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## **JUDGE BEALE APPROVES PLANET FITNESS' DANGEROUS POLICY PERMITTING MEN TO USE WOMEN'S LOCKER ROOMS**

### **YVETTE CORMIER WILL BE FILING AN APPEAL OF THIS RECKLESS DECISION**

**Midland, Michigan** – Yvette Cormier's lawsuit against Planet Fitness alleging violations of the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act, breach of contract, and other claims, was dismissed by Midland County Circuit Judge Michael J. Beale in his opinion filed with the court on January 5, 2016. Ms. Cormier's suit was based upon her encountering a biological man in the women's locker room with the permission and approval of Planet Fitness. Their policy permits biological men to have unfettered use of the women's locker room, including showers, lockers, and all other aspects of the locker room, even if children are present.

Judge Beale's opinion states that because Ms. Cormier left the locker room before any actual use of the locker room by the man occurred, her claim must be dismissed. Contrary to the plain language of the preamble of the Elliott-Larsen Act, Judge Beale ruled that a policy alone is insufficient to create a hostile environment. His opinion further ignores the fact that Planet Fitness' policy allowing the presence of a man in the women's locker room when women are in various stages of undress is offensive behavior in and of itself. A woman should not have to wait until she is viewed naked by a man, or until worse objectionable behavior occurs, in order to secure legal protection.

Mrs. Cormier filed this lawsuit to protect women and children and to hold Planet Fitness accountable for its irresponsible policy and actions. It is clear that the appellate courts in Michigan will have the final say in this case. She will be filing her Claim of Appeal no later than January 26, 2016.

If you would like more information about this case, including Judge Beale's Opinion and Order, please visit: <http://www.kallmanlegal.com/PlanetFitness>.

