

Hi Peggy,

Thank you for informing me of this event. I am always striving to stay connected to the judiciary as both a Vermonter and a passionate lover of the law. To ensure I do not miss any important events in the future, I would like to know where I can keep track of the judiciary's activities. I regret that I read the news too late this time.

I am writing to provide my testimony regarding my experience with the Judiciary, and particularly with Judge Charles Delaney, an assistant judge of the Vermont Superior Court Chittenden.

“ I have many past experiences that have dissuaded me from ever wanting to be a lawyer. However, it was my particular experience with Judge Delaney that really drove home my reason for never wanting to engage in the legal field. I was summoned to court for a case that was brought before him, as he was the assistant judge. I will never forget the look of boredom and dissatisfaction on his face, as he even went so far as to rolling his eyes while I was speaking. I thought to myself, "What is wrong with this man? What is wrong with these people? Why are they so uptight and unhappy?" This is an important lesson for judges to remember: you are the face of the judiciary, and you cannot be the reason why people decide to never enter the legal field or go to court. This experience is forever etched in my memory, and I want to share it to remind judges how important it is for them to be welcoming, smiling, and grateful. If I had not been called by a higher and more supreme judge to do this work, I would have never chosen law as my career path. Therefore, I urge judges to remember the power of their presence. I was astounded when I visited the Costello Courthouse in Burlington and had the privilege of witnessing Judge Nancy Waples in action. She was smiling, beaming, and so stylish, appearing content, satisfied and grateful to be in the judge chair. This realization made me understand the importance of judges knowing that they are representing the court, and for many laymen, they only know the judge and a few court personnel. Therefore, I feel compelled to emphasize how essential it is for judges to remain cheerful and confident. I am aware that the job is difficult, however, if I had not seen Judge Nancy Waples smiling, looking content and fulfilled in her role, as judge. I do not think I would have ever truly considered the field of law. It is paramount for judges to remember that most people enter the courtroom and all they do is stare at the judge. What kind of impression do we want to leave? Do we want our Vermont judges to look upset, dissatisfied or do we want them to look happy and at peace? I choose the latter.”

I wrote this on my notes section in my phone, so let me know if there's any dramatic grammar issues however, thank you for letting me submit testimony. Thank you

Be Well,

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