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Comment:

It only takes 30 days and \$9 to legally change the sex on your ID in Michigan. The barrier for the change is so low - why would you not require someone to update their ID to reflect their identity before treating them as that gender identity legally?

For purposes of the legal system, I would expect documentation by the court of someone's birth name and sex as well as their current name and sex. These are important legal records about a person.

I think it's appropriate for judge and legal counsel to use pronouns that represent someone's legal gender identity, with the understanding that people are human and it's normal to use pronouns in line with someone's birth sex, so there may be occasional mistakes. There has to be room for conscientious objectors as well.

I don't think the expectation should extend to victims of crime, family members, or witnesses. They should should be able to describe what they saw or the person they know without fear of reprisal - including the name or gender identification of the person in question.

If a witness "saw a man in the dark" or a parent loves their child whom they've always known with a certain name, or a victim describes being attacked by a man - it's critical their ability to testify also be protected.