

What About Judge Leo Bowman? Get This Bad Judge Off The Bench

Judge Leo Bowman of the Sixth Circuit Court, Oakland County, Michigan, is a very bad judge and should resign. He is the worst political decision that former Michigan Governor Jennifer Granholm ever made. She was able to appoint Leo Bowman to a vacancy on the bench due to a lack of checks and balances in the Michigan Constitution concerning judicial appointments by the governor. See [Michigan Affirmative Action Failure : Judge Leo Bowman.](#)

Judge Bowman is an example of the Michigan Constitution perpetuating evilness in the legal system because it denies Michigan citizens the right to control their legal system.

I appeared before Judge Bowman in his Family Law Court concerning child support. I observed him closely, and read and listened to his opinions concerning me. It should be noted that he ruled against me, and many may feel that I have a grudge against him. Perhaps, Judge Bowman or his supporters will call me a racist in order to negate my opinion of this very poor performing Judge.

My Judgment of Divorce papers stipulated a typical child custody arrangement wherein I would have the minor children every other weekend. In order to reduce parental conflict the Judgment stated that I should pick the children up at their school at the end of the school day on Friday, have the children the entire weekend, and return them to their school on Monday morning. During the Court proceedings I informed Judge Bowman that I did not work during my child parenting time in order to be with my children. Prior to the Divorce I worked every Friday afternoon and every Saturday for at least four hours. Judge Bowman stated to me that he found that after the Divorce I did not work during my parenting time in order to reduce my child support payment.

Judge Bowman did not know the law or respect an important order concerning Social Security Payments that Judge Mary Ellen Brennan, my ex-wife, and I signed. As a matter of fact Judge Bowman angrily refused to look at the order that Judge Brennan signed after I asked him if I could approach the bench with it. He also had a copy of it in the file. His anger, unwillingness to exam the file when requested, and bias against me resulted in an order he issued that legally denied me proper credit for Social Security Payments. It required an additional \$1,500 in legal fees, aggravation, and conflict with my ex-wife before Judge Mary Ellen Brennan signed her same order a second time reversing the damage of the wicked act resulting from Judge Bowman's rampage.

Judge Bowman was incompetent and negligent when he inserted the wrong figure into the child support formula. I did not know of his error at the time he made it because Judge Bowman improperly withheld his child support formula calculations from me at the time he send me his opinion four months late. I noticed the lack of the calculations because they were referenced in his opinion. I requested a copy. After I received it I informed Judge Bowman of his error, but he did nothing to correct it.

I felt that Judge Bowman's opinion in my case revealed a lack of knowing, following, and upholding the law concerning child support. He demonstrated shallow and arbitrary reasoning abilities, and an arrogant prejudice against me. My ex-wife and I have had a lot of conflict and anger towards each other, but she stated to me that Judge Bowman did not treat me properly, and I respect her for that.

Judge Bowman could perform as a wise stellar Judge, but he has not. I spoke to an African American prior to appearing before Judge Bowman. He stated that Judge Bowman would be a very good Judge because as the first African American on the Oakland County Circuit Court he would go out of his way in order to make sure that he is an exemplary Judge. Why is Judge Bowman's performance so abysmal? Does he bring too much baggage to the bench? Does he lack the smarts to be a good Judge? Does he feel that he is entitled?

What can be done to remove Judge Bowman from the bench? I again ask him to resign. I hope that others will ask him to resign. Judge Bowman has to run for re-election in 2012 if he wishes to serve another term. The problem is that no sitting judge on the Oakland County Circuit Court has ever had any opposition when running for re-election. These judges are in for life, and are not held accountable. Citizens have no opportunity to vote them out. I appeal to the Oakland County Bar Association to field a candidate against Judge Bowman. I appeal to an individual attorney to run against and defeat Judge Bowman in order to improve the administration of justice in Oakland County.

Michigan's Constitution has to be amended in order to give Michigan citizens more control over their legal system. I have proposed the ***Golden Legal Oversight Amendment***, an amendment to have an independently elected board police the Michigan legal system instead of the Michigan Supreme Court. Illinois' Constitution mandates that judges run against themselves in retention elections. After the judges' name on the Illinois ballot is the question, *Should this judge be retained for another term?* I would like to have the opportunity to vote Judge Bowman off the Bench. Arizona's Constitution has established a commission to gather and disseminate information concerning judges in order for voters to be informed about their judiciary. Judges like Bowman would perform better if they know that someone is looking over them, and they have to face the voters in retention elections. Michigan's Constitution should mandate that the Michigan Senate must approve all judicial appointments made by the Governor.

Michigan needs a higher standard for Family Law Judges, and more citizen control of the Family Law Court in order to prevent future Judge Bowmans. Family Law Judge is the lowest position on the bench. The newest judge gets stuck with the job. It is the writ of initiation for many judges. Some people like Bowman are not suited for the job, perform poorly, and cause individuals and families to suffer. The legal system could care less because its first priority is to protect themselves.

Judge Leo Bowman should be the symbol to rally against concerning what needs to be corrected in the Michigan Legal System. Judge Bowman should not sit on the Bench. Citizens, empower yourselves to prevent future Judge Bowmans.

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