

## READING MATERIAL WHILE YOU WAIT FOR THE JUDGE

Today is Wednesday, motion day at the Oakland County Circuit Court. How long will you wait in Court today? Do you get angry when you have to wait and wait? Do you know why you have to wait and wait for the judge? Local Court Rule 2.119 written by the Michigan Supreme Court makes you wait. The rule basically states that the judge will hear your case on a first come first serve basis. All parties must be checked in with the clerk by 9:30 A.M.

This courthouse is not adequate to handle everyone coming at the same time in the morning. Look at the parking lot. The facility manager would like motion day practices to be changed for a more orderly process. A mandatory check in time for everyone by 9:30 A.M. is ridiculous.

Why do our judges not work by appointment on motion day? This Court endorses Local Court Rule 2.119. In researching the topic administrative personal of this court stated to me that it is a court tradition to make you wait. This is the way it has been done, should be done, and will always be done. The court does not have the personnel to schedule appointments. Scheduling appointments is too expensive for the court. The court lacks the resources to schedule appointments. Court administrator Richard Lynch wrote to me on behalf of Chief Judge Wendy Potts that the legal system works better when it makes you wait. (See his letter on my web site [www.tagolden.com](http://www.tagolden.com) )

I feel that the current system indicates that the judges and administrative staffs are callous, indifferent, lazy, lack initiative, lack imagination, lack good judgement, and lack administrative skills. They fail to give the subjects of the court respect and dignity. When other professional people do not give us respect and dignity we have the freedom to choose someone else. Unfortunately, we do not have the freedom to change courts or judges.

Rules can be changed. The Justices of the Michigan Supreme Court and the Judges of this court, especially the Chief Judge of this Court, Wendy Potts, dictated Local Court Rule 2.119. Local Court Rule 2.119 can be revised to mandate motion day by appointment. Why do our elected judicial leaders refuse to give us the respect and dignity we deserve?

Can individual judges of this Court run their motion day by “appointment” if they wanted?  
**Can individual judges give us respect and dignity on their own initiative? Ask your judge in court today.** Ask Chief Judge Wendy Potts or Kevin Oefner, the head court administrator.

### Use Your Vote

What can you do if you feel strongly about the Court’s lack of respect and dignity towards you? Protest! Take some action. Use your power as a voter. Hold Chief Judge Wendy Potts accountable for your wait, and do not vote for her if she runs for re-election.

(Note: This is the flier that I have handed out to people waiting to get into the Oakland County Court House at 8:30 A.M. on Wednesdays.)

