

(The below affidavit dated February 14, 2005, is filed in the Camburn case file in Franklin County Court of Common Pleas)

On Feb. 3 and 4, 2005, I had the opportunity to sit in Court Room 65 and witness the legal proceedings involving the divorce case of Camburn vs Camburn. It was during these proceedings that I observed attorney Susan Lantz make a complete mockery of a courtroom and of Judge Squire, the Court Reporter and the Court Bailiff. Ms. Lantz attempted to take over the proceedings by her constant interruptions and rude comments towards Judge Squire. Ms. Lantz attempted to have inserted in the official court record documents or statements before Judge Squire officially opened the session and was cautioned by the bailiff to not bother the Court Reporter. When the Judge was finally able to open the session Ms Lantz asked that the Judge disqualify herself from this hearing. The Judge refused. This set in motion a series of arguments between the Judge and Ms. Lantz which ultimately resulted in Ms Lantz being found in Contempt of Court by Judge Squire. At this point the defendant, Gregory Camburn was ordered to find a new attorney to handle his case or be prepared to defend himself.

On Thursday February 3, 2005, Judge Squire ordered that the minor children, at the time in the custody of their father, the defendant, Gregory Camburn, be delivered to the court at 8:00 AM, February 4, 2005. Judge Squire also ordered the defendant's mother, Wanda Camburn a resident of Pennsylvania to appear at this same date and time. Neither of these requirements were met by the defendant.

With regard to Ms Lantz' courtroom behavior, it was appalling to witness an attorney attempt to disrupt the proceedings by the use of her cell phone in a courtroom, refusing to hang up the phone, interrupting both the Judge and opposing counsel, refusing to sit down, refusing to be quiet. There is something wrong when judicial proceedings can be side-tracked by antics such as displayed by Ms Lantz. Ms. Lantz's courtroom actions on these two particular days were nothing short of contempt for our entire legal system.

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