

Thank-you for soliciting public comment on the courts.

You wrote:” What experiences have you had with the state courts?”

My personal experience has been with marital courts and with matters concerning divorce, child support and modifications.

You wrote:” Where do you get information about the state courts?”

My information on the courts was obtained at the courthouse – from the clerk of court’s staff in Haverhill, NH, and online, and at the library at Plymouth State University.

You Wrote: “How much do you know about how the state courts operate?”

I am an engineer – not an attorney. My experience is limited and practical information is not readily available.

You Wrote: “Are you concerned about the expense of going to court?”

Keeping costs high and limiting access to counsel is the best way to alienate citizens and produce contempt for the legal process.

You Wrote: “What different challenges are the state courts facing today?”

The biggest challenge is limiting the practice of passing new laws in the courts, thereby circumventing the legislative process.

You Wrote: “What is the most positive thing you have heard about the state courts?”

They are thinking of, considering, maybe working towards, joining the twentieth century and adopting a

process of tape-recording proceedings in place of using court stenographers.

You Wrote: "What is the most negative thing you have heard about the state courts?"

It is scandalous that the courts provide free legal counsel to mothers in child support hearings, while leaving fathers to fend for themselves.

The practice of appointing marital masters, court officials, etc. to investigative commissions to recommend legislative changes.

The officials later make rulings consistent with their recommendations, without bothering to wait for the inconvenience of having the legislature make law to support them. These commissions are often unbalanced.