

## What people say about WATCH

*I thanked them for caring enough about the court to criticize it, because that's the only way it will change.*  
District Court judge

*It made such a difference to us that someone besides our family cared about the case.*  
Family member of victim

*I think it's outstanding that we have court watch in this county.*  
City prosecutor

*There's no question that [WATCH's] cool gaze has spurred a distracted court system toward more scrupulous handling of crimes against women and children.*  
Minneapolis Star Tribune editorial

*The newsletter article did a nice job laying out the issues in Family Court.*  
Retired judge

*When WATCH is present, people are immediately more accountable and more careful.*  
District Court judge

*Their impact in the courtroom has been little short of revolutionary . . . WATCH serves the function of public input, public scrutiny and public oversight that has been so sadly lacking.*  
Public defense attorney

*WATCH is the conscience of the courthouse.*  
County prosecutor

*The best ideas for change come from outsiders who are not biased by the assumptions and history that often blinds insiders to the need or potential for change.*  
District Court judge

*Without WATCH providing an omnipresent public scrutiny of the court system I fear that both the rights of the (often wrongfully) accused and the victims get sold out in the rush for efficiency or simply because of judicial, professional or systemic inertia . . .*  
Public defense attorney

*For 10 years WATCH has given us citizen advocacy at its finest; it is smart, vigilant, and powerfully effective.*  
County prosecutor

*WATCH has proved a universal point: When good people speak out, justice will prevail.*  
Minneapolis Star Tribune editorial