

To: Joint Committee on Judiciary 04/19/2021 Public Hearing on HB 3104A

CEROMONIAL OPPOSITION (there may be good things in it, hard to tell) - 04/16/2021

I'm speaking as a Pro Se Litigant in Multnomah County Family Court re: Judge Svetky and child's attorney Mike Ferl have both treated me horribly with racism, bias, and misogyny. This judge is not even following their own rules on notifications and serving papers, having my rights revoked during a temporary ex parte proceeding that have turned permanent. I have experienced extreme racism and bias in court proceedings for the last 2 years.

**Supported Testimony of Others:** There are too many attorneys involved who are not supporting efforts to streamline and apply equity values. In NoPo (North Portland) activist call them \*Public Pretenders\* or \*Dump Truck Attorneys. I am not surprised the nightly protests keep occurring at the Multnomah County Justice Center. It is a racist racket. I have never been arrested or accused of ANY crime and the Family Court likes to treat me like a POC criminal, instead of a Indigenous parent who has had their children stolen from them by the County Courts.

My children have been appointed one of these attorneys, who has taken a position representing the private property interest of the father who has suggested I was trespassing for using the bathroom at a parental pick up. I have no idea how this attorney's time is being billed to the county but continuing to dismiss and ignore my phone calls is increasing his billable hours at the very least. It is absurd. This children's attorney is enabling a verbally abusive father to continue "escalating" a situation beyond necessary and profiting off the conflict. Dump Truck Attorney

The three minutes this committee provides me is more than the 2.5 minutes I was afforded in a telephone call hearing on March 8<sup>th</sup> that resulted in the permanent loss of custody of my children. I do not even have a copy of the outcome of the hearing, without paying another court document fee \$9, I already paid \$160 to respond in addition to \$20,000 in previous attorney fees. Every additional fee is intended to punish parents, not bring families together. I have not seen my kids for a regular visit in over 14 months. Following the death of my father I lost custody after expressing suicide ideation like Megan Markle on Oprah, but she did not have her kids taken from her. Anger is an understatement. The child's attorney has refused to contact me or get my input. Public Pretender

I tried requesting financial assistance from the Oregon Attorneys fund, apparently you must be close to bankruptcy before they help you. But I guess that is the point. Spin families through the attorney cycles until everybody is bankrupt and the kids are none the better.

Pro se voices in the court system should be elevated not dismissed. Pro se litigants should be placed on an advisory committee for streamlining and improving the court proceedings. They have a vested interest in resolving conflict not prolonging it like attorneys. All judges who have had a bias claim or request for change from litigants should be required to have racism and equity training. Unbelievable lack of transparency and price fee gouging. I do not support any more money going to county family courts or their racist attorneys.

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