

We attended and spoke at the listening session on September 15, 2005 in Nashua. We would like to add a few more thoughts.

We both had decisions that were made by the same judge. We believe that the judge has been on the bench for a long time; perhaps too long.

In my husband's case the judge showed blatant familiarity with the opposing attorney, made a political comment about the Republican party, and treated his attorney with disdain. Our attorney commented after the proceeding that the judge had been very mean to her.

The judge also granted alimony to my husband's ex wife who was married to someone else at the time even though no alimony was awarded in the original divorce. She was at fault in the fault divorce. My husband was ordered to pay his ex wife who was married to someone else alimony. Is this judge allowed to create law? His decision is in direct contrast to what is written.

The opposing attorney mentioned my income during the hearing. From what I have read in the laws of the state that is not allowed.

In my case the judge signed the order by did not preside. My ex husband has not paid child support in nearly 2 years. He has been ordered 3 times to pay and still continues to disregard the court decision. The second time should have been the last time that this was heard. Why is this allowed to continue?

We contacted both the judicial conduct committee and the NH Bar Association regarding the deplorable use and abuse of the law. To the best of our knowledge both the judicial conduct committee and the NH Bar Association did at least discuss the matter. I know they get many complaints which they disregard as being without merit. They must have found some in our case.

We went to the expense of ordering the transcripts of my husband's hearings to prove the point about the familiarity and the political slur.

Our suggestion is for more monitoring of the judges and the attorneys. We begin to wonder if long tenured judges are not monitored because it is assumed they know their job well.

In this case the judge in question lacks objectivity and perhaps begins to exhibit some loss of ability to process information clearly.

In addition to the better monitoring of their performance we would strongly urge to legal system to put in place a process for evaluating the mental capability, the physical condition, and the emotional state of the judges and attorneys who have the power to affect the lives of the people.

We appreciate your efforts in trying to improve our legal system. It is our hope that you are successful so that other citizens will not have to endure the emotional and financial burdens we have had to endure at the hand of the legal system.

Sincerely,  
Kathleen & Paul Robinson

