

IN THE CIRCUIT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
FIRST MUNICIPAL DISTRICT, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DIVISION

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS)
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 Plaintiff,) No. 08-XXXXXX
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 v.) Branch XX
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 XXXXX)
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 Defendant)

MOTION

NOW COMES the Defendant, Ms. XXXX, by and through her attorney, Owen Daniel-McCarter, and moves this Honorable Court to conduct court proceedings in accordance with, and with respect for, the Defendant's gender identity and in support of this motion state as follows:

1. The Defendant, Ms. XXXX is a transgendered woman.
2. Ms. XXXX has been living as a woman for several years, and is known to her family and her community as a woman.
3. In accordance with her gender identity, Ms. XXXX uses female pronouns, such as "she" and "her", as well as female salutations and titles, such as "Ms."
4. Recognizing a need to combat the effects of bias and bigotry facing transgendered people, since 2002 the Cook County Human Rights Ordinance has prohibited discrimination on the basis of gender identity in a variety of arenas, including County services and public accommodations. Ordinance No. 93-0-13.

5. This county ordinance states that “Gender identity” means the actual or perceived appearance, expression, identity, or behavior of a person as being male or female, whether or not that appearance, expression, identity or behavior is different from that traditionally associated with the person’s designated sex at birth. Ordinance No. 93-0-13 II(H). The Cook County Human Rights Ordinance further states, “no person shall engage in unlawful discrimination in the provision or distribution of any Cook County facilities, services, or programs.” Ordinance No. 93-0-13 VII(A).

WHEREFORE, the Defendant, Ms. XXXX, respectfully moves this Court to conduct court proceedings in accordance with Ms. XXXX’s gender identity by using female pronouns “she” and “her.”

Respectfully Submitted,

Owen Daniel-McCarter, Esq.
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Dated: July 30, 2008