

TESTIMONY BEFORE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE  
FEBRUARY 15, 2012 PRESENTED BY LINDA PALERMO  
ON REAPPOINTMENT OF JUDGE KAPLAN

Prior to giving testimony I am invoke the First Amendment "right", afforded under the Constitution. My name is Linda Palermo, Ares I reside in Stratford, Stand a U.S. CITIZEN. With Spanish heritage to day I am here to protest the reappointment of Superior Court Judge Burton A. Kaplan. In doing so I rely on files I retained that relate to the arrest of my deceased mother, dating back to October 9, 1998. The arrests were politically motivated, based on a promise in exchange for appointments i.e. certain selected attorneys being appointed to the position as a Town Attorneys. and or other position involved with the political process and or a town employee who may or may not be a felon a disability pension. My mother had her first brush with the law until she was 78 years of age around October 1996. During the pendancies of matters that came before Judge Kaplan, in my opinion it appeared as though he choose to act in a manner that was contrary to ethical standards he swore to uphold. He evidently leaned and believed the contents of police reports given by a drug felon who was employed in the Town's parks department who had secured his employment through a former town attorney who was closely associated to a local politician. The drug felon was working to an early disability retirement after a short 9 years of employee. The drug felon called the prosecutors office each and every time the matter came before the Court from what I understand the attorney's office wanting to be reassured my mother had gone to jail. Judge Kaplan would issue warrants for failure to appear to spite the fact that my mother was in the hospital. I provided the information of her being infirmed as my mothers duly appointed conservator; unfortunately, Judge Burton A. Kaplan, had total disregard for the appointment and my mother who was infirmed. The matter continued for several years, approximately. Motions filed by the attorney I hired came before the Court on at least four different occasions, would be overlooked... Yet, other matter that came before Judge Burton Kaplan, that records support related to certain felons based on their charges, he treated most lenient. I filed several motions as her Conservator, however Judge Kaplan refused to accept my being official appointed by the probate court. In reviewing a Memorandum written by Judge Kaplan I found attached to it a document that appeared to be noted from a staff attorney working within the Court's legal Research Department, which mixed facts from the mothers matter and a civil matter in which I appeared as a pro se litigant. I replied "I do not feel it is appropriate to mix facts from a Criminal matter with a Civil matter especially if those matters are unrelated matters and the parties differ as it tens to prejudice the out come of both legal matters. Of course there is the outside chance "somebody is there is eager to sandbag me" Shortly before a very honorable Judge passed, I was told they are giving you a rough time in here because you appear as a prose in any matter that comes before the Court. This statement is true to this very day. In Summation, Under the Judicial Code, Judges are duty bound to perform their duties of Judicial office impartially, with due Diligence and in fairness. Judges are to Act on Motions. Prosecutors Null, I feel feeling is that Judge Burton A. Kaplan failed to act accordingly with the rules and violated the Code of Judicial Conduct. And for the above reasons I opposes his being reappointment as a Judge of the Superior Court.

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