Tuesday 1st

May, 2001.

Ruth Boyd Hughes,

Appellant,

against Record No. 1188-99-2 Circuit Court No. CJ97C-47

Richard Lee Hughes,

Appellee.

Upon a Rehearing En Banc

Before Chief Judge Fitzpatrick, Judges Benton, Willis, Elder, Bray, Annunziata, Bumgardner, Frank, Humphreys, Clements, and Agee

Katina D. Clarke for appellant.

Denis C. Englisby (Englisby, Englisby & Vaughn, on brief), for appellee.

By published opinion dated August 1, 2000, a divided panel of this Court reversed the judgment of the trial court, which awarded custody of the minor children to the father. <u>See Hughes v. Hughes</u>, 33 Va. App. 160, 531 S.E.2d 654 (2000). We stayed the mandate of that decision and granted a rehearing <u>en banc</u>.

Upon rehearing <u>en</u> <u>banc</u>, the stay of this Court's August 1, 2000 mandate is lifted, and the judgment of the trial court is reversed for the reasons set forth in the majority panel opinion.

This order shall be published and certified to the trial court.

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