

Comments Re Judge Jiron  
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In my recent divorce case, which was heard by Judge Jiron and two side judges, we were assured at the end of our hearing that we would receive a decision in two weeks. That was on November 10. I received the decision in the mail on February 2. I called the court two or three times to check the status and to see if the Judge needed more information. Apparently not. The hearing took just over an hour, and seemed to go well enough, although I have to say that I went in with trepidation, knowing that he tends to release a good percentage of alleged (male) criminals apprehended by local police in our area. This, to me, indicated the possibility of some kind of bias in favor of one demographic – a topic of frequent discussion by townspeople.

I represented myself, as did my spouse. However, when the written decision arrived, it was clear that Judge Jiron missed the overall gist of my reason for the divorce and granted a settlement that was **less than my husband had offered**. Without sharing details that the general public doesn't need to hear, suffice it to say that my presentation and the printed material that I supplied to the court was essentially overlooked. Some critical, perhaps even dangerous, elements of the marital situation were seemingly unknown to the person who wrote the decision. My retirement future has been significantly impacted, as well (I am 61 and work fulltime in education, work that I adore). While working as a teacher, though, I did not contribute extra to my retirement in my early years because we just could not afford to. While I was teaching fulltime, I raised two children (and loved every second of that). My spouse worked away from home as a union plumber/pipefitter for most of those years (and has a comfortable pension and a solid annuity fund). He often did not come home regularly. It is my firm belief that once our hearing was adjourned, Judge Jiron never again looked at my printed submission or the case manager's notes, which would have substantiated my claims. I am quite sure he never looked at the notes from the case manager's meetings. If I could appeal this decision, I would. My personal future has been negatively impacted because Judge Jiron seemingly was unaware or did not take into consideration the facts of this situation.

Thank you for accepting my comments. There are many women who go before him who have fewer resources than I and need his careful consideration.

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