

STATE OF MICHIGAN
IN THE 38TH DISTRICT COURT

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN,
Plaintiff,

vs.

CASE NO: [REDACTED]
JUDGE: KATHLEEN G. GALEN

[REDACTED]
Defendant,

MACOMB COUNTY PROSECUTOR

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MOTION TO DISQUALIFY JUDGE KATHLEEN GALEN

NOW COMES, [REDACTED] through her attorneys,
GOODMAN SHEIKH P.C. by SALEEMA GOODMAN SHEIKH and in support of
her Motion to Disqualify Judge Kathleen Galen, states:

1. On **03 June 2024**, Defendant was charged with Truancy, a misdemeanor contrary to *MCL* § 380.1561.
2. On **13 January 2026**, Defendant was Arraigned by Magistrate Mark Makoski. Defendant stood mute, and a plea of not guilty was entered for her by the Court.
3. On **10 February 2026**, a Pretrial was held where Defendant pleaded guilty to the charge, and Sentencing was deferred pursuant to *MCL* §771.1.



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4. In 2016, Defendant, a mother of five (05) children, was shot eight (08) times in a domestic violence incident, which resulted in her life being altered in all aspects, including but not limited to her ability to independently care for herself, her ability to earn, her ability to meet her financial obligations, her housing, her ability to drive, and her having to rely on other people to assist in transportation and getting her children to school.
5. Initially, Defendant had several surgeries, and she has continued to have to undergo other surgeries over the years to the present day; she still has two (02) bullets in her body. She was supposed to have two (02) additional surgeries this year, which she has been on a wait list for over a year.
6. As a result of the assault, Defendant suffers from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), is visually impaired, which affects her ability to see normally, and she suffered a Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), which impairs her ability to understand and process information normally.
7. Prior to the instant case, Defendant has had Landlord-Tenant cases and a Civil Case in the 38th District Court with Judge Kathleen Galen presiding.
8. Defendant feels that she has been treated unfairly and with disrespect during the times that she has appeared before Judge Kathleen Galen.
9. Defendant believes that she has never been afforded the opportunity to adequately explain her circumstances to Judge Kathleen Galen.
10. Defendant reports that Judge Kathleen Galen failed to allow her attorney to speak for her and instead demeaned and disrespected her.
11. Defendant believed that a judge hearing her cases should listen to and should want to know the circumstances of why she was unable to meet her obligations to better understand, which would assist her in formulating an appropriate ruling as well as individualized sentencing on the criminal Truancy matter.



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12. In the Truancy case, Defendant reports that her attempts to explain her circumstances were interrupted by Judge Kathleen Galen yelling at her, and when Defendant tried to explain to Judge Kathleen Galen that she has a TBI and that yelling at her would not help her to understand what she was saying, Judge Kathleen Galen proceeded to tell her she was a horrible mother and that her child deserves better.
13. As a result of the way that Defendant feels that she has been treated by Judge Kathleen Galen and her observations of her, Defendant has formed opinions about what kind of Judge Kathleen Galen she believes her to be; specifically, Defendant believes that Judge Kathleen Galen does not care about the people who come before her, especially minorities, and is more interested in displaying her power, imposing punishment, and assessing costs that people cannot pay.
14. Defendant attempted to file a Judicial Tenure Complaint (JTC) against Judge Kathleen Galen but her lack of education, compounded by her visual limitations and her TBI, she was unable to effectuate it.
15. Defendant has been publicly vocal in her criticism of Judge Kathleen Galen, including on her social media platforms as well as with people interested in learning of her experiences within the 38th District Court.
16. Defendant posted an Artificial Intelligence (AI) generated photograph of Judge Kathleen Galen expressing her opinion of her, which was removed from a Facebook Group but maintained she kept it on her personal Facebook page.
(EXHIBIT A)
17. On or about **03 October 2026** Defendant discovered that Judge Kathleen Galen had viewed Defendant's Facebook story from her own personal Facebook page.
(EXHIBIT B)
18. On or about **04 October 2026** Defendant again observed that Judge Kathleen Galen had viewed Defendant's Facebook story from her own personal Facebook page. **(EXHIBIT C)**
19. Defendant confirmed that it was Judge Kathleen Galen's personal Facebook page. **(EXHIBIT D)**
20. Defendant's Truancy case is scheduled for a review on **28 October 2026**.



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21. Defendant was supposed to have two (02) additional surgeries in 2026 that she has waited over a year to be scheduled, but she cancelled them because they would have required substantial bed rest and she would have had to again rely on her children and other people to assist her with daily life, including getting her children to school, and was terrified of taking the risk that her child would miss school at some point during her recovery.
22. The minor child subject of the Truancy case is diagnosed with chronic Asthma and Defendant has been forced to send him to school, due to her fear of Judge Kathleen Galen's order that he is not to miss school, only to be told to come get him.
23. Defendant feels intimidated knowing that Judge Kathleen Galen has been personally viewing her platform and fears that Judge Kathleen Galen will retaliate against her for expressing her opinion about her.
24. Defendant clearly understands that viewing public social media platforms of people by police, probation, prosecutors, human resources departments, etc., is completely normal but does not believe it is normal or appropriate for a judge to do so, especially from their personal page.
25. Judge Kathleen Galen's conduct has triggered Defendant's PTSD, and she is terrified to leave her home; she is afraid for her children and is convinced that she will be punished for using her voice.
26. Defendant cites ***MCR 2.003 Disqualification of Judge*** as the applicable Court Rule.
27. ***MCR 2.003 (A)*** applies to all judges, including justices of the Michigan Supreme Court, unless a specific provision is stated to apply only to judges of a certain court. The word "judge" includes a justice of the Michigan Supreme Court.
28. Defendant submits that she is a party and is submitting this Motion pursuant to ***MCR 2.003 (B)***.
29. Pursuant to ***MCR 2.003 (C)*** Defendant believes that Judge Kathleen Galen is biased or prejudiced against her and her attorney, as her attorney's son is challenging Judge Kathleen Galen in the 03 November 2026 election.



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30. Defendant is filing this Motion within two (02) weeks of her discovery that Judge Kathleen Galen was inappropriately prowling her Facebook page from her personal Facebook Page.

31. Avoiding the appearance of impropriety is a paramount principle in the legal profession and demands that Judge Kathleen Galen recuse herself from presiding over any matters involving Defendant so that there is no appearance of impropriety.

32. An Affidavit of [REDACTED] accompanies this Motion.

WHEREFORE, Defendant [REDACTED] for the reasons stated herein, requests that Court enter an Order disqualifying Judge Kathleen Galen from continuing to preside over her case.

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EXHIBIT A



EXHIBIT B

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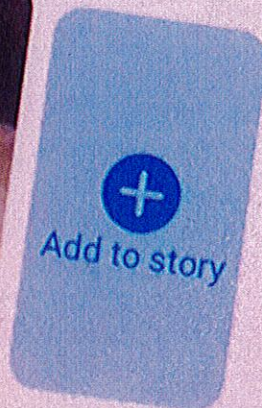
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EXHIBIT C



Viewers

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Lisha Grimes •



Non-follower

Kathleen G. Galen •



Drew Puritan Sawyer •



Laurice Davis •



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EXHIBIT D



Kathleen G. Galen

1.4K friends · 11K posts

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 Message

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Personal details



Detroit, Michigan



Eastpointe, Michigan



Family



6 family members



Female