

PUBLIC HEARINGS  
HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Harrisburg, PA  
"DOMESTIC RELATIONS INJUSTICES IN THE PENNSYLVANIA LEGAL SYSTEM"

FAMILY COURT VICTIMS

Plaintiff,

v.

ADVERSARY SYSTEM

Defendant

**TAKE DIVORCE OUT OF THE COURTS,**  
(Long Term)  
EMERGENCY TASK FORCE, OMBUDSMAN  
(Short Term)

Friday, September 13, 1991  
2:00 p.m.  
Room 140, Main Capitol Building  
Harrisburg, PA

OPINION, TESTIMONY  
D. L. ROSENFELD  
**JUST-US IN JUSTICE**  
277 West Mall Blvd.  
Monroeville, PA 15146  
412/856-9100

## O P I N I O N

VOLTAIRE SAID, "THE PATH TO JUSTICE IS THROUGH ETERNAL  
VIGILANCE!"

I WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE FOR  
TAKING A MONUMENTAL GIANT STEP IN SETTING UP THESE HEARINGS. I  
WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THOSE LITIGANTS WHO COULD  
NOT BE HERE TODAY.

**THE COURTS WERE DESIGNED TO RESOLVE PROBLEMS - NOT CREATE MORE  
PROBLEMS.** So, for hundreds of men, women and children - the  
Family Court scene is one of intimidation...rather than of  
problem solving.

THE HERALD...(10/18/91) FRONT PAGE READ **JUDGE SAYS FAMILY  
COURT IS HELLHOLE**

PITTSBURGH PRESS HEADLINES (10/29/89) READ, **FAMILY COURTS  
ARE WAR ZONE WITH NO WINNERS ...** and a myriad other head  
lines like.....

**COURTS CLOGGED BY DIVORCE**

**FAMILY COURT REFORM NEEDED**

**IT'S TIME TO TAKE DIVORCE OUT OF THE COURTS**

....AND THE ASSOCIATED PRESS RELEASED A NEWS ITEMS THIS  
PAST TUESDAY, SEPT. 10, 1991 headlined... **PA HOUSE TO HOLD  
DIVORCE HEARING ... Woman Suggests Arbitrators Replace  
Courts...**and since I am that "woman" I would like to reiterate:

### LONG TERM

THERE IS A FAIRER, LESS EXPENSIVE, AND MORE EXPEDITIOUS AVENUE OF  
LITIGATION....MEDIATION/ARBRITRATION PANELS STAFFED WITH FAMILY

LAW EXPERTS, ACCOUNTANTS AND RETIRED FAMILY COURT JUDGES TO ARBITRATE DIVORCE CASES.

### SHORT TERM

FOR LITIGANTS WHO HAVE NO WHERE TO TURN, **WE NEED AN EMERGENCY TASK FORCE...NOW.\*** (see next page)

### CHECKS AND BALANCES

TO KEEP THE COURT ON AN EVEN KEEL, EACH FAMILY COURT SHOULD HAVE AN ADVOCATE **OMBUDSMAN**.

### FAMILY LAW UNIT NETWORK

OUR FAMILY LAW COUNCIL WHICH IS FUNDED WITH TITLE IVD MONEY SHOULD GET INPUT AND/OR NETWORK WITH CITIZEN ACTION GROUPS TO IMPROVE THE SYSTEM.

JUST-US IN JUSTICE HAS COMMUNICATED WITH PROFESSIONALS ACROSS THE STATE AND AS FAR AWAY AS CALIFORNIA. IN A LETTER FROM A RETIRED SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE WHO WAS INTERVIEWED ON "PRIME TIME LIVE" MAY I READ A LINE FROM A LETTER DATED 8/26/91....

"EVERYONE I SPEAK TO SHARES THE FEELING THAT FAMILY MATTERS SHOULD BE EXCISED FROM THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM AND THIS VIEW CUTS ACROSS ALL POLITICAL LINES. I LIKE YOUR TITLE - JURISIMPRUDENCE - AND ANY INPUT I CAN INSERT IS OFFERED. LETS KEEP THE LINE OF COMMUNICATION OPEN."

### KEYSTONE STATE INITIATE "MEDIATION"

To "unclog" the courts, provide equitable settlements and take the courts out of the adversary system, Pennsylvania could initiate a MEDIATION/ARBITRATION PANEL that would address all of the problems with neutral moderators in assistance - AND PROVIDE THE FAMILY COURT LITIGANTS OF PENNSYLVANIA **JUSTICE FOR ALL!**

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**\*WE NEED AN EMERGENCY TASK FORCE...NOW...IN PENNSYLVANIA  
FAMILY COURTS TO INVESTIGATE THE INJUSTICES AND ADDRESS  
THESE ISSUES BECAUSE:**

IT IS COSTLY TO THE TAXPAYERS  
TOO EXPENSIVE TO LITIGANTS  
EMOTIONALLY TRAUMATIZING TO THE ENTIRE FAMILY  
DIVISION OF ASSETS IS INEQUITABLE  
TIME FRAME IS TOO LENGTHY  
CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS ARE VIOLATED

**SOME OF THE BLATANT VIOLATIONS OCCURRING ARE:**

- \* The Rules of Civil Procedure ARE NOT BEING FOLLOWED
- \* Notices NOT SENT FOR HEARINGS
- \* Judges Opinion not sent within Appeal Period
- \* Hearings denied
- \* Access to files denied
- \* Child Support Arrears suspended without cause
- \* Visitation Denied
- \* Litigants denied presence at Conciliation Hearings
- \* Pro Se persons are denied U.S. Constitution, 1st Amendment Rights to present petitions filed
- \* Forgery, Collusion, Judicial Misconduct not addressed
- \* Complaints filed with JIRB and/or Disciplinary Boards routinely dismissed (93%)
- \* Misuse of Public Office
- \* Abusive treatment by Public Officials..jail, harrasment
- \* Foreclosure of Homes in litigation
- \* Older Women.. do not receive Equitable Distribution
- \* CONFLICT OF INTEREST

## T E S T I M O N Y

MEMO TO: PRESIDENT JUDGE Paul R. Zaverella  
Common Pleas Court, Pittsburgh, PA

FROM: D. L. Rosenfeld (maiden name)  
Case 748-75 (vs. Herbert Kravitz)  
Family Court, Allegheny County, Pgh., PA

DATE: 2/4/91

RE: 1. "FEMINIZATION OF POVERTY" - WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE  
COURTS?

2. Feb. 5, 1991...Motions Court....Judge Strassburger

Honorable Judge Zaverella:

I am a mother, business person, advocate/lobbyist and a "Victim" of Family Court for the past 15 (fifteen) years.

Today I will be in Motions Court to answer a Petition by my ex-husband's attorney/brother-in-law to enforce an order that is being appealed in Supreme Court.

I wanted to follow up on Senator Frank A. Pecora's letter of February 1, 1991.

To capsulize the history: I am 58 years old, I was divorced in 1977 before no-fault and there is one child, age 21 (who at 14 I sent to live with his father). The father left in 1972 and began a real estate business in Florida. I have lived in the marital home for the past 23 years and made \$18,000 in improvements. I have no assets, pensions or monetary provisions and am struggling with a new business to make ends meet.

The problems are:

### CHILD SUPPORT ARREARS SUSPENDED

1. \$16,000 child support arrears suspended in error (see attached memo to Judge Strassburger, Ex. 1)

### FORFEITURE VACATED BY COURT AN ERROR

2. Marital home was forfeited to me in 1985 (Ex. 2) and since ex-husband authored the contract, forfeiture was binding and could not be rewritten by the courts, contracts: 147 (2) & 143 (3)

**THIS IS ALL I WANTED....and in 1985...THIS IS WHERE THIS BREACH OF CONTRACT SHOULD HAVE COME TO FRUITION AND THE OUTSTANDING SUPPORT PAYMENTS MET.**

**HOWEVER, THE COURT WAS PETITIONED TIMELY BUT WOULD NOT ADDRESS THE FOLLOWING:**

### FORGERIES NEVER ADDRESSED BY COURTS

3. Ex-Husband forged my name to \$34,415.00 in loans that were leined against the Marital Home to finance his Florida Real Estate venture (Exhibit 3); however, I did not share in husband's Florida real estate (see discovery)
4. That this was a pre-no-fault divorce and "rent" is not a provision.....Judge Strassburger is charging \$350.00 a month rent while I am taking appeal and as stated in his opinion...."it will be entirely likely that Wife's debt to Husband will exceed Husband's debt to Wife before this proceeding is concluded."
5. Several requests were made to remove Attorney David Rothman from this case since he is the ex-brother-in-law, represented the wife at one time and has used unprofessional tactics over the past ten (10) years (see "bitch" letter written to Judge Novak, Ex. 4)

### DISCOVERY

6. Non-disclosure  
Ex-husband owned more than 1.5 million dollars in real estate properties (see Exhibit 5)

### COURT ERRED

7. In a 9-month period this case went in front of six (6) Judges and was continued by Mr. Rothman 4 times within the same timeframe. It is no small wonder it became so convoluted.

### TAXES

8. Back taxes are owing... The ex-husband requested that the tax office send statments to Florida and proceeded not to pay them, even though his attorney's petition requests that wife pay him for "half the taxes." Wife is petitioning the courts for a stay of execution.

### SOMETHING NOT RIGHT

9. Wife is also concerned that since Mr. Rothman himself has a "tax" problem (see Ex. 6) that there is something that does not look right.
10. Ex-husband's hands are not clean.....forgeries, non-support history, hiding assets and other ventures (see Warren Report....Herbert B. Kravitz, Acquaitence of Jack Ruby listing...Ex. 7)

## LIFE SAVINGS SPENT IN COURT

11. Wife can no longer afford an attorney and has spent \$15,000 to \$20,000 in the courts and another \$18,000 to improve her home of 23 years....which will soon either go into foreclosure or be turned over by Family Court to an undeserving Husband who will have - by the court - accrued all of Wife's interest in "rent."

Surely, the Court is not immoral or unethical in dealing with the men, women and children going through Family Court....especially the women like myself who fall 'between the cracks' in the 40 to 60 age group who have nowhere left to turn and whose stories are seldom if ever told.

I am a dedicated worker/volunteer and have committed myself to the cause of JUSTICE. It is rewarding to know that Justice Edmund B. Speath, Jr., retired Superior Court Judge is working to "help restore confidence in our judicial system" (see attached letter).(d)

It is my sincere hope that this Honorable Judge shares the integrity of ideals of the court system....JUSTICE FOR ALL!

cc; H. David Rothman

## ADDENDUM.....

IN ORDER TO PREVENT A SHERIFF'S SALE, THIS LITIGANT FILED AND WAS AWARDED A 90-DAY STAY OF EXECUTION; HOWEVER, (a)

1. THE HUSBAND REFUSES TO PAY ANY TAXES AND "WANTS" THE HOUSE TO GO TO SHERIFF SALE. HE IS IN REAL ESTATE....PLANS TO BUY THE HOME AT A DISTRESSED PRICE - \$16,000 - AND RESELL IT FOR FAIR MARKET VALUE...\$100,000. (see story b)
2. THE WIFE HAD TO TAKE A SECOND JOB AND IS PLANNING TO FILE PERSONAL BANKRUPTCY TO SAVE HER HOME FROM SHERIFF'S SALE, BUT,
3. IF THE SUPREME COURT DOES NOT ALLOW APPEAL OR IF WIFE LOSES THE APPEAL IN SUPREME COURT, THE WIFE WILL BE WITHOUT A HOME, WITHOUT HER OWED CHILD SUPPORT AND BANKRUPT. (c)

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
CIVIL DIVISION

PENN HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT

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VERSUS

HERBERT B. KRAVITZ

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No. GD - 90-19817

ORDER OF COURT

AND NOW, TO-WIT, THIS 26th DAY OF JULY,  
19 91, After argument on the petition of defendant Doris L. Rosenfeld  
for a stay of execution of tax lien,

It is ordered that execution is postponed for ninety days during  
which time defendant may either:

(1) borrow the money owed and pay taxes and pursue a remedy for  
reimbursement or contribution against Herbert Kravitz; or

(2) enter into a reasonable installment payment contract with  
plaintiff and pursue a remedy for reimbursement or contribution against  
Herbert Kravitz; or

(3) pursue a remedy in bankruptcy.

Per Curiam



# It's time to take divorce out of the courts

It is time to take divorce proceedings out of the courts, and place disputed cases in the hands of neutral, informed mediators or arbitrators.

That is a way to remove expensive lawyers from often complex, all-ways traumatic, and sometimes decade-long, disputes of former husbands and wives who once took vows to live together "till death us do part."

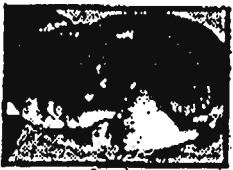
Yet it is a proposal of two Philadelphia attorneys, Marvin Comisky and Frederick Cohen, in the April 1991 Pennsylvania Bar Association Quarterly.

First, they say the courts are overwhelmed with divorce cases.

They note that on Jan. 1, 1988, in Pennsylvania there were 20,000 cases pending involving support for dependents. In 1988, another 86,000 support cases were added to the docket, and only 10,600 cases disposed of. And there were about 6,000 custody cases at the beginning of the year, 22,000 added during the year, and only 7,900 cases disposed of.

Second, they cite the horror of state law: "An initial problem is created by different judicial assignments for the various claims in each case, i.e., the support claims will be heard by one court, custody claims by another, and the divorce, property and alimony claims by yet a third."

And the claims are multi-tiered. "A support claim will be heard by a domestic relations hearing offi-



Mike McManus

cer. Several weeks later, there will be a hearing before a support master, and months after that by a judge of the Common Pleas Court. A usual case "is likely to have 13 separate hearings!"

Third, the cases go on for years. They cite seven cases that took 6-10 years to settle. Here's one case unsettled 18 years after the divorce:

Dora Lee (Krawitz) Rosenfeld says she never received \$16,000 in child support owed since 1975-84 by her ex-husband, Herbert Krawitz, now living in Florida. He told me, "That is totally incorrect. There has been a final decision. She appealed the case to the state Supreme Court which refused to review the decision of the lower appeals court, which was in my favor."

In fact, I have a recent memo to Common Pleas Judge Strassburger, dated Feb. 6, 1989, from Joan Cummings, a member of his staff, which states, "There appears to have been a mistake in this office when we suspended the case. Based on this audit, the defendant would owe \$13,244.99 on current support plus arrears of \$2,841..."

And I called the Pennsylvania Supreme Court and was told by

Linda Magoros, that "There has been no order yet" in the case. Thus, contrary to what Krawitz told me, the case is still pending.

Furthermore, unless the unexpected occurs, on August 5 there will be a sheriff's sale of Ms. Rosenfeld's house in Pittsburgh where she has lived for 23 years. Why? Mr Krawitz has refused to pay taxes on the property, though he requested that all tax bills be sent to him.

She has a letter from his attorney, H. David Rothman, dated recently, Feb. 22, 1991, which says, "Mr. Krawitz has made arrangements to make installment payments on delinquent taxes to ward off any sheriff's sale."

In fact, he did not do so. I asked him why. He said, "They did not accept my arrangements. Usually they allow you to put down 25 percent, and make payments. But the attorney, Mr. (Mike) McCabe said, 'Because of all the trouble she put me through, I won't do it.'"

When I called McCabe, who represents the Penn Hills School District, I heard double-talk. Asked why he was requesting full payment, and not allowing partial payments, he said, "I never refused to allow that. The Penn Hills School District says the taxes must be paid in full, unless a reasonable offer is made, until some kind of an agreement is reached."

I noted that while the Krawitz's disagreed on many matters they agreed that both have tried to settle. His position shifted, "What was

told to us is that Mr. Krawitz had millions in real estate holdings in Florida."

Thus, he is seeking full payment. True, Krawitz is wealthy. When he divorced his second wife in 1983 he listed \$1 million of Florida property.

So why is his former wife losing her home?

She is a co-owner, and is willing to contribute, but lacks the assets of her ex-husband. His attorney is a brother-in-law, and knows many judges personally, and knows how to file endless delaying maneuvers.

Mrs. Rosenfeld has even created an organization of *pepple short*—"Just Us Injustice," to press the state Legislature to get divorce proceedings out of the family courts to arbitrators.

She persuaded Rep. Timothy Pesci and 17 co-sponsors to seek a task force to investigate the judicial procedures of domestic relations. The Judiciary Committee is holding hearings. Comisky and Cohen should testify.

They wrote: "A more efficient and substantially faster resolution of these matters can be performed by a special arbitrator" appointed by the Supreme Court to relieve the courts and offer something more like justice.

Michael J. McManus is a commentator in economic matters, particularly with reference to the northern eastern states, including Pennsylvania.



JUDGE'S CHAMBERS  
COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
PITTSBURGH, PA. 15219

PAUL R. ZAVARELLA  
PRESIDENT JUDGE

February 8, 1991


FEB 14 REC'D

Honorable Frank A. Pecora  
15 Duff Road  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15235

Dear Senator Pecora:

The matter of Doris L. Rosenfeld v. Herbert B. Kravitz is pending before the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania on an allowance of appeal request, and also I understand that Judge Strassburger considered several matters this past week. I do not have the authority to intervene in these matters, however, I have forwarded to Judge Strassburger all the materials which I have received.

Very truly yours,

  
Paul R. Zavarella

PRZ:mk

cc: Hon. Eugene B. Strassburger, III  
(with enclosures)

# PENNSYLVANIANS FOR MODERN COURTS

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January 9, 1991

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Lynn A. Marks

Dora Lee Rosenfeld  
Just-Us in Justice  
277 West Mall Boulevard  
Pittsburgh, PA 15146

Dear Dora Lee:

The General Assembly is about to take the next step to assure that Pennsylvania has a new and effective system of disciplining judges.

During the last legislative session, the General Assembly approved a proposed constitutional amendment to:

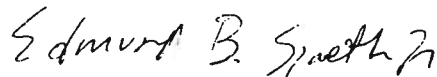
- \* Replace the structurally flawed Judicial Inquiry and Review Board (JIRB) with two strong, independent agencies capable of enforcing the highest standards of judicial behavior; and
- \* Compel members of the judiciary to disclose financial information to the same extent required of legislators.

In order to become law, the same amendment must pass the current session of the General Assembly and then be approved by the voters. If the General Assembly acts favorably by about February 6th, the issue will appear on the May 21st primary ballot.

We have enclosed a summary of the proposed amendment. Of all the changes, the reform of the judicial disciplinary system is paramount. Presently, the JIRB must act in secrecy and cannot impose sanctions on its own. The new system -- more open to the public and with greater lay participation -- would be fair to the public and fair to judges. It would help restore confidence in our judicial system.

Please distribute the enclosed to your colleagues, where appropriate. We will keep you informed as matters progress.

Sincerely,



Edmund B. Spaeth, Jr.  
Chair, Board of Directors



Lynn A. Marks  
Executive Director

Thanks for  
sending me  
info.

FAMILY DIVISION  
MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 6, 1989

TO: Judge Strassburger

JM: Joan Cummings, Collecting and Disbursing

*JCC*

*Ex. 1*

CT: Kravitz  
Case No: 748-75  
File No: 83124

This memo is to advise you that after going through all the court documents I could not find an order from Florida suspending support payments. There appears to have been a mistake made in this office when we suspended the case. The only thing I can assume is that your order vacating a petition that had nothing to do with support was received in this office and my order entry people applied it incorrectly to the support case. This was done on October 3, 1988.

I have had the case audited from December 4, 1984 when we converted to the new system up to January 24, 1989. Based on this audit the defendant would owe \$13,224.99 on current support plus arrears of \$2,841.53 set by Florida Court per their order of March 7, 1984. I also observed from the papers that the child has been living with the defendant since October 1984. The last payment we received from Florida was \$275.01 on September 19, 1984.

If you want me to reactivate the case and reload the system, please advise after your conciliation today.

Thank you.

ems

cc: Gary Stout

**NOTE:** 1975 (date of support order ) to 1984 (date child was "taken" by uncle-attorney-ex-brother-in-law) **EQUALS 9 years.**

**\$250.00 per mo. times 12 mo. = \$3,000**

**\$3,000 times 9 years = \$27,000**

**\$11,000 has been paid to date.....which leaves \$16,000**

\* Child, David age 14, had been in special education classes & was tested as hyperactive; however remedial classes were excellent and with diet, supervision & support...child was making B average in school. When I scheduled him for re-testing, his father told him the "only thing that was wrong with him was his mother." Father promised him a car and other monetary items....David was confused and became argumentative. I told him after the testing and after the next summer vacation (9 months away) he could live with his father if he wished...Uncle Rothman took him the next day. In Florida...David's grades went down two levels, he took his Dad's car & a neighbor's car. He is traumatized still a

DORIS KRAVITZ,

Plaintiff

vs.

HERBERT KRAVITZ,

Defendant

Family Division

No. 748 of 1975

*Ch. 2.*

ORDER OF COURT

AND NOW, to-wit, this 1st day of July, 1985, this being the return date on the Rule issued on June 17, 1985, on Plaintiff's Petition For Enforcement Of Support Agreement, and it appearing that Defendant has failed to abide by the provisions of the Support Agreement in that he has failed to pay the mortgage payment for the premises located at 789 Lougeay Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15215, for a period of eight months, it is hereby Ordered that, pursuant to Paragraph 4(a) of the Marital Settlement Agreement entered into between the parties, the interest of Defendant, Herbert Kravitz, in the residence at 789 Lougeay Road is forfeited to Plaintiff, Doris Kravitz. Defendant, Herbert Kravitz, is hereby Ordered to execute a Quit Claim Deed in favor of Plaintiff, Doris Kravitz, within ten days from the date of receipt of this Order and a Quit Claim Deed in favor of Plaintiff, Doris Kravitz.

By the Court:

 J.

*defendant did not appear to oppose*

Herbert Kravitz - Judgements

Ex. 3

Federal Tax Lien #32649	11/17/66	\$ 309.16
Citizens & Southern National Bank #20 7/1966	4/3/67	5,576.16
Atlanta Newspapers, Inc. #2107 7/1967	5/19/67	1,100.40
Republic National Bank of Dallas #1517 7/1968	4/22/68	3,261.75
Republic National Bank of Dallas #544 10/1968	7/9/68	2,321.55
Elman Associates, Inc. #1342 10/1968	7/19/68	203.50
Federal Tax Lien #35699	11/23/68	1,426.27
Federal Tax Lien #37779	11/31/69	631.18
✓ North Side Deposit Bank #4253 1/1970	12/23/69	5,900.00
✓ North Side Deposit Bank #4254 1/1970	12/23/69	4,263.81
✓ North Side Deposit Bank #4255 1/1970	12/23/69	534.72
✓ North Side Deposit Bank #4256 1/1970	12/23/69	4,471.92
Federal Tax Lien #40845	2/16/71	956.92
Federal Tax Lien #41007	3/8/71	1,879.00
✓ North Side Deposit Bank #1846 4/1972	3/14/72	4,793.59
✓ North Side Deposit Bank #2455 1/1973	12/29/72	10,451.40
PA Commonwealth GD76-3066	2/11/76	257.14
PA Commonwealth GD76-19766	9/7/76	270.00
Doris L. Kravitz D748 of 1975	2/26/79	2,562.50
Sanford P. Gross #6187 of 1979	7/26/79	919.10
Doris L. Kravitz D748 of 1975	8/14/79	1,375.00
Federal Tax Lien #61246	3/14/80	7,779.79
**Federal Tax Lien #61275	3/19/80	7,779.79

(\*\*NOTE: The Federal tax liens #32649, #37779, #40845, #41007 and #35699 have all been satisfied by the Federal Government)

Ex. 4  
(See pg. 2)

The Honorable Raymond Novak  
Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County  
Family Division  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

"Bitch"  
letter see  
last sentence  
of pg. 2, please

Re: Kravitz v. Kravitz

Dear Judge Novak:

A telephone call from Mr. Kravitz to my home this morning prompts this letter. I advised him that you had entered an order making absolute the attachment on the \$500.00 security to assure David's return to Pittsburgh last month and that the lien against my client's interest in the real estate will be reduced accordingly. An after-thought causes me to wonder if that money does not belong to the Department of Welfare. I also advised him that you are really concerned that money or the lack of it may stand in the way of a continuing genuine relationship between him and David. He was told that you are inclined not to require a bond for the December visit to Florida as per our discussion along with Mrs. Kravitz lawyer this past Thursday when you made your ruling about the bond money. Under all the circumstances there probably will be no appeal of your order.

David called his father in the last few days to advise him that his mother will not permit him to go to Florida in October for the Bar-Mitzvah unless Mr. Kravitz pays for his Sunday School tuition. Mr. Kravitz advised David that this was not his responsibility and that with all his other expenses he can't afford to do that so he will just have to miss the Bar-Mitzvah which David was counting on attending. I suggest that Mrs. Kravitz withdraw David from Sunday School for whatever moral lessons he might learn there she totally destroys by using David as a pawn. This is but another instance of many about which I have written. You will remember in our discussion on Thursday that Mr. Belliveau brought up the subject of the Bar-Mitzvah to prove that Mr. Kravitz has the money to pay for plane fare but not for support. I countered by saying that I did not intend to petition for the October visit. If David's mother does not wish him to go or places conditions on the trip, David will just have to work it out with his mother. She is beginning to build the same kind of wall between herself and David that she has built between her and her children by her first tragic marriage. If David turns on her—and nobody can predict what form that will take—then so be it. She is too stupid and selfish to see what she is doing. I know she is under financial pressure, but she works very little at trying to help herself and at the same time imposes a \$3,000.00 burden on my client for counsel fees in Florida. As per our meeting on Thursday, perhaps something can be done to divide those payments between counsel fees and support under the Uniform Act.

I have urged Mr. Kravitz to begin permanent custody proceedings because I think Doris Kravitz needs psychiatric care, she is not physically sound and she is emotionally and morally (in terms of unsound judgment) unfit to raise David. She equates the child with her low status in the community and her lack of money. She treats him as an item to trade and bargain with. He would experience a better life with his father in Florida, growing up without the totally warped view his mother has about life.

I have advised my client to provide me with a statement of his income from his new job together with cancelled checks and an audited statement of his financial position and that of his wife since they own property jointly. If I can't get that, then I am at a complete disadvantage arguing on his behalf. If I don't get it, I will not continue to appear before you or any other judge on his behalf. He can appear here and represent himself.

Both he and Mrs. Kravitz should be made to pay for a lawyer for David so that his best interests are protected. But David is soon reaching the age where he will be making choices which the Court will be obliged to listen to. I am not unmindful of the fact that David is being scarred by both of his parents, each of whom will not admit each one's faults. But Mr. Kravitz is trying to make a new life for himself and Doris Kravitz continues to vegetate and attempt to rely on others to keep her afloat. Now we are advised she is trying to sell typewriters. I would appreciate a statement of her income over the past few years, including the money from entertainment programs on the stage and selling dresses from her home. Has she filed tax returns? She certainly spends almost nothing on clothing for David. He gets clothing when he visits his father and spends the rest of the year squirming in underwear which is too tight for him, and running in shoes without soles.

It would help if you or Mr. Belliveau would advise Doris Kravitz not to communicate her financial items and ultimatums through David. If she does not have the character to tell Mr. Kravitz herself, then let her speak through her attorney or call me. Her act of requiring David to tell his father that he can't come to the Bar-Mitzvah until his father pays his Sunday school tuition is the act of an unbalanced, warped, selfish, self-centered, ignorant bitch.

Thanks for your patience.

Sincerely and respectfully,

H. DAVID ROTHMAN

cc: James Belliveau, Esquire  
Herbert Kravitz  
Doris Kravitz

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Tax Assesments  
\$146,940.00

*ex. 5*

*m. Kravitz's  
properties*

NON-DISCLOSURE

Address: 460 S. W. 1 Court, Pompano Beach  
Description: Lot 32 and 33, Block 9, AVONDALE SECTION, according to the Plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 6, Page 29B, of the Public Records of Broward County, Florida.

Address: 456 S. W. 1 Court, Pompano Beach  
Description: Lot 30 and West one-half (1/2) of Lot 31, Block 9, AVONDALE SECTION, according to the Plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 6, Page 29B, of the Public Records of Broward County, Florida.

Address: 321 S. W. 2 Court, Pompano Beach  
Description: Lots 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11, Block 3, AVONDALE SECTION, according to the Plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 6, Page 29B, of the Public Records of Broward County, Florida.

Address: 449 S. W. 2 Court, Pompano Beach  
Description: Lot 13, Block 15, AVONDALE SECTION, according to the Plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 6, Page 29B, of the Public Records of Broward County, Florida.

Address: 453 S. W. 2 Court, Pompano Beach  
Description: Lot 12, Block 15, AVONDALE SECTION, according to the Plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 6, Page 29B, of the Public Records of Broward County, Florida.

Address: 501 S. W. 2 Court, Pompano Beach  
Description: Lot 11, Block 15, AVONDALE SECTION, according to the Plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 6, Page 29B, of the Public Records of Broward County, Florida.

Address: 505 S. W. 2 Court, Pompano Beach  
Description: Lot 10, Block 15, AVONDALE SECTION, according to the Plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 6, Page 29B, of the Public Records of Broward County, Florida.

Address: 512 S. W. 2 Court, Pompano Beach  
Description: Lot 23, Block 14, AVONDALE SECTION, according to the Plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 6, Page 29B, of the Public Records of Broward County, Florida.

Address: 509 S. W. 2 Court, Pompano Beach  
Description: Lot 9, Block 15, AVONDALE SECTION, according to the Plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 6, Page 29B, of the Public Records of Broward County, Florida.

Address: 508 S. W. 2 Court, Pompano Beach  
Description: Lot 22, Block 14, AVONDALE SECTION, according to the Plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 6, Page 29B, of the Public Records of Broward County, Florida.

Above is Schedule A to Settlement Agreement - Rita Kravitz & Herbert B. Kravitz

In the property distribution within their Marital Settlement Agreement, Rita was awarded (item 2.) the Marital Domicile and (item 4) Property Distribution

- A. \$20,000. IN CASH
- B. \$ 2,000 30 days after above payment and \$2,000.00 for the next nineteen (19) consecutive months

SETTLEMENT - 2ND WIFE

*\$60,000 cash*

Rita relinquished above properties because another separate agreement states, "The parties were concerned that Respondent's first wife might be able to acquire some interest in all of the aforescribed rental units and it was for this reason, and no other, that the units were taken in the names of Petitioner and Respondent, jointly."

ROTHMAN, H. DAVID

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COURT HOUSE CHECK - 2/3/89

(According to the Prothonatary's Office Records, the PA Tax Liens are current. Those marked with an \* have been satisfied. Federal Tax Liens were not researched. )

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1. Plaintiff, H. David Rothman, Record # 1472, October 1984, Quiet Title  
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	<u>Plaintiff</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1.	USA	7/22/73	46791	\$11,454.20
2 .	USA	8/74	49457	\$14,350.13
3.	Commonwealth of PA	1/75	D716	\$ 1,275.06
4.	Commonwealth	4/75	GD757749	\$ 121.39*
5.	USA	6/75	51043	\$17,998.00
6.	Commonwealth of PA	12/75	GD75-28904	\$ 1,297.80
7.	USA	8/76	53601	\$17,252.00
8.	USA	7/77	55386	\$25,123.90
9.	Commonwealth of PA	3/78	GD784744	\$ 1,578.10 *
10.	USA	7/78	57457	\$21,870.60
11.	Commonwealth of PA	6/79	GD7917058	\$ 1,750.50
12.	Commonwealth of PA	5/80	GD8012738	\$ 1,706.80
13.	USA	10/80	62796	\$26,018.80
14.	Commonwealth of PA	4/81	GD8110038	\$ 2,156.46
15.	Commonwealth of PA	6/81	GD8116359	\$ 96.59
16.	USA	8/81	64852	\$19,661.92
17.	Commonwealth of PA	12/81	GD8133443	\$ 1,443.90
18.	Commonwealth of PA	7/82	55386	\$25,123.99

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Name	Description	Testimony
Kaufman, Stanley M. <sup>b</sup>	Acquaintance of Jack Ruby	Vol. XV, p. 513
Kellerman, Roy H. <sup>c</sup>	Agent, U.S. Secret Service	Vol. II, p. 61.
Kelley, Thomas J. <sup>d</sup>	Inspector, U.S. Secret Service	Vol. V, pp. 129, 175.
Kelly, Edward <sup>e</sup>	Porter, Dallas City Hall	Vol. XIII, p. 146
Kennedy, Mrs. John F. <sup>e</sup>	Widow of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy	Vol. V, p. 178.
Killion, Charles L. <sup>f</sup>	Fingerprints Identification expert, FBI.	Vol. VII, p. 591.
King, Glen D. <sup>g</sup>	Captain, Dallas Police Department	Vol. XV, p. 51.
Klanke, Robert G. <sup>h</sup>	Printer of handbill attacking President Kennedy.	Vol. V, p. 635.
Klenhoffer, Alexander <sup>i</sup>	Acquaintance of the Oswalds in Texas.	Vol. XI, p. 118.
Kleinman, Abraham <sup>j</sup>	Acquaintance of Jack Ruby	Vol. XV, p. 383.
Kilne, William <sup>k</sup>	Agent, U.S. Customs	Vol. XV, p. 640.
Kulich, Frances G. <sup>l</sup>	Director, Passport Office, Department of State.	Vol. V, p. 371.
Kulight, Russell (see Moore).		
Kramer, Monica <sup>m</sup>	Tourist in Minsk in 1961	Vol. XI, p. 212.
Krawitz, Herbert B. <sup>n</sup>	Acquaintance of Jack Ruby.	Vol. XV, p. 231.
Kriss, Harry M. <sup>o</sup>	Reserve Force, Dallas Police Department	Vol. XII, p. 206.
Kryslinik, Raymond Frank, Jr. <sup>p</sup>	Fellow employee of Michael R. Paine in Texas.	Vol. IX, p. 461.
Lane, Doyle E. <sup>q</sup>	Clerk, Western Union Telegraph Co.	Vol. XII, p. 221.
Lane, Mark R. <sup>r</sup>	Attorney, New York City	Vol. II, p. 32.
Larson, Sebastian F. <sup>s</sup>	Fingerprint expert, FBI	Vol. IV, p. 546.
Lawrence, Perdue W. <sup>t</sup>	Captain, Dallas Police Department.	Vol. IV, p. 1.
Lawson, Winston G. (accompanied by Fred B. Smith). <sup>u</sup>	Agent, U.S. Secret Service	Vol. IV, p. 317.
Leavelle, James R. <sup>v</sup>	Member, Dallas Police Department.	Vol. VII, p. 260.
LeBlanc, Charles Joseph <sup>w</sup>	Maintenance man, William B. Kelly Co.	Vol. VIII, p. 14.
Lee, Ivan D. <sup>x</sup>	Agent, FBI	Vol. X, p. 213.
Lee, Vincent T. <sup>y</sup>	Official, Fair Play for Cuba Committee.	Vol. XI, p. 481.
Lehrer, James <sup>z</sup>	Reporter, Dallas	Vol. X, p. 86.
Leslie, Helen <sup>aa</sup>	Member of Russian-speaking community in Dallas.	Vol. XI, p. 208.
Lewis, Aubrey Lee <sup>ab</sup>	Employee, Western Union Telegraph Co.	Vol. XI, p. 464.
Lewis, Erwin Donald <sup>ac</sup>	Acquaintance of Oswald in Marine Corps.	Vol. IX, p. 160.
Lewis, L. J. <sup>ad</sup>	Witness in the vicinity of the Tippitt crime scene.	Vol. IX, p. 316.
Licht, Frederick W., Jr. <sup>ae</sup>	Wound ballistics expert, U.S. Army.	Vol. VII, p. 323.
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OLDER WOMEN AND  
DIVORCE "F-LAWS"

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9/13/91

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Pennsylvania Laws are written and in place....and when the Court chooses not to follow the laws, we have F-LAWS in our Divorce Courts, especially for "OLDER WOMEN."

- THE RULES - "Pennsylvania Rules of Civil Procedure ( available in the law library) are violated on a daily basis by attorneys and court administrators \*
- Marital Assets are not being divided "equitably" even though it is a guarantee of the 1980 Divorce Code
- No health coverage, insurance or "equitable" division of pensions
- ONLY ONE YEAR OF ALIMONY IS AWARDED...even after 10 to 30 plus years in a marriage where the dependent spouse -usually upon the husband's request- DID NOT WORK OUTSIDE THE HOME
- Dependent Spouses without skills have difficulty finding employment and older women are often unemployable except in low-income jobs
- Dependent Older Spouses usually do not have access to marital assets

violation of the PA Constitution

- Even though most attorneys purport that counsel fees are paid by the ex-husband, it's rare. When the ex-spouse pays the dependent spouses fees-**he also "owns" her counsel**
- BIFURCATED DIVORCE - divorce without property settlement - allows the "monied" spouse to dissipate marital funds before equitable distribution
- Attorneys take "center stage" in divorces, charge excessive fees and often put liens on the marital property leaving older spouses with **no assets** - attorneys control marital assets which they place in escrow **in their name**
- Older ex-spouses are routinely charged "**rent**" on marital home during litigation...which depletes their portion of the assets
- Dependent older spouse who cannot afford "mortgage" and/or "taxes" is usually awarded the house which goes up for sherrif's sale, gets grabbed up **and resold for a profit**
- Protracted litigation is a **ploy** to "wear down" the dependent older woman so that she **takes less or sometimes LEAVES WITH NOTHING ...** and
- Many older dependent spouses whose ex-husbands are high paid executives, self-employed or professional men, are **denied justice due to "patronage" and many end up in TAX-PAYER FUNDED PROGRAMS**

Lenore Weitzman, a Harvard University Associate Professor concluded that dependent women suffer a 73% decrease in their standard of living in the first year after divorce, while their ex-spouses enjoy a **42% increase in their standard of living.** "What has happened to older homemakers is that they have been cut off with only a few years of alimony and no chance of decent employment." **OLDER WOMEN IN PENNSYLVANIA ARE ROUTINELY AWARDED ONLY ONE YEAR OF ALIMONY...even though a 1988 amendment to the 1980 Divorce Law was adopted to address the problem of the dependent spouse.**

True, much blame can be placed on "paperwork" ; however, when more than 50% of all marriages end in divorce, **we all know that paperwork can be more expeditiously handled through use of computers, microfilm and stored in fire-proof files.**

In Allegheny County, case histories are **written by hand\*** in **illegible** handwriting on huge docket books which must be copied in sections and taped together. **DIDN'T ANYONE HEAR ABOUT THE EFFICIENCY OF "COMPUTERS?"** A fire destroyed divorce files dated 1969 to 1980...**DIDN'T ANYONE HEAR ABOUT FIRE FILES?**

When questioned about why case histories were recorded in this **antiquated method**, the reply from a clerk was, "Well, you have to look at it this way....it gives us a job." A clerical worker's time could be better spent using 20th Century technology to record, safeguard and retrieve records. By using **archaic methods which have not changed in the last 200 years**, the courts have misused taxpayers money and funds from Federal, State and County Government.

→ The Court of Appeals in another state warned, **"THE LAW MAY NOT BE USED AS A HANDY VEHICLE FOR THE SUMMARY DISPOSAL OF OLD AND USED WIVES."** ←

→ USING THE "WRONG" RULES IN DOMESTIC RELATIONS COURT **PROTRACTS LITIGATION ...AND IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL!**. Violations of more than **twenty (20) PA Rules of Court have been documented.\*\*** ←

JUST-US IN JUSTICE, an advocacy/lobbying group in Pittsburgh is networking with professionals - legislators, judges, attorneys, citizen-action groups - in an effort to develop an equitable resolution for men, women, children **with focus on older women**. Pennsylvania Representative Timothy Pesci introduced Resolution #8 to establish a "SPECIAL DOMESTIC RELATIONS TASK FORCE to investigate the injustices of domestic relations judicial proceedings."

\*docket samples

\*\*more information available from Just-Us In Justice

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ALL DOCUMENTS ARE TO BE FILED IN THIS CASE

# Opinion

\* SPECIAL DOMESTIC RELATIONS TASK FORCE REQUEST (House Resolution #8)  
REINTRODUCED IN JANUARY, 1991 WITH 35 CO-SPONSORS

HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE "HEARINGS" - - Scheduled 9/11-12-13/91

## Family court reform needed

By Francis Volpe

Copy editor

The wheels of justice turn slowly, according to an old saying.

Members of Just-Us in Justice don't mind, as long as they can be sure those wheels keep turning.

DoraLee Rosenfeld of Penn Hills is coordinator for the group, formed earlier this year to press the state legislature for reforms in the judicial system and in family court proceedings.

Although the group is small and its members spread across the state, its activities already have stimulated response in the legislature.

\* State Rep. Timothy Pesci of Ford City introduced a resolution in the state House last month, along with 17 cosponsors, that would establish a special task force to investigate domestic relations judicial procedures.

Much of the language in the resolution is based on information compiled by Just-Us in Justice. According to the resolution, the Pennsylvania Rules of Civil Procedure, which govern judges, lawyers and court proceedings, are violated "on a daily basis" in domestic relations court.

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LT. GOV. Mark Singel is flanked by Just-Us in Justice members DoraLee Rosenfeld and Mary Sue Johnston. Singel will select

members of the proposed domestic relations task force, should the state legislature approve a resolution creating the force.