has finally charged Bina with indictable offense of forgery and now it will go through its usual processes of trial.

In July 2007, I successfully proved to establish in the Australian court that Bina had breached court orders 16 times since signing them one year ago. In reality, she had breached close to 50 orders, but I did not have all the necessary evidences.

I want to come and visit my parents in India. I do not know how to obtain a life-time bail and my parents are not able to obtain appropriate legal advice for them to make it happen. There is still a threat that she might falsely use 498A just to harass me or my family. I don't know how to get past this threat and visit India in peace.

Besides me, Bina is also robbing the Social security system of Australia by falsely claiming unemployment benefits. I believe she claims benefits that are reserved for unemployed people while she is actually working in her very profitable business of Indo Australian Education Centre. I have obtained evidences that Bina (with her family) is earning close to A\$500,000 a year in the business, but Bina is declaring to the local authorities that she is earning \$0.48 a year.

Case Study No. 10

Wife Abducts Child and Flees to India

Victim Name : Ramesh Krishnan
Victim Location : California, USA
Victim Educational Background : MS from University of Minnesota
Victim Employed at : A Leading Semiconductor Company

Case Highlights

- Wife refused to see psychiatrist. Wife's family's interference worsened situation.
- Wife runs away to India taking the child with her, files a child custody case in India
- Court awards visitation rights to father
- Wife doesn't allow any contact between Father and child, despite court order.
- Anguished father helpless and yearns for his child. Laments the lack of justice.

Case Details

- Both families are well educated and are primarily in the academic field.
- I was not aware that wife had a mental ailment before the marriage. After the marriage the first day we set foot in US, she started accusing me of adultery. Sometimes it was with film actresses, sometimes it was my sisters or the Grocery store lady or an Office Colleague.
- I made many professional and personal sacrifices to make sure she becomes normal - she refused to see a Psychiatrist in the US.
- We had a very nice first wedding anniversary at an exotic place and we were living happily although she had occasional flashes. Her parents started putting pressure on her to have a baby. Eventually we decided to have one. Despite having provided documented evidence of me urging her parents to not put pressure on her to have a baby, she now in her various petitions is claiming that we forced her to give a heir or start earning immediately.
- Despite being in a very expensive place I had quit my job when my son was 9 months old as my wife indicated she wanted to study for her medical exams. I had the time of my life for 6 months taking care of my little fellow day in and day out. My son was very attached to me. He wanted me to change his diapers, make Parataas, Cous Cous pulav, etc which caused a great deal of discomfort to her. I have many videos and audio files of his that I keep watching time and again. Not a second passes without thinking about him. I have captured every moment of his. Almost every month I used to record his height. Despite many e-mails to my wife, I have not received any reply.
- My wife wanted me to pack my bags and go back to India to settle down with her parents; to which I refused. When her parents visited US they created a mess; instead of helping us they encouraged her to start seeing lawyers, Women's organization, etc. These people had also instigated her to frame me by calling the police; the police investigated and closed the case. They also recorded the statements from the neighbours in the report.
- She went to India in October 2006 under the pretext of seeing her ailing father. I was supposed to get an operation done at that time, but my wife said that her father was more important. On the day my son did not want to go to India; my wife requested me to convince him to go. I had to go all the way to the security line and then come out saying that I had to go to the restroom. My son did not let go of me and then cried out to me "Pappa Come". This scene haunts me even to this day.

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- Once there in India she filed for child custody claiming that she was tortured and used the police incident to say that I had a criminal record in the US. She was talking to me politely even after she had filed her petition until the day I came to know about her petition. On that day when I spoke to my son, he asked me if I am still in lot of pain. I neutralized her statements effectively and provided the actual police report which absolved me of any wrong doing. Despite being a teetotaler my wife has alleged that I am an alcoholic. When I fought hard on the Child Custody case, I and my family were hit by 498a and 506. The police arrested my parent without an iota of evidence. Arjun Singh the HRD Minister was also charged but he was not arrested. How come a common man gets arrested without any evidence? As soon as Arjun Singh's name came up, Ms Renuka Choudhary immediately came to his defense. Are we all second class citizens? When it comes to politicians it is abuse of law, but not when it is the common man.
 - Despite a court order I have not been able to talk to my son. My wife has thrived on lies. Her pleadings change from one to another. After being hit by 498a and 506, my Counsels cautioned against calling to talk to my son. Once unable to bear the pangs of separation from my son, I called. When he heard my voice he ran up to the phone to talk to me calling out to me aloud. His mouth was shut and he was taken to a different room. Even from that room he called out to me. You tell me is it moral to put a child through this trauma? There are several such instances. Lawyers are to uphold the law; what law are they upholding - encouraging the alienation of the father from the son. If this is what Indian Culture is going to, it is only a matter of time when things will get worse.
 - As a present for his 2nd year birthday, I had purchased a Townhouse for him. Now I hardly stay at this place as his toys are lying around everywhere reminding me of the memorable times. When I send gifts they are not accepted. I hardly sleep these days and his voice "Pappa Come" keeps haunting me. These days I have been knitting a sweater with my own hands. I am not sure whether my wife will accept it or not. On the day he went to India I had promised I would water his plants every day until he comes back. I do that diligently uttering "Adhitya Hridayam" every day twice as he wanted me to. I will fight for my son; what is spoken by one heart today will be spoken my several tomorrow.

Case Study No. 11

Wife Repeatedly Files False Dowry Cases to Coerce NRI Husband into Submission

Victim Name : Sumit
Victim Location : California, USA
Victim Educational Background : B.Tech. IT-BHU
Victim Employed at : A Global Software Company

Case Highlights

- Wife wanted to an Engineer Husband (cleared IIT) to not work in USA
- Wife filed a false dowry case against 11 members of the Husband's family
- To avoid the arrests of his family members, Husband agreed to all the conditions of Wife.
- After some time, Wife filed a false dowry case again
- Due to constant harassment, Husband's father suffered a brain stroke and passed away
- Husband unable to attend the last rites of his father

Case Details

- After many years of our marriage, one day my wife falsely alleged me of having an affair with a girl.
- She wanted me to leave the job and everything and work as unskilled worker at my native place.
- She filed false dowry case with local police naming all family members(11) to settle everything as per her wish.
- I was taken into custody and she misused this law to force me sign on all her conditions.
- I did sign on the compromise despite knowing that it is wrong , just to avoid arrest of my family members.
- After few months I came to US for a short project assignment in Oct 2005.
- My wife wanted me not to work in USA for the same reason.
- She again filed a false dowry case again in Feb 2006 at local court.
- She used the same false allegations in our community so that they ban our family business.
- My family lost the business and had to go through community harassments.
- My family is struggling to survive because of loss of business.
- Because of the constant harassment, my dad got brain stroke and passed away just 2 days after the warrant had been issued by the local court.
- Wife's side threatens me to use police to arrest me as soon as land up in India.
- Couldn't go to attend my father's funeral as I would have landed into jail instead of the funeral.

Case Study No. 12

Courts Acquit Husband's Family from False Dowry Case NRI Husband Still Listed as an International Criminal

Victim Name : Naveen
Victim Location : Florida, USA
Victim Educational Background : B.Tech, Andhra University
Victim Employed at : CGI

Case Highlights

- Wife not interested in marriage, maintains contact with ex-boyfriend
- False dowry case registered against Husband and his entire family
- Husband's parents jailed for 3 days
- Interpol Red Corner Notice issued against Husband
- Husband's Family acquitted by High Court after a lengthy court battle
- Husband is still a criminal in the eyes of Law (Interpol Red Corner Notice pending)
- Wife successfully immigrated to USA using Husband's Visa.

Case Details

- Married in Nov 2003 at HYD, A.P. No Dowry.
- Came back to US along with wife (H4) in 2 weeks.
- Lived happily for 5 months.
- Then found that wife was having an affair with her boy friend before our marriage and even after the marriage she was still in contact with that guy and guy's sister.
- My only question was why she was in contact with them still.
- She tried to harm herself with a knife.
- Looking at this, I asked her if she could stay with her parents in India for a while so that she will not be left alone at Home in USA once I go to work.
- She agreed for that, and we both went to India.
- I came back in couple of weeks, she stayed back.
- As soon as I am back to USA, she filed a case 498A against me, my parents, my brother, aunt, uncle and aunt's father. Case was filed in 2004 June.
- The fact is she never lived with any one of them except me.
- After the case is filed in India, my parents had to be there in Jail for 3 days, then I decided to go for Divorce and I applied in USA and send the notice to her in India.
- She came back to USA and contested in the Divorce case and she asked for Alimony or any kind of maintenance.
- Judge agreed for Divorce, but not for alimony or any maintenance as she couldn't prove any of her allegations.
- I was able to prove that I gave her money.
- Case dragged in India for more than 3 years as her parents were also not attending the court even after several Notices from Court.
- After notice from High Court A.P., they appeared in the court.
- And based on the statements by her parents and other witnesses, the local court dismissed the 498A charges against every one except me in 2006. Since I am USA, nothing has been discussed on the charges against me. (The case was split).

- Later District court of Nalgonda dismissed the Charges on Dowry as well in Sep 2006.
- Now the case against me is running.
- She ruined my life and sent my parents and others to Jail for 3 days, and enjoying her life in USA even stayed in USA illegally for more than 220 days.

Case Study No. 13

Wife Gets NRI Husband labeled as an International Criminal, Gets His Passport Revoked by Filing a False Dowry Case

Victim Name : Jay Kay
Victim Location : Massachusetts, USA
Victim Educational Background : BE Mech, ME Prod, MBA (Univ. of Massachusetts, Amherst)
Victim Employed at : A Global Pharmaceutical Company

Case Highlights

- Wife had Bipolar Disorder (A serious mental illness) and admitted for Psychiatric treatment
- Wife and family refused medication and treatment
- Husband unable to bear Wife's violence and concerned for safety of child. Files for divorce.
- Wife's brother, a Supreme Court Lawyer, files a false dowry case against Husband and Family
- Husband's father jailed for 23 days
- Interpol Red Corner Notice issued against Husband
- Wife's influential family got Husband's passport revoked.
- Wife and family harassing Husband and trying to get him deported to India.
- Husband's frantic Appeals to Govt. of India (Ministry of External Affairs) ignored

Case Details

- Married in 2000. (Arranged)
- Had an early child in 2001 US Citizen
- Wife had issues right from day of marriage, but I always thought once in US things will change for good. Never happened
- Visited to India with family. She refused to come back. Was separated for 2 years.
- Reconciled with support of family and friends and came back to US
- Visited India for 5 times with 6 years. Wife stayed with my family for only 20 days incl after marriage. Walks out with my kid and threatens that if I stop her and kid, will call the police.
- Brother is a lawyer in Supreme court ND & has threatened earlier when she left home that we harassed her for dowry.
- August 2006, after serious sleep issues and paranoid thoughts, went to meet psychologist and they immediately admitted her in Psychiatry for 12 days. Was diagnosed with Bipolar disorder.
- Her family did not support this initiative. Child has seen extreme amount of violence put up by her and DSS involved. Refused medication and treatment.
- Came back to US as I found it unsafe to leave my kid with her. Filed divorce petition in India as I had enough of her
- In retaliation, she and her brother filed 498a on me and my dad and mom. Dad was arrested without investigation and remanded for 23 days. Mom went in hiding till she got AB
- They secured an arrest warrant on me, sent notification to CBI/Interpol and RCN + LOC on me. PP revoked by so called "Competent Authority" with no reason, appealed to Ext affairs ministry, so far no result.
- Wife & bro sent the above docs to my employer and clients and made a mess of me to throw me out of job. Explained the situation and luckily survived so far.

Case Study No. 14

Wife Registers False Domestic Violence Cases in USA against NRI Husband to Obtain Immigration Benefits

Victim Name : Avro
Victim Location : Minnesota, USA

Case Highlights

- Wife violent and physically abusive towards Husband.
- Husband sought and was granted protection from US courts
- Wife pressed false domestic Violence Charges against Husband in US
- Wife "vehemently supported" by a "counselor" of Indian origin from a Women Organization and charges against Husband were ridiculously inflated.
- Wife intended to gain immigration benefits by pretending to be a victim of Domestic Violence.
- Unbiased American Legal System vindicated the Husband and threw out all false charges
- Husband still wary of a false dowry charges being pressed against him in India

Case Details

I got married in Kolkata, India and paid for my wife's travel to Minneapolis, MN, USA. I fulfilled all my responsibilities towards her. But she started threatening me even before coming to the US, demanding that I hand over my entire monthly salary to her - else she won't come and take legal action in Kolkata and get me and my parents in trouble. She refused to live with my parents in my absence.

Once she arrived in the US, she started mentally and physically abusing me, and her parents started threatening me over the phone, demanding that I accede to all the irrational and unreasonable demands of their daughter. Demands included I take her to all out-of-town client sites, at my own expenses of course, whenever I was traveling for work. Getting satellite TV so that she could watch Indian channels, doing whatever she wants, giving her "ample" pocket money were some of the other demands.

"She has left a suicide note in India - if something happens to her, we will see you..." was my mother-in-law's threat to me when I couldn't contain an uncontrollably shouting and quarrelling wife and called them in India for help - so that they could make her understand.

Finally, after being physically assaulted for the 3rd time, slapped, humiliated, and scratched all over my face, I left home, took help from the police and eventually sought an Order for Protection against my abusive wife from our local court in Minnesota. She slapped false dowry charges of \$1000, a mere fraction of my annual salary on me - besides the false abuse charge that I had slapped her because she couldn't do "math homework". She was vehemently supported by a marriage counselor of Indian origin, who later I knew had deep ties with a women's organization and a social worker, who is also the mother of a Minnesota legislator of Indian origin. An American women's organization represented my wife pro bono, in the court and made ridiculously inflated charges against me.

One additional incentive for her to file false domestic violence charges against me was to gain immigration benefits using VAWA. She applied for Work Authorization from US Govt., claiming she was an abused spouse.

The unbiased American legal system came to my rescue when a **female judge of the district court** convicted my wife under Minnesota Domestic Abuse Statute 518B.01 in August 2006. She was placed under restraining order, and prohibited from coming within a block of where I live and work and/or contacting me through any means or person.

All false charges against me were dismissed - **the female Judge wrote in her verdict that my wife's testimony was "non-credible and conflicting"**

My wife was a partying type though - she enjoyed her life alone in our matrimonial residence and enjoyed company from her boyfriends and other friends. She also advertised herself on Shaadi.com where her friend called me a "cheater" even though I was dismissed of all charges and my wife was convicted. Tired of fighting perceptual bias and culture bias, I filed for divorce in Minnesota.

Meanwhile, incessant threats from my wife's lawyer over the phone and sporadic insults from her well-wishers continued. "You will be investigated for human trafficking" - her pro bono lawyer threatened me.

With the help of a senior and kind attorney, I again won the contested divorce trial with the Judge awarding compensatory monetary relief against my wife and her abusive lawyer, to me. Her lawyer resigned and fled 15 days prior to the final trial to escape the wrath of the Judge.

But, even after convincing victories in the US judiciary, through evidentiary hearing, am still worried about my wife filing false dowry charges under Section 498A of the IPC in India.

Because I know, the false charge of her being subjected to cruelty, which was comprehensively proven false in the US would hold good in the Indian judicial system. Because I know, the Indian police would frame a solid case based on the \$1000 dowry charge, no matter how ridiculous and improbable it is. Because I know, words like territorial jurisdiction - a fact that she was here all the time and partied and enjoyed at my expense, even after separation, and was fairly and squarely beaten in the Minnesota trial courts, would have no bearing in the Indian judicial system.

Because even though she is a **convicted perpetrator of unbelievable mental cruelty and physical violence on her husband**, she is presumed innocent in India - and capable of vexing me under cruelty charges, violating fundamental principle of *res adjudicata*

Truth be told, I have no hopes of justice in the Indian judiciary - because of the perceptual bias and the business machinery ran by the lower judiciary and the police where NRI's are presumed guilty until innocent because they are "bakras"; and jailing our parents under frivolous charges is the easiest way to extort some money from us. After all, per Minister Renuka Choudhary - "Men must suffer" - and "NRI men must pay us and still suffer"

Case Study No. 15

NRI Wife Registers a False Dowry and a Domestic Violence Case against NRI Husband by email and FAX

Victim Name : Dherendra
Victim Location : New York, USA
Victim Educational Background : IIT Kanpur
Victim Employed at : Leading Telecom Equipment vendor

Case Highlights

- Wife physically abusive towards Husband resulting in Husband filing for divorce
- Wife slapped dowry case and domestic violence case in India, while sitting in US. She was able to file these cases using email and FAX
- Husband's Parents Arrested based on that complaint

Case Details

- I work in US for last 8 years. My parents are in Delhi. My siblings are pursuing PhD in Various parts of US
- I and my wife were in US on H1 before our marriage. We met through common friends and got married in US. This was a love marriage and not an arranged one.
- My wife had a GC at marriage and I was in 485 stage.
- Three months after our marriage we went to India for celebrations.
Immediately after the marriage my wife started using abusive language and forcing me to cutoff from my immediate and extended family. I could call my parents and siblings only from office.
- Both of us got our Green Card on our own (based on our H1).
- My in-laws will come and stay with us in US for long periods but my parents were not allowed.
- My wife was physically abusive throughout the marriage. Ultimately we had a child and the abuse grew even more after that. She would deny me access to child every time we had an argument.
- In the end I filed for divorce in US. After I filed for divorce my wife sent emails and fax to India and her parents filed 498a and DV cases against me, my parents and siblings.
- for 498a they tried to establish jurisdiction on false allegation that my parents went and asked for money after I had filed for divorce in US!!!
- For DV they did not even bother to establish jurisdiction. In fact they never claimed that I had committed violence against her on India soil.
- My parents were arrested for 498a even when my wife was in US !

Case Study No. 16

NRI Wife abducts children and flees to India to thwart prosecution by US Courts. Arrest Warrants by US Courts, FBI useless

Victim Name : Rajeev Mehta
 Victim Location : New Jersey, USA
 Victim Educational Background : Doctor (MD, FAAP, FRCP)
 Victim Employed at : Reputed Hospital in USA

Case Highlights

- Wife persistently abusive towards Husband
- After repeated failure of counseling, Husband filed for divorce
- Supported by Women Groups, Wife pressed false Domestic Violence Charges in USA.
- US Court vindicated Husband and awarded sole custody of children to Husband
- Wife abducted the children and fled to India. US Courts issued Arrest Warrants against Wife
- Wife refused to return children to US. FBI issues warrants against her
- Despite both the wife and husband being US Citizens, Wife filed false dowry case in India, to prevent Husband from coming to India to retrieve children
- Husband still willing to take back multiple Criminal Cases against Wife pending in US courts, if she returns the children to USA

Case Details

I am an US citizen (having left India in 1980), and work as an intensive care specialist/ consultant at a university hospital. I met my wife-to-be in the USA in 1994. We dated and lived together briefly before getting legally married in New York because she became pregnant. Soon after our marriage, her abusive behavior started becoming all too obvious. After, marital counseling with 3 different counselors had failed; I filed for divorce in the US Courts in 1998 because of my then-wife's persistent abusive behavior, habitual cheating and pathological lying.

The divorce was vigorously litigated for more than 3 years as my then-wife used 7 successive lawyers and tried to hurl just about every false accusation (with the help of her mother, her friend and all the women's groups) that included the filing of a false domestic violence case (but her fabrication was eventually exposed). Ultimately, I was awarded sole custody of my daughters based on the recommendations of the Court Appointed Guardian ad Litem, the Court Appointed Psychologist (selected by my ex-wife's 3rd lawyer) and Custody Evaluator, as well as the Court's own findings after it became aware of the various frauds perpetuated by this lady. Her downfall started during the divorce trial when she was caught stealing my lawyer's legal folder by the court security camera.

Realizing that the US Courts had seen through her frauds, ex-wife falsely claimed that her father was dying after a stroke (and submitted a medical certificate that had been issued by a colleague of her physician father) and it was his dying wish to be allowed to see his grandchildren, and she would positively return within 2 weeks. On compassionate grounds, she was allowed the trip to see her supposedly dying father. However, as soon as she reached India, my ex-wife (who is a US Citizen, not domiciled in India and even though neither of us had been to India since 1998) filed cases in the New Delhi courts to challenge the US divorce and custody judgments, saying that she wanted to re-litigate the divorce in India. For almost 4 years, I have challenged these cases but am facing the problem of delayed/denied justice by the Indian Courts as my ex-wife's family and lawyers have postponed several court appearances using political and legal connections.

In an attempt to stop me from visiting India to retrieve my children, my ex-wife filed a false dowry case in May 2002 (3 months after the US divorce and more than 7 years after our marriage) despite being a US citizen not domiciled in India and having an arrest warrant against her for the abduction of the children. The FIR for the false dowry case was filed with the help of an SI of police who was the investigating officer in an on-going criminal case (1994-2004) against my ex-father-in-law, and simultaneously a threat to my physical safety in India was communicated to me. In my ex-wife's false complaint in India (since she made no such complaint during the 3 years of the divorce litigation in the USA), she claimed that her parents supposedly gave us (my children, my then wife and me) gifts worth approximately \$10,000 over the 4 years of the marriage (i.e. an average of \$1,250/year at the time when I was earning \$425,000/year as a specialist/medical consultant and my then wife was earning about \$86,000/year) and that constituted dowry. My ex-wife wants the Indian Court to overturn the US court's orders and give her my mother's house in South Delhi, my late father's laboratory, \$30,000 as a lump sum and \$10,000 per month as support, and give her custody of the children.

The Superior Court of New Jersey issued a criminal arrest warrant after my ex-wife refused to return our daughters to the USA and following that the FBI issued a UFAP (Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution) warrant. Copies of the arrest warrant (Criminal and UFAP) were served on the CBI, MHA, MEA and NRI ministry in New Delhi. My ex-wife has refused to return to the USA because she knows that she is in deep trouble and faces sanctions for theft, perjury, fabrications, destruction of my well-paid job in New York, deceit and manipulation of the legal system during the 3 year long divorce that cost in excess of \$750,000 in legal expenses alone. My ex-wife took more than \$500,000 from the joint marital assets and did not even pay her 7th lawyer \$46,000 (although she transferred out over \$100,000 at the time of leaving the USA and after reaching India defrauded 7 US credit card companies of nearly \$70,000). What makes it further obvious that my ex-wife's dowry case is truly false is the fact that the FIR was filed in 2002 with the help of a police sub-inspector who was the investigating officer in a criminal case (1994-2004) against my ex-father-in-law.

The White House asked the US Departments of State and Justice to help me. The State Department approached the Indian Government several times and they (not being a signatory to the Hague Convention Treaty on International Child Abduction) unofficially claimed that Parental Child Abduction of US Citizen children by a non-custodial US Citizen Parent from the USA to India were not a crime. In fact, my ex-wife's family connections in the Indian Government even went to the extent of issuing Persons of Indian Origin (Resident Alien) Cards to my daughters (against my written request that they not extend any immigration privileges to my daughters). I have made several offers (personally, and through the US Department of State as well as the FBI) to my ex-wife that for the sake of the children, if she returns the children to the USA, I will make sure that all the cases against her are dropped. But my ex-wife wants to persist on her present devious course using her family's political and legal connections in India.