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Comment:

I strongly support the adoption of this amendment. It ensures everyone in the court room is treated with dignity and respect, which should be a foundational component of our legal system. It is straightforward, notes that the use of legal name is allowed when necessary for clarity. There is no way in which this amendment can cause harm.

I had my name legally changed in 2017 and remember that the judge tried his best to be respectful and only used my birth name a single time when he realized I was trans.

Getting my name changed took months and several hundred dollars. It's not a feasible option for everyone (and not something everyone wants to go through); this rule could also apply to the follow folks:

- People actively going through a divorce and don't want to be referred to with their current last name since they're going to change it post divorce
- People named after another person and don't like that
- People who literally never go by their birth name and are pretty much only known by their nickname (Bills, Bobs, Kates, etc)
- Seniors/Juniors/IIIs/etc when they don't actually go by the name, but kept the tradition going

Again, this seems like a straight forward, common sense rule to make.