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I would like to offer support for Kay Lee. After reading her app. Specifically this sticks out, and I find very important in a judge, esp. considering the changing demographics with more and more of us having to go to court without any legal help, and just for all persons in general:

"Last, but not least, I also believe a judge needs to be compassionate. A judge is not determining the case in a vacuum; these are some of the most stressful and potentially devastating events in the parties' lives, so it is important that he or she retain their humanity".

This is something we desperately need in Flathead County, my experience being so far, that at least half the judges currently on the bench don't care at all about their fellow man in this arena, and in fact aid in helping destroy their lives, health and finances unnecessarily by inattention to the cases before them, and just plain not caring.

Sincerely,  
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Dear Members of the Judicial Nomination Commission:

This letter is written in support of Kay Lynn Lee's application to serve as our next District Court Judge for the Eleventh Judicial District, Flathead County.

I have known Kay Lynn Lee since 2006, when she joined the law firm of Henning, Keedy and Lee in Kalispell, Montana. I have worked primarily with Kay Lynn when conducting settlement conferences and developing CLE presentations for both the State Bar of Montana and the National Business Institute. She is knowledgeable, articulate and dedicated to the rule of law. Kay Lynn has the necessary diverse legal background to serve as a District Court Judge. She has handled complex civil litigation, including personal injury and construction defect cases, family law matters of every kind, and even criminal cases. Our Eleventh Judicial District Court handles very high volumes of civil and family law matters; Kay Lynn is poised to hit the ground running when seated as our next Judge.

Kay Lynn is highly regarded and respected by all who know her in both the law and lay community. Kay Lynn has been actively involved in the Northwest Montana Bar Association and Pro Bono Committee, dedicating countless hours in service to serve low income litigants. She continues to volunteer every week at the Self-Help Law Center, as she has for the past several years. Kay Lynn also devotes herself in public service to our community and is well-regarded for her commitment and enthusiasm. She always serves without remuneration. She was recognized by the Northwest Montana Bar Association in 2012 as Pro Bono Attorney of the Year.

You'll find her written and oral legal skills to be top notch. Kay Lynn has been writing winning briefs since she served on Moot Court as a law student. In 1986, she won Best Brief and first place oral argument in Constitutional Law. In 2012, Kay Lynn wrote the winning brief and made the successful oral argument to the Montana Supreme Court in a complex marital dissolution

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case out of Lake County, specifically: *In Re The Marriage of Funk*, 2012 MT 14. Her legal background demonstrates that she is a most qualified candidate for the District Court position.

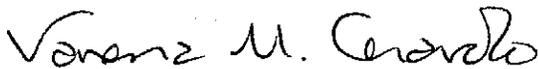
What I respect most about Kay Lynn as a lawyer is her neutrality. She is not a politician. Kay Lynn is truly independent as a lawyer and will serve our community as an independent, nonpartisan District Court Judge. I cannot say the same about other applicants for this position.

I respectfully request each member of the Judicial Nomination Commission to give careful consideration to Kay Lynn's application and to scrutinize all candidates carefully for the crucial characteristics of a good Judge, specifically, nonpartisan, compassion, legal knowledge, respect of peers, diligence, good communication and hard working. You will find that Kay Lynn possesses all these characteristics and has a great sense of humor to boot!

I am confident that when you meet Kay Lynn that you will nominate her as one of the candidates to be considered for appointment by our esteemed Governor Bullock.

Thank you for your time and commitment to seating the best possible person as our next Judge.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Vanessa M. Ceravolo".

Vanessa M. Ceravolo, Esq.