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Comment:

Respect is one of the most fundamental moral rights that we have in society. We are taught to respect others and ourselves as children. Our Courts should be a reflection of the best, most equitable, and most dispassionate parts of our society. How is a litigant to feel that they are getting the fairness and respect of the Court when the Court refuses to honor how they represent themselves in society?

We must not remain rooted in the past for the sole purpose of tradition. Indeed, we have already seen the transformation of gender roles in the court system. Femme presenting attorneys are allowed to use the salutation of "Ms." because her marital status is immaterial to her practice. We do not require the use of Miss or Mrs.

The law must be inclusive. Respect is fundamental to that inclusively.

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