

1 1210 Talk Radio WPHT radio program: Dom
2 Giordano with guest Anthony Morelli discussing the
3 issues surrounding the website,
4 “ThePsychoExWife.Com”, and Judge Diane E. Gibbons
5 rulings from the hearings of June 6th, 2011 and June
6 14th, 2011.

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12 MR. GIORDANO: All right, welcome on board, it
13 is Dom time, final hour with you from Bermuda, but
14 there will be a lot when I get back from nine until
15 noon. Looking at my Facebook page with these
16 Bermuda shots of wearing the full regalia or some of
17 it, and socks. Would you wear these in Center City,
18 Dom? Of course I would. South Philly, no, that’s an
19 iffy proposition. Center City, yes. South Philly, no,
20 so far.

21 All right. Front page of the Sunday Inquirer had this
22 really knock-down drag-out battle that sometimes
23 happens in divorce and custody with kids, our guest,
24 Anthony Morelli, is one of the participants. He
25 launched a website, according to The Inquirer, in

1 2007, as a space for him to vent. His URL left no
2 doubt. They say, about the subject –
3 thepsychoexwife.com. A place of no names only
4 acronyms and plenty of wicked description. “Imagine,
5 if you will, Jabba the Hutt with less personality.” He
6 blogged about his ex. “She spends her time drinking
7 her days away bemoaning her victim status when she
8 isn’t stuffing the children with fast food, buying them
9 toys, or pushing them toward the tv or computer.”
10 Well, this site was stopped by Judge Diane Gibbons at
11 a June 6th custody hearing in Bucks County. And it
12 raises an interesting free speech argument versus how
13 damaging, the claim was, this might be to his two
14 children who are ages 12 and 9. His wife wants it
15 permanently shuttered. We are joined by Anthony
16 Morelli here on the Dom Giordano Program.
17 Anthony, thanks very much for joining us today.

18 MR. MORELLI: Good morning, Dom. Thanks for
19 having me.

20 MR. GIORDANO: Anthony, tell me, was The
21 Inquirer accurate in how they wrote up this story?
22 Was there anything in here that was inaccurate,
23 because a lot of people saw it.

24 MR. MORELLI: Well, there more salacious details
25 make for good copy, but I want people to understand

1 that when you're writing to connect with an audience,
2 you want to let your audience know that you've been
3 there, you understand what they're going through, and
4 when you're describing certain terrible events when
5 you're going through a high-conflict divorce and
6 custody situation – you have certain feelings about
7 situations, much of which has occurred in the past, and
8 you describe them in a way that connects with an
9 audience that is actively seeking assistance.

10 So, while the Jabba the Hutt, dark humor
11 characteristic that's written there, makes for great
12 copy, the fact remains that less than a third of the
13 content of the website has anything to do with my
14 personal situation and there is a wealth of resources
15 available to help people minimize the conflict in a
16 high conflict divorce and custody situation.

17 MR. GIORDANO: One would ask, though, if
18 you're trying to minimize that, Anthony, then why
19 would you go down this road against your ex-wife?

20 MR. MORELLI: Well, there is a
21 misconception that this road was designed to go after
22 my ex-wife and part of the purpose behind starting the
23 blog and maintaining a virtual cloak of anonymity was
24 to be able to reach as many people as possible who had
25 nowhere else to turn, who were talking to people who

1 didn't quite understand the depth of horror that they
2 were going through, while at the same time protecting
3 the identities of everybody involved in my own
4 personal situation.

5 MR. GIORDANO: Oh, I see, so just to be
6 clear, you're not named, your wife isn't named,
7 there'd be no way that people, other than your wife,
8 would know who you were talking about here?

9 MR. MORELLI: Correct. The blog was
10 started in 2007 and wasn't discovered for several
11 years, late 2009.

12 MR. GIORDANO: Now this Justice Diane E.
13 Gibbons, she orders you to take down the blog and the
14 rationale given was the harm and damage your kids are
15 getting old enough, they can Google this, they can find
16 it, it would be heartbreaking and potentially harmful
17 to their cyber savvy sons, aged 12 and 9.

18 MR. MORELLI: It's a fair argument, except
19 when you consider that they would, at 12 and 10, have
20 to be Googling high conflict divorce and custody
21 matters. Further, the existence of the written word
22 does not, in and of itself, promote harm to children or
23 anybody. And, if couched in appropriate terms, should
24 it be discovered, can be handled simply by good
25 parenting. I know that sounds ridiculous on its face,

1 but you have to understand that writing about accounts
2 that our family goes through does not rise to the level
3 of child abuse that Judge Gibbons would like to have
4 it become. However, the circumstances through which
5 we have all lived is abusive.

6 MR. GIORDANO: Now, the other argument I
7 guess here, Anthony, that I saw, or potential argument,
8 is your wife saying she just wants this to go away.
9 She sort of admits, allegedly, according to the news
10 accounts, of past problems with alcohol as far as I
11 read this, but has cleaned that up, wants to move on
12 with her life. Maybe your kids were unaware of those
13 problems and this brings all that up to a degree that's
14 no longer who she is.

15 MR. MORELLI: Well, Dom, I'd like to avoid
16 getting into the personal details of the specifics
17 regarding the situation, but let's be clear that the
18 children are aware, were aware, of all of the
19 circumstances that are described.

20 MR. GIORDANO: Okay, I got you. Let me ask
21 you then. So, then you launched a new site that is
22 still up and people can go to. What's the name of the
23 new site, Anthony Morelli?

24 MR. MORELLI: It is
25 savethepsychoexwife.com.

1 MR. GIORDANO: Okay. And apparently,
2 somebody here told me, I'm in Bermuda, but we're
3 looking at a lot of folks they have left, they are
4 looking at that you've raised \$4300 already?

5 MR. MORELLI: Yes.

6 MR. GIORDANO: \$4319.58 at least the last
7 that I saw this morning. Total needed, \$15,000, to do
8 what, Anthony?

9 MR. MORELLI: Well, needless to say that a
10 protracted court battle gets very expensive and,
11 effectively, it takes resources that I don't have readily
12 available in order to appeal the ruling which really is
13 a violation of civil rights. And there is a
14 misconception out there that what I am doing is
15 fighting to simply restore the blog or restore my,
16 quote, "Right to bash my ex-wife in public." And the
17 fact of the matter is that this kind of ruling has much
18 deeper and much farther reaching implications for
19 online support groups or public support groups.

20 Imagine, if you will, a judge telling someone
21 who's attending Alcoholics Anonymous or seeking
22 support for a mental illness or cancer survivors. They
23 don't like the way somebody is detailing their account
24 in public and threatens them with incarceration and
25 loss of custody of their children. This really has the

1 potential to shut down affordable and free, for
2 instance, that's what our support group does,
3 assistance for people who don't have other places to
4 turn. And the blog doesn't represent the whole of
5 what thepsychoexwife.com embodies. There is a whole
6 community forums where we discuss issues related to
7 parenting, to step-parenting, to issues facing people in
8 family court. This ruling is not unusual. Most people
9 don't have the funds or the mental and emotional
10 wherewithal to fight unjust rulings, such as the one –

11 MR. GIORDANO: So, you're saying, let me
12 cut to the chase. I hear you saying that you feel that
13 these rulings are often against the male in this
14 situation and that's what you're hearing, that's what
15 you're getting, that's what you're trying to get out
16 there, and often they're shut down because they just
17 can't afford to fight back.

18 MR. MORELLI: Well, Dom, I would like to
19 say to that point is I want you to imagine, I have very
20 little doubt that if this account the genders were
21 reversed and a mother was writing in very vivid, very
22 caustic detail about the roadblocks that they've faced
23 in family court. That she was dealing with an abusive,
24 alcoholic ex-husband, and she had no place else to
25 turn, that she would be applauded from east coast to

1 west coast about exposing the monster ex-husband and
2 her unfair treatment in family court.

3 MR. GIORDANO: Yeah, I have to say I think
4 it would go that way, without a doubt, you would see
5 it turned down.

6 So, what you want people to do right now, the
7 new website, would you give that? Then we're going
8 to take some callers with you, Anthony. Where do
9 people go now?

10 MR. MORELLI: It is
11 savethepsychoexwife.com. The main blog is down and
12 the forums have been closed until the appeal has been
13 heard and a ruling rendered.

14 MR. GIORDANO: Okay, stand by, Anthony.
15 We'll take some callers 855-839-1210.

16 You hear what the broader parts of this. Is this a
17 free speech issue or is the judge right? The damage
18 and harm that will come to these two kids, is this kind
19 of cyber-bullying, harassment? You know, the internet
20 is often the area of a whole new array of issues that
21 come up. This is one. But it also has the old issue
22 that comes up. Do dads, does the guy get a fair shake
23 in these things? In 25 years of doing talk radio, I've
24 never seen an issue go back and forth more of hearing
25 this and I see the deadbeat dad syndrome. I know

1 nothing here with Morelli that that's what it's about.
2 But it is a big, big custody battle going on here that is
3 as intense as you get and when you have a website
4 thepsychoexwife.com and now
5 savethepsychoexwife.com, there's intensity involved.

6 Is the judge right to shut this down now or not?
7 855-839-1210. I'd love to hear from a lot of women on
8 this, too, and to see if your view is different than what
9 Morelli is expressing. You know, and does this help
10 with this caustic type of divorce? Of course it
11 doesn't. Does he have a right to do it, though? Is it
12 something that a judge should just say, you know what
13 - I'm using my discretion here to take this down,
14 never again refer to his ex-wife on any public media or
15 mention his children online other than happy birthday
16 or other significant school events.

17 Two days later he launched this, or a few days
18 later he launched this savethepsychoexwife.com. 855-
19 839-1210. 855-839-1210. We'll hear from you if
20 you've been through a divorce incident, but maybe if
21 you haven't, maybe if you're more objective, you
22 don't have some skin in the game that way, what's the
23 fair thing to do here? Should this guy be able to
24 continue to duke it out with his ex-wife? You heard
25 what his overarching goal was, according to what he

1 claims. Or is the damage to the kids, who can
2 obviously find this stuff now, 12 and 9, they'll know
3 what's going on. It's pretty severe, right? 855-829-
4 1210 your calls next with Anthony Morelli here at the
5 new talk radio 1210 WPHT.

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7 (Commercial Break)

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9 MR. GIORDANO: Hey, welcome in, it's Dom
10 from Bermuda but our eyes are back home. We're
11 talking with Anthony Morelli. Big battle been going
12 on since, I guess, 2007, in which he wanted a space to
13 vent. He launches a website thepsychoexwife.com.

14 All right, let's go to the callers with him, let's
15 go to Kathy in Philadelphia. Hey Kathy, thanks for
16 calling us, you're here with Anthony Morelli. Go
17 right ahead.

18 KATHY IN PHILADELPHIA: Anthony I was
19 just curious as to why you picked the name that you
20 did of your website? If the purpose of it was
21 educational, that doesn't sound like a very good
22 website address.

23 MR. MORELLI: That's a great question,
24 Kathy, and a question that I would love to answer for
25 you. When we first embarked on starting the blog, we

1 did research, keyword research on Google Analytics.
2 And it might surprise you to find that the terms psycho
3 ex-wife and many variants thereof are searched for
4 globally more than five million times per month.

5 MR. GIORDANO: Oh my God.

6 MR. MORELLI: We felt the easiest way to
7 connect with the greater audience to find those people
8 who are dealing with high conflict divorce and custody
9 situations was to take advantage of those keywords.
10 And it has nothing. Go on.

11 KATHY IN PHILADELPHIA: But do you agree
12 that it has really spiteful overtones and to me, I'm an
13 educator and to me that smacks of bullying. If a kid
14 put a website up like that or anything with psycho in
15 it, they would, the principal would have him in the
16 office in no time. And we would never allow that. It
17 seems to me you're modeling how to bully people.

18 MR. GIORDANO: Kathy, are you there?

19 KATHY IN PHILADELPHIA: Yeah, I'm here.

20 MR. GIORDANO: Go right ahead, Anthony.

21 MR. MORELLI: I was going to say that I
22 would disagree with that assessment in that it is
23 written for adults. And while it is out there for –

24 KATHY IN PHILADELPHIA: Hey, adults bully
25 adults. And it doesn't stop.

1 MR. MORELLI: Kathy, I'd like to be able to
2 finish answering your question, it is a good question.

3 MR. GIORDANO: Go ahead, Anthony.

4 MR. MORELLI: When people are seeking
5 assistance for a high conflict divorce and custody
6 situation, these are the terms that they are using to
7 find resources to help five million times globally per
8 month.

9 MR. GIORDANO: All right, thanks very much.
10 But that is amazing that psycho wife or ex-wife is put
11 in that often.

12 KATHY IN PHILADELPHIA: It's scary.

13 MR. GIORDANO: Thanks for the call, Kathy.
14 Thank you, Kathy.

15 KATHY IN PHILADELPHIA: It's scary. It's
16 scary. You're welcome. Bye bye.

17 MR. GIORDANO: Let's go to Craig in Drexel
18 Hill. Hey, Craig, good morning. You're with Anthony
19 Morelli. Craig, go right ahead.

20 CRAIG IN DREXEL HILL: I wanted to weigh
21 in on this. I got a brother who, about 10 years ago,
22 was going through a nasty divorce. His ex was,
23 apparently the judge that they had for the divorce
24 hearing was notorious for siding with the woman's
25 side of things in spite of what the evidence might have

1 suggested that you should do. So, his ex-wife got all
2 kinds of consideration and when she was, the wife was
3 making somewhere in the neighborhood of \$150,000 a
4 year, my brother, because he has problems with work
5 was making about a third of that maybe. The wife
6 would go back to the court and ask for more child
7 support, change the custody arrangements and this and
8 that and the judge just kept saying yes to her and no to
9 him no matter what happened. He was working seven
10 days a week. He couldn't make the payments. The
11 judge said no, you have to pay more get another job.

12 And he, he actually ended up snapping. He killed
13 himself. He couldn't take the pressure anymore.

14 MR. GIORDANO: Oh my God.

15 CRAIG IN DREXEL HILL: After several
16 years. So, if he had a site, whether it was a whacko-
17 wife, psycho-wife, whatever, ex-wife. If he a resource
18 to go to ten years ago, fifteen years ago, whatever,
19 twelve years ago, when this happened, I wonder if he
20 would have been able to feel like he is not alone. That
21 there's other people sympathize with him and that he
22 could kind of see a light at the end of the tunnel,
23 being able to talk to other people. But the support
24 group is immensely helpful for people's psyche so that
25 they don't feel like they're alone.

1 MR. GIORDANO: Well Craig, there are
2 support groups out there already for dads in this
3 situation, for men in this situation.

4 CRAIG IN DREXEL HILL: Right, right.
5 Well, ten or twelve years I don't know what he had
6 access to. He was in New Hampshire, I'm down here,
7 he was up in New England. I want – I want –

8 MR. GIORDANO: Okay. I hear you. Thank you.
9 Thanks, Craig, very much. I'm going to go to another
10 caller, Jen in Boothwyn, Jen you're on with Anthony
11 Morelli. Go right ahead, Jen.

12 JEN IN BOOTHWYN: Hey, how are you?

13 MR. GIORDANO: Good.

14 JEN IN BOOTHWYN: Good. I just want to
15 let you know that I agree with you. I don't think the
16 judge should, I think you're allowed to have the
17 website. As much as I don't agree with it on a
18 personal level, you should be able to have the website.

19 MR. GIORDANO: How come, Jen? Do you
20 think it overrides the potential damage to the kids?

21 JEN IN BOOTHWYN: Well, no names are
22 involved, right, on the website?

23 MR. MORELLI: That is correct, Jen.

24 JEN IN BOOTHWYN: And, if you also say in
25 your about column that you take great pains to make

1 sure that your children are protected from all this,
2 right?

3 MR. MORELLI: Correct. They are, however,
4 now aware of the website's existence.

5 JEN IN BOOTHWYN: Because of the
6 newspaper.

7 MR. MORELLI: No, actually, because
8 they're mother told them about it.

9 JEN IN BOOTHWYN: Oh.

10 MR. MORELLI: Another point I'd like to
11 make as well, Jen, to your point is that the blog itself
12 is a vehicle to attract the people who are look for
13 assistance. What the general public isn't seeing right
14 now because everything is shut down is our community
15 forums which serve over 500 active members and
16 untold thousands of what they call lurkers, people who
17 are afraid to register but also seek the advice and
18 guidance that goes on step-parenting, low-contact in
19 high conflict situations, how to gather things for
20 court. We're not about, contrary to the assertion, one
21 of Judge Gibbons' comments if remember correctly,
22 was that I am encouraging other people to do the same
23 things. It might surprise you that the first piece of
24 advice that I give people is not to create a blog about
25 their high conflict divorce and custody situation.

1 MR. GIORDANO: And probably don't call it
2 psycho ex-wife if you do, exactly. Say we disagree or
3 that type of thing.

4 Thank you, Jen, for the call. Thank you Jen,
5 very much.

6 Anthony, would you give me where people can
7 find the new website and we'll see what happens.
8 What are the timelines? When do you meet with the
9 judge again or what happens next?

10 MR. MORELLI: Well, we're in a holding
11 pattern right now. We filed the appeal with the State
12 Superior Court and we're really just waiting for a
13 court date at this point.

14 The website to keep track of the 1st Amendment
15 and civil rights violations issues is the
16 savethepsychoexwife, one word, dot com and again,
17 our objective is to protect all the other resources that
18 are out there, all the people who want to speak to their
19 personal situations, and make sure that they have the
20 ability not to be silenced by a judge who essentially
21 wants to violate their rights.

22 MR. GIORDANO: Anthony Morelli, thanks for
23 joining us today. Please keep us in mind down the
24 road. Please keep us in the loop as far as what's
25 happening.

1 MR. MORELLI: Thanks for having me, Dom,
2 I appreciate it.

3 MR. GIORDANO: All right, we'll take more
4 reaction to that and everything else we've been talking
5 about there at 855-839-1210. The Dom Giordano
6 Program more coming up 855-839-1210. AT&T and
7 Verizon Wireless can reach me just as if I were back
8 in Philadelphia here on the new talk radio 1210 WPHT.

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