

Maryland Judicial Equality Committee

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Position Survey

1. Under what conditions if any, should preferential treatment be shown to one gender in family law cases? Which gender and with what restrictions? Explain:
2. What percentage of all domestic violence do you believe is committed by men?
Circle One 100% 90% 80% 70% 60% 50% 40% 30% 20% 10%
Based on (a) news reports, (b) case statistics, (c) prosecutions, (d) research studies, (e) other
90%
3. To your knowledge and in your opinion, does the issuance of a protective order result in decreased domestic violence? Explain: YES. - MANY ABUSERS DO RESPECT AND FEAR COURT ORDERS.
4. Do you believe the current Family Law system treats both men and women equally and what would you change if given the opportunity? Explain:
DOES NOT TREAT BOTH EQUALLY - MORE CREDENCE SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE FACTS OF EACH CASE.
5. Do you believe that false testimony occurs frequently in contested custody or divorce cases? If so, what can be done to deal with this situation? Explain:
DO BELIEVE - CRIMINAL PENALTIES SHOULD BE ASSESSED IF PROVEN.
6. Currently, judges issuing protective orders via Ex Parte' requests consider only the written statement made in the request and if the accused is capable of carrying out the alleged action. Do you feel that the civil rights of the accused are adequately protected under these conditions? If not, what changes would you recommend? Explain:
DO NOT AGREE. WRITTEN STATEMENTS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY EYE WITNESS ACCOUNTS. ALSO. SUBJECT TO PENALTY IF LIES ARE UNCOVERED

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7. Are you concerned that the number of domestic violence protective orders fall disproportionately against men and to what do you attribute it? Explain:

YES - ACTUALLY MORE ABUSE DONE BY MEN.
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8. Would you support legislation to modify the current domestic violence statutes to correct abuses currently occurring in the system? Explain:

YES - YOU PROVIDE SAMPLE LEGISLATION

9. Do you believe that given the opportunity, as a single parent, both men and women are equally capable of raising children? Explain:

YES

10. Would you support legislation to direct judges to require the joint legal physical custody of children unless there are compelling reasons not to do so? Explain:

YES

11. What are the compelling reasons for not giving joint legal physical custody of children to both parents who live in the same jurisdiction? Explain:

MENTAL AND PHYSICAL CONDITIONS MUST BE CONSIDERED
CRIMINAL HISTORY
FINANCIAL ABILITY