

383rd District Court Judge Lyda Ness Garcia's responses to ABC-7's questions about the case transfer, the timing of the court assignment, and clarification of her Facebook comments.

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I am committed to maintaining an independent and honorable judiciary which is indispensable to justice in our society. I participate in establishing, maintaining, and enforcing high standards of conduct, and personally observe those standards so that the integrity and independence of the judiciary is preserved. As noted in my personal comments on social media I have no position or personal knowledge regarding the allegations against Mr. Grossman either criminally or in the family law arena. To my knowledge he has no opinion about me. My commentary at no time addressed him by name or personally. Courts do not receive notification of cases as they are assigned to our Court, unless an attorney requests relief or a report is run, which my Court does every Monday morning. This case **is not** and **will not** be in my Court as it was referred to Judge Kirsten Cohoon the, Presiding Judge of the Sixth Administrative Judicial Region as of 9:21 am this morning. I do not know if it has been assigned by Judge Cohoon, but you may reach out to her office or check www.epcounty.com.

Judicial ethics section does not prohibit judges from making public statements regarding personal experiences, in this case with social media. My reputation among the family bar is impeccable in receiving fair treatment regardless of gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, race, or national origin. I urge you to reach out to any of the family bar. I have not been disciplined by the Judicial Commission and I have NEVER shown any bias in my Court to litigants or attorneys. If there any additional question regarding my personal comments on Ms. Ferrini's op-ed I would be happy to respond further as to my experiences. Her commentary rings true for so many strong, intelligent, independent, and capable women in public service, no one more so than family law Judges who are prohibited by the canons from debunking blatant lies, as we can't comment about pending cases. Me, and my children, have been attacked, slandered, and harassed relentlessly and the climate must change. Ms. Ferrini's op-ed has become the "Me too" movement for so many women who just wish to serve our community.

As I indicated before, there is no process by which the District Clerk notifies a respective Court of new filings in existing or newly filed cases. ANY Petition, pleading, or motion is only brought to the attention of a Court either by a litigant/attorney sending it to the Court and requesting that we act OR through the Court running its administrative reports which we do weekly. You may note that we had a portraiture unveiling on Friday and had no hearings that day. I do not know when the District Clerk accepted the case, as the time filed and time accepted can also

vary by hours or days depending on the number of filings the District Clerk receives in any given day. The District Clerk can explain the process in further detail.

I will repeat, I am not permitted to discuss any pending case or reasonings under the judicial canon of ethics. *(emphasis made by judge)*

I would urge you to read my comments again in their entire context. I am sure that your “source” can provide you with my entire commentary as it was posted on Sunday. As I publicly commented I have and continue to have no opinion regarding Ms. Ferrini’s allegations. I do not have any personal experience or interaction with either of the parties or Ms. Ferrini. The extent of my knowledge of Mr. Grossman is as a Duranguito advocate. I have never met any of them. I have never stated ANY opinion on the parties. My post clearly has nothing to do with the parties or Ms. Ferrini.

Does anyone disagree with the notion that dangerous misogyny should be called out? That women are brave for sharing their stories and experiences with vitriolic slander, libel and lies. I would imagine not.

My commentary is on the general political climate that normalizes the attacks and lies that many women in public service have experienced. The fact that this op-ed has been shared hundreds of times by Congresswoman Escobar, Leah Hannity, Cassandra Hernandez and other women in the public sphere speaks volumes that we understand this experience of being a capable woman in a misogynistic world. I have been stalked for over a decade by the vitriol and lies of small men. That women are finally standing up for themselves and sharing their own personal stories and experience is a positive change and we should all be on the right side of history on this one.