

## Marla McCowan

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Message:

Im an indigent defendant for eavesdropping, my case is [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] The first time was charged with 3 felonies.  
My first indigent Attorney was 84 years old and couldn't remember anything, due to his forgetfulness, my bond was almost revoked and a warrant was almost issued for me just because a hearing was supposed to be moved but he forgot to do it and i was out of the state. He made a requested the court to be replaced which was done.

My second indigent Attorney was 75 or older and he told me right up front in the first 15 minutes "why are you charged in the first place, and this case would take up to much of my time and I don't want to work that hard" He made a request to the court to be replaced which was done. I told the court what he said about not wanting to work that hard, he denied it and yet offered no reason for his wish's to be replaced, The Judge said I have one more chance at a court appointed attorney, if that doesn't work out you'll have to get your own attorney with your own resources, or represent yourself. This judge is blaming me because these older gentleman don't want to work that hard because of what I have to conclude is their age.

My 3rd Attorney is 70 or older, I was in the court when he was appointed, we spoke for 2 to 3 minutes on 6-3-2017. That was the last time we have spoken and I called his office twice and sent 4 emails requesting a meeting before my next court hearing on 7-5-2017, in your minimum standards there is a requirement that states "Following appointment, counsel shall conduct the initial interview with the client sufficiently before any subsequent court proceeding so as to be prepared for that proceeding", do you think a 2 or 3 minute conversation is adequate for my hearing on the 5th of July? NOT LIKELY, and its been over 16 months since my arrest to this court date, all the delays were from the Attorney's from the Michigan Indigent System and each attorney made the request to be removed, not because of anything I did, but because the case would require to much work for an elderly gentleman who just wants to work as little as possible until retirement.

Your Standards are missing the fact that in some occupations, age is taken into consideration for the public safety. There is no more importance of any occupation when it deals with someones freedom being lost, and the remembering, recalling facts, the need to investigate, is all essentials of a defendants counsel and "old age" is certainly diminishes as the years go by.

I wonder if your minimum standards would give me a well prepared Attorney with the expertise in Constitutional and State Violations of my 14th and 6th amendments regarding "Due Process" and "The Right to a Speedy Trial" (approaching 17 months of indigent Attorney's delay's).