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**Q1** Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: **Gail Schnitzer Eisenberg**  
Organization (if any): **Stowell & Friedman, Ltd./Decalogue Society of Lawyers**  
City/Town: **Wilmette**  
State: **IL**  
ZIP: **60091**

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I am writing in support of the Resolution Calling on the County to Assess its Lactation Accommodations in its Court Houses.

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that babies exclusively consume breast milk for their six months followed by continued breastfeeding along with complimentary foods for the rest of the first year or longer if mutually desired by the mother and infant. Policy Statement, Breastfeeding and the Use of Human Milk, AM. ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS (March 2012). It is in society's best interest to encourage mothers otherwise inclined to breastfeed to continue to do so. "Breastfeeding results in improved infant and maternal health outcomes in both the industrialized and developing world." Id. (listing benefits).

As the Illinois General Assembly noted in passing the Right to Breastfeed Act, "breast milk offers better nutrition, immunity, and digestion, and may raise a baby's IQ, and that breastfeeding offers other benefits such as improved mother-baby bonding, and its encouragement has been established as a major goal of this decade by the World Health Organization and the United Nations Children's Fund." 740 ILCS 137/5.

The choice of whether to continue to breastfeed is often complicated by a mother's return to work. "According to the latest Bureau of Labor Statistics, the labor force participation rate for mothers with infants is 57%, up from 53% in 2004. The US is also one of the few developed countries that has no guaranteed paid maternity leave, making the choice to return to work more necessary." Rani Molla, 5 Reasons American Women Won't Breastfeed, WALLSTREET JOURNAL (April 14, 2014), <http://blogs.wsj.com/briefly/2014/04/14/5-reasons-american-women-wont-breastfeed/>.

Although every mother is different, a working mother will often express milk up to three times during an average work day to feed their child for the following day. How Often Will I Have to Pump When I Go Back To Work?, LA LECHE LEAGUE INTERNATIONAL (Nov. 12, 2008), <http://www.llli.org/faq/pumpfreq.html>. This is meant to mimic the times when the child would normally nurse. Failure to express milk regularly can lead to leaking breast milk, clogged breast ducts, reduced milk production, and mastitis (a potentially fatal breast infection). Accordingly, a mother on trial, attending an all morning hearing, or waiting to be excused from jury duty under 705 ILCS 305/10.3 will need to pump to feed her young child.

I write to you as both an employee's civil rights attorney and the Legislative Co- Chairperson of the Decalogue Society of Lawyers. Under the Decalogue Constitution we strive to "bring increase dignity and honor to the legal profession" and "advance and improve the law, administration of justice and legal profession and cooperate with other bar associations to attain those objectives." Accordingly, I write to support any necessary improvement to the courthouse to increase the dignity of attorney mothers and ensure better administration of justice in Cook County.

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**Witness Name:** Amy Meek  
**Organization (if any):** ACLU of Illinois  
**City/Town:** Chicago  
**State:** IL  
**ZIP:** 60601

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**Witness Name:** George Blakemore  
**State:** IL

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**City/Town:** Chicago  
**State:** IL  
**ZIP:** 60605

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I work at the Daley Center on the 28th floor. When I was pumping this last year for my son I had to go to the 4th floor to pump in the only pumping room of the building, which for me required taking two different elevators and a special key to access it. If I forgot my key that day I had to wait for special maintenance to get me access as there was no spare anyone kept. I was told when I signed out the key for the year that if any other employee should start nursing during that time we would need to work out a schedule to share that key, as I now had only had one and the door locks when you shut it. Luckily for me nobody ever contacted me to share. Because the room is on a different floor from me and a different elevator bank as well, the extra time it took to get there plus more should I forget any parts or the keys back upstairs led me to quit pumping at 7 months. I kept nursing at home till 11 months, but I quit pumping due largely to the stress of getting somewhere private to pump at work. I also had to bring my own mini fridge and put it in the room during my time there because our building has no break room. I could have used a cooler to store my milk and parts, but the fridge was definitely preferable. I removed it when I stopped pumping and took it to my office for lunch storage thereafter. The pump room at Daley is an office with the door blacked out, two office chairs, and a cubicle divided in half so two people could in theory pump there at the same time with some privacy, except the door is next to one of the chairs, so if the other woman leaves all of traffic court can see you pumping. Luckily I never had to share it and nobody ever walked in on me.

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