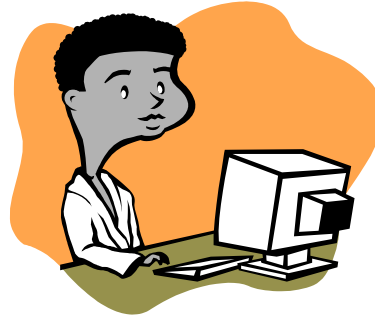


**The goals of "COURTWATCH" are:**

- To collect information from a lay-persons observations of the court process, which can be presented to the public as well as to the administrators of the justice system.
- To observe and review the ethics, demeanor, actions and decisions of Judges in the courtroom;
- To observe ethics and demeanor of attorneys in the courtroom;
- To determine if the parties to an action are being treated fairly and appropriately;
- To gather facts from the court which can be used to press for judicial reform and/or administrative changes;
- To provide a presence in the courtroom of concerned, objective and informed citizens;



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**We can provide information in these areas:**

- ◆ Learn what cases are currently in the system and how long they've been there.
- ◆ Find results of past cases.
- ◆ Know what problems the community is facing.

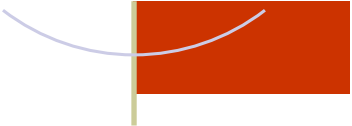
**We do not give information on Youth.**



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*Justice is silent when those with the power to act against evil do nothing....'Dead Air' by Bob Larson*



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Who



we

are?

Powell River CourtWatch is a private non-profit organization which has implemented a much needed CourtWatch Program in Powell River. The goal is to monitor and evaluate Powell River's criminal justice system from the public's point of view. We feel that our justice system needs more input from the community it serves.



Many people think that court issues are secretive and hidden behind closed doors. CourtWatch brings information about our local judicial system to the public for review and scrutiny. Frankly, if we don't know what is happening there is nothing we can do about it. If we do know then we can react.

It is hoped that by making people aware they will be able to react to problems and learn from other's mistakes. There is also the ability for the public to monitor the judicial process and insure the cases are handled in a timely, fair, but expeditious fashion.

If one person is discouraged from committing an illegal offense because they know they may be subject to public scrutiny, the program is well worth the effort.

Our hope is for a community that is safe today and for our children's future.



## CourtWatch relies on volunteer members

*CourtWatchers are volunteers representing a cross section of the community. They come from a variety of backgrounds. They are involved because they want to learn more about the criminal justice system. Wanting to make a positive contribution to the community CourtWatchers are concerned, curious, and hopeful of effecting a positive change in the system.*



One of the rights we have as citizens is to be a courtwatcher.