

# JTIP Lesson 7 – Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity, and Gender Expression

## Sample Motion Re: Court’s Usage of Correct Pronouns for Transgender or Gender Non-Conforming Youth

### COURT

PEOPLE	)	
	)	
	)	No. XXXXX
	)	
v.	)	
	)	
XXXXX	)	Hon. Judge
	)	
Defendant	)	

### MOTION

The Defendant, Ms. XXXX, by and through her attorney, XXXX, respectfully moves this Honorable Court to conduct court proceedings in accordance with, and with respect for, the Defendant’s gender identity, and in support of this motion, states as follows:

1. The Defendant, Ms. XXXX, identifies as a transgender woman.
2. Ms. XXXX identifies and has been presenting as a woman for several years, and is known to her family and her community as a woman.
3. In accordance with her gender identity, Ms. XXXX uses female pronouns, such as “she” and “her”, as well as female salutations and titles, such as “Ms.”
4. Recognizing a need to combat the effects of bias and bigotry facing transgender people, the [city / local law] prohibits discrimination on the basis of gender identity in a variety of arenas, including [where discrimination is prohibited]. [Citation].

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5. This [state / local law] states that “gender identity” means [definition]. [citation]. The [state / local law] further states, [quotation that addresses discrimination being prohibited]. [State / local law].

WHEREFORE, the Defendant, Ms. XXXX, respectfully moves this Court to conduct court proceedings in accordance with Ms. XXXX’s gender identity by using the female pronouns “she” and “her.”

Respectfully Submitted,

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Dated: XXXX XX, XXXX