

Illinois Supreme Court
Supreme Court Building
200 E. Capitol Avenue
Springfield, IL - Illinois 62701

Re: State of Illinois vs. Drew Clinton
Case No: 2021CF396
Fourth Appellate District, 8th Circuit

Honorable Justices of the Illinois Supreme Court:

In the case State of Illinois vs. Drew Clinton which was tried in Adams County by Hon. Judge Robert Adrian, the Court held that Drew Clinton was guilty of criminal sexual assault on 10/14/2021. At the sentencing hearing for this case, Judge Adrian stated in court that he did not want to follow Illinois laws concerning sentencing for a first-time Class 1 Felony offense, and for that reason he reversed his original ruling. He stated, "By law, this court is supposed to sentence this young man to the Department of Corrections. This court will not do that. That is not just." This demonstrates Adrian did understand Illinois law and contemptuously did not adhere to the law. Judge Adrian does not have the authority to change court rulings on the grounds he does not agree with Illinois law.

Judge Adrian admonished the minor Plaintiff with these statements:

"This is what happens when parents do not exercise their parental responsibilities, when we have people, adults, having parties for teenagers, and they allow coeds and female people to swim in their underwear in their swimming pool. And, no, underwear is not the same as swimming suits. They allowed 16-year-olds to bring liquor to a party. They provided liquor to underage people, and you wonder how these things happen. Well, that's how these things happen. The court is totally disgusted with that whole thing."

The minor involved in this case and her family were not the defendant, this was not a case about underage drinking, and choice of swimming attire in a private pool is not a legal matter. These improper statements are offensive to all sexual assault survivors, women, and the public.

Furthermore, the public expressed disagreement with Judge Adrian's decision to reverse the guilty verdict the court held. The Quincy Area Network Against Domestic Abuse (QUANADA), a domestic violence shelter and rape-crisis center, issued a statement of support for the minor on Facebook, and Assistant State's Attorney Josh Jones "liked" that post. On 01/04/2022, Jones was

in Court with Judge Adrian, and Adrian stated, “Mr. Jones, get out. I’m not on social media, but my wife is. She saw the thumbs up you gave to people attacking me. I can’t be fair with you today. Get out.” The Illinois Code of Judicial Conduct requires that a judge should not allow the judge's family, social, or other relationships to influence the judge's judicial conduct or judgment. Judge Adrian’s dismissal of Jones lacks professionalism and judicial discretion.

A judge should respect and comply with the law and should conduct himself or herself at all times in a manner that promotes public confidence in the integrity and impartiality of the judiciary. Judge Adrian has not upheld the Code of Judicial Conduct. He has lost the public confidence and should henceforth be removed from his position as a representative of the judiciary.

Most respectfully,

Signature

Printed Name

Date