

Brian Spencers email to media...

From the beginning my goal was to run this office efficiently and effectively and provide courteous service to the public.

Although Judge Ammerman has been contentious in his relationship with me since I was first elected in 2014, he has noticeably, unfairly and irresponsibly ramped up his attack beginning with the primary election season. In a recent meeting with the Court Administrator, F. Cortez Bell, on December 12th of 2016. The meeting was also memorialized in an email to Mr. Bell that same date. The purpose of this meeting was to proactively ensure that the office did not begin to fall behind as we had just 6 months prior undertaken a much larger workload in that we had begun scanning all documents into the AOPC's CPCMS System, and that we wanted to ensure that our new work policies were not going to degrade in any way our service to the public and the Court.

In this meeting and memorialized email, Mr. Bell assured us that he not noted any degradation and that he would let us know immediately should any such issues become apparent.

It is my opinion that these attacks upon me and my staff are not done in the spirit of bettering the efficiency or effectiveness of the courthouse operations, but rather are partisan political attacks aimed at influencing the outcome of an election.

Now four months from my re-election the Judge has begun accusing the Clerk of Courts office for delays that are, quite frankly, not occurring. There is empirical data that shows my office has met all the standards that has been set before me by earlier administrations. These actions are all political attacks for political gain and I am quite sure they will continue in zest.

My staff and I have always maintained an open door policy. We have asked for input from anyone who is willing to make the system better but have always had the door closed on us. Anyone who knows me understands the severity of these attacks for a politically motivated Judge are to influence the publics opinion of myself. I, Brian K. Spencer, Prothonotary and Clerk of Courts, will continue to work and ask my staff to continue to work as a team for the people of Clearfield County.