

Citizens for Better Courts

"Knowledge is Power"

Court Observation Form

DATE: _____

Name of Judge: _____

Courtroom number: _____

Judicial Assistant: _____

1. What was the demeanor of the Judge?

- a. Was the Judge courteous? Yes or No
b. Was the Judge stern? Yes or No
c. Was the Judge arrogant? Yes or No

2. Did the Judge raise his or her voice inappropriately? Yes or No
If Yes, why?

3. Was the Judge disrespectful? Yes or No
If yes, in what way and to whom.

Bailiff's name: _____

4. Was the Bailiff courteous to everyone? Yes or No
If no, what did the Bailiff do that was discourteous? _____

5. Did the Bailiff raise his or her voice? Yes or No
If yes, why?

6. Did the Bailiff slow down your entrance into the Courtroom/Courthouse? Yes or No
If yes, why?

7. Explain how you were delayed.

8. Did the Bailiff refuse to allow you into the Courtroom? Yes or No
If yes, why?

9. Did the Bailiff place his or her hands on you? Yes or No
If yes, in what manner.

10. Please describe your overall experience in this Courtroom?

11. What good things did you observe in this Courtroom?

12. What bad things did you observe in this Courtroom?

13. What improvements would you recommend for these problems?
