

To the Commission,

Years ago when a woman was having a baby, she was drugged and the baby delivered. Dad was sent to wait in the Father's Room.

Things have certainly changed in the childbirth field, and in our schools, and even in our churches. But our Courts haven't changed. People are still being told when to stand up and when to sit down. The Court system has its own unique language, and time schedule. And decisions are made in back rooms, with the doors closed to the very people being affected.

As things have changed in other areas of our lives, I hope that these Listening Sessions can be a first step to bringing our court system into the 21st century. The very fact of this Commission's existence is hopeful. Please listen to the anguish, despair, harm and distress that have been caused by the current system. Our courts are about people and families. Let us have a system that seeks to maintain healthy people and whole families.

Thank you for being aware that the Court System of NH is not working for all of its citizens. Thank you for listening. And thank you for the hard work of bringing about change.

Sincerely,

Jean Jackson