



On October 5, 2007, Kristin Lucas became the most current version of herself when she succeeded in legally changing her name from Kristin Sue Lucas to Kristin Sue Lucas in a Superior Court of California courtroom. On the name change petition that she submitted, she wrote "Refresh" as the reason for the change.

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA

County of Alameda

Rene C. Davidson Alameda County Courthouse

Case No. RG07336497

Date: September 21, 2007

Petitioner: Kristin Sue Lucas

Petitioner represented by: Kristin Sue Lucas

Judge: The Honorable Frank Roesch

TRANSCRIPT OF CHANGE OF NAME HEARING:

JR: Kristin Lucas . . . You are the last one on the calendar today, Miss Lucas. Because I really don't quite understand. This process requires a change to be taking place. And you're not asking for anything to change. You're asking for this order that to you stays the same.

KL: I have prepared a brief statement, um, to read to the court, if I may.

JR: You may.

KL: Okay.



KL: Your honor I am here for a refresh.

A renewal of self.

I consider this act to be a poetic gesture and a birthday gift.

I am ready for an update.

An intervention into my life.

I am here to be born again as myself, or at the very least, the most current version of myself.

I am prepared to let go.

To empty my cache.

To refill the screen with the same information.

To reboot knowing that the new Kristin Lucas may experience a tremendous sense of loss, detachment, or disappointment, or joy.

Kristin Lucas is ready for change.

And Kristin Lucas awaits her replacement.

JR: But it's not a change.

KL: I feel it is a change if it's entered into the system. And it's, it's like, like uh, like uhm, honoring your vows in marriage. It's . . . uh. It's . . . I'm considering it like a rebirth or a renewal. Uhm . . . For me it feels like a change would take place the moment between a name

that exists and then rewriting the same name. If I write my name over and over on a page, my name is different every time I write it. Because it's, it's about time, it's about experiencing it as the moment. So I, I ask you to please honor my, my name change and give me this chance for intervention in my life.

JR: The law does not, in which you have placed yourself into, is procedure to make a name change. Not a spiritual change, not a change of a relationship to yourself, not a change of . . . not a refresh as on a computer screen where you want to refresh a website. Uhm . . . The law only provides this process for people that are changing their names. Mostly people change their names because of their self-identity or their religious beliefs. Or there, or there were changes in a relationship that they cannot accept . . . but the process isn't set up to avoid giving an opportunity to come together in a spiritual or emotional way.

KL: Or just, everyday affirmation of self, is also what I had in mind.

JR: The court's not in the business of humor. The