

Ms. Megan Mason



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Senator Richard Durbin
711 Hart Senate Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

RE: Corruption in The Circuit Court of Cook County targeting vulnerable Chicago mothers and children.

Dear Senator Durbin:

I have written to you previously but received no response to my appeal to you as my senator, as The Chairman of The Senate Judiciary and as a public advocate and booster for the Chicago judiciary. In fact I first reached out to you after seeing you interviewed on *Meet The Press* or some other news show and I heard you say something to the effect that you personally know many great lawyers and judges in Chicago who are fit to serve on the federal bench. This surprised me because every lawyer and judge I know in Chicago is either a felon or someone who hides the felonies of others.

Since you claimed to be an expert, I thought you would want to know about endemic corruption in The Domestic Relations Division of The Circuit Court of Cook County, so I appealed to you for help even before a corrupt judge in this division retaliated against me for reporting his federal crimes by barring me from all contact with my beloved children. I received no response, though the documentation of federal crimes I sent you was voluminous.

But your name did come across my case another time. I had tried to prosecute a federal civil rights suit and racketeering case in The Northern District of Illinois but my case was stayed because at that time federal prosecutors - I believe in The Southern District of New York where I was trading securities when most of these crimes were committed against me - had already initiated a criminal case into these same matters. But even though I was not allowed to have my case go to trial, the US Marshals and FBI agents who were surveilling me at that time did seem to take an interest in how parties responded, evaded or obstructed my civil suit.

And in a really odd twist, somehow my federal case was assigned to a federal judge named Jorge Alonso. I noticed three things about him, Senator Durbin. First, Judge Alonso was utterly unqualified to sit on the federal bench because he had no federal experience. This surprised me because like you I'm a proud liberal. Isn't that something the other guys do, Senator Durbin? The

second thing that surprised me was that The Circuit Court of Cook County and Presiding Judge Grace Dickler of The Domestic Relations Division were named as defendants in my lawsuit and not only had Judge Alonso been a judge in that very division but at the time of my lawsuit, his wife was a sitting judge here. Yet for some reason Judge Alonso didn't recuse himself, and I had to move to do so. And then the third thing that surprised me was that the person who recommended the utterly unqualified alumnus of the most corrupt division, of the most corrupt court, in the most corrupt city, in the most corrupt state in the nation, was you, Senator Durbin.

I'm not originally from Chicago, Senator Durbin, so I understand it's a tough town and that it's never going to be pleasant to see how the sausage is made. But the thing is, Presiding Judge Grace Dickler abruptly quit within a week or two of Judge Alonso's failure to substitute himself. And I just can't help but feel that you might have an idea why. After all, unlike me, you are a proud expert on the Chicago Judiciary, aren't you?

We live in weird times, Senator Durbin. When the time comes I'll probably give you my vote because your band of sleaze is better than the Nazi election denier who is likely to face you. But there is one thing I won't give you: plausible deniability. You can look into the shocking abuses of judicial power I've repeatedly brought to your attention and which can easily be found in public records or consolidated on my website: contemptuouswoman.org. Or you can pretend not to know. But you will never be able to say I didn't try to ask you to stop this. You can never say there was no way you could have known.

Kind Regards,

Megan Mason

P.S. Although I'm writing from Iowa, I am still very much your constituent. I lost my home and the ability to live in The Chicago area due to the judicial abuse, specifically financial sanctions for my federal testimony, by your friends and peers. You can learn all about that on my instagram, [@megsybeth](https://www.instagram.com/megsybeth). I think last I checked my reels had reached more than 200,000 people. I really do think it's worth your time to have an aide check out what I'm saying.