

Cook, Kevin

From: Menzies, Lois
Sent: Friday, August 21, 2015 3:06 PM
To: Cook, Kevin
Subject: Public Comment: Quatman

From: R. Ashton [mailto:snoshoe_2@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2015 5:31 PM
To: MT Supreme Court,
Subject: public comment for judicial nominees

To Whom it May Concern;

Richard De Jana:

It is my understanding attorneys in good standing may apply. This does not apply to Richard De Jana. He currently has a stalking charge filed against him by me with the county attorney's office. There are two law suits in federal court against him also. He has abused the legal system seriously violating ADA laws, caused many others to be brought into suit due to his actions. Caused me multiple irreparable harm including defamation, and frankly his client he is representing against me should be suing him also. I believe it can be shown he just recently deliberately lost a case for another client.

Judge Daniel Wilson:

While it would seem he would be the most reasonable choice, already being a judge, I believe he is not ready to take on the role in Flathead District Court. He recently gave a copy of a request for a TOP to the offender, without a hearing granted, this is NOT to be done. Offender was the above, Richard De Jana.

While I have no personal experience with the rest, the things I have heard of the others, leads me to believe the best choice, and who might actually remember their job is working for truth and justice for we the people, would be John Quatman.

Sincerely,
Robin Ashton

Cook, Kevin

From: Menzies, Lois
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2015 3:23 PM
To: Cook, Kevin
Subject: Public Comment: Quatman

From: csabell@charter.net [<mailto:csabell@charter.net>]
Sent: Wednesday, August 26, 2015 3:36 PM
To: Menzies, Lois
Subject: Jack Quatman, Candidate for District Judge

Re: District Judge candidate, JOHN (JACK) QUATMAN

We have known Jack Quatman for many years, always admiring his legal talents and court room manor. He is a very capable attorney and would make a quality judge. He has always handled our legal matter promptly, as well as civic commitments.

Jack has been involved in our community with Civil Air Patrol, is presently president of the Whitefish Lions Club, and has been a participant and contributor at numerous charity events.

His legal expertise fully qualifies him to be our next judge. Please make it so.

Charles and Susan Abell
5 Woodland Place
Whitefish, Montana 59937

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

September 8, 2015

Judicial Nomination Commission
c/o Lois Menzies
Office of Court Administrator
P.O. Box 203005
Helena, MT 59620-3005

Dear Ms. Menzies:

I am pleased to write this letter of support for Jack Quatman for his appointment to the vacancy on the 11th Judicial Court bench.

I have followed Jack's career for the last 10 years. His knowledge of the legal system, his thoroughness of case preparation, his experience in the workings of the court, and his persistence in representing his clients make him the most qualified applicant for this position. Further, his unique blend of criminal lawyer, civil litigator, divorce attorney, and business counsel means that he will not be unfamiliar with any type of case that should, and will, come before him. As a criminal prosecutor, Jack practiced at the top of the profession trying over 200 felony jury trials which included several capital cases. As a criminal defense attorney, Jack tried many cases both highly publicized and highly sensitive. He has never failed to represent a client due to the unpopularity of the cause or the difficulty of the matter.

In his 42 years of practice, Jack has experience working in such varied fields as family support matters: assisting the poor in establishing paternity and collecting overdue child support from delinquent fathers; consumer fraud and environmental protection matters: suing and prosecuting fraudulent business practices. In short, Jack has the back ground and trial experience to be a well prepared and knowledgeable judge from the "get go".

In other areas, Jack is the president of the Whitefish Lions Club which provides site and hearing for those that cannot afford glasses and hearing aids; which planted and maintains a large vegetable garden providing organic food stuffs to the Whitefish school district; and which puts out the American flag on 13 holidays during the year. Jack is a Lieutenant Colonel in the Civil Air Patrol, the official auxiliary of the United States Air Force, and holds the position as Chief Legal Counsel for the Air Patrol in Montana. Jack has previously been the president of the Whitefish Kiwanis and the St. Charles Knights of Columbus.

It is my honor to be called a friend, colleague, and supporter of Jack. I urge that Jack be appointed to the vacant position on the 11th Judicial District bench. Should you have any questions regarding Jack, please feel free to call me anytime at (202) 225-3211.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ryan Zinke". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Ryan Zinke
Member of Congress

Cook, Kevin

From: Menzies, Lois
Sent: Tuesday, September 8, 2015 4:35 PM
To: Cook, Kevin
Subject: Public Comment -- Quatman

From: DIANNE TORRES [<mailto:diannetorres@comcast.net>]
Sent: Monday, September 07, 2015 4:25 PM
To: Menzies, Lois
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT FOR JUDICIAL NOMINEE JOHN QUATMAN

TO: Montana Supreme Court
SUBJECT: JOHN (JACK) QUATMAN, Candidate for Judge

Dear Members of the Judicial Nomination Commission:

I am writing to you for the purpose of expressing my support for Jack Quatman as the best applicant to fill the current judicial vacancy in Flathead District Court. Jack's energetic dedication to his duties as an attorney, and his passion for delving into the depth and breadth of Montana law, are unparalleled among the candidates you are considering.

I can testify to the dedication he will bring as a Flathead Court Judge. I deeply understand how Montana law and the Flathead justice system operate in having learned this from Jack Quatman as my family's attorney. His work ethic and ability to be involved with hundreds of complex details, while also maintaining a "big context" perspective, and while also holding integrity for the depth of responsibility he shoulders, deserves your respect and support for his judicial candidacy.

As a former prosecutor and defense attorney, Jack Quatman is uniquely attuned to the need for checks and balances between the district courts, the police, and the district prosecutors. He will bring an increased level of scrutiny and efficiency, and thereby enhance the productivity and quality of judgements rendered in the Flathead District Court. Jack's tireless energy and dedication to the law will provide the Flathead County with the very best judge possible.

Sincerely, Dianne Torres
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580 McGregor Lane, Marion, MT 59925

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September 7, 2015

Judicial Nomination Commission
c/o Lois Menzies
lmenzies@mt.gov

Re; John R. Quatman; Candidate for Judge

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to express my support for the application of John R. (Jack) Quatman to replace the Hon. Ted Lympus. I know Jack as the family lawyer of a good friend. I have been an Architect in the Seattle area for over 37 years and have been hired as an expert witness many times during that period. As a result I have observed many attorneys in Court.

I have also had the privilege to observe Jack in a Jury trial. Jack Quatman is one of the best trial lawyers I have seen. His knowledge of the law, sharp intellect, and ability to see how the factual details of a case fit into the larger strategy are among the best that I have seen.

I have reviewed his application and can verify many of the things that he expresses in it. I have experienced his passion and reverence for the law and his dedication to getting justice for his clients.

I know that his experience as both a prosecutor and a defense attorney in criminal matters and his experience in civil and family law will allow him the insight as a judge to balance the interests of all concerned during a trial.

I believe that Jack Quatman has the experience to make an excellent judge and will serve Flathead County with the same devotion that he has served his clients.

Sincerely,

Jerome J. Diepenbrock

Cook, Kevin

From: Menzies, Lois
Sent: Sunday, September 13, 2015 8:02 PM
To: Cook, Kevin
Subject: Public Comment -- Quatman

From: Ed Corrigan [<mailto:corrigan@flathead.mt.gov>]
Sent: Saturday, September 12, 2015 9:24 AM
To: MT Supreme Court,
Subject:

Judicial Nomination Committee
c/o Lois Menzies
Office of the Court Administrator
P.O. Box 203005
Helena, MT 59620-3005

Re: 11th Judicial District Court Seat
John R. Quatman

Commissioners:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to John "Jack" Quatman's application for the currently vacant District Judge position in Flathead County. From my dealings with him over the years, I am of the opinion that he lacks the ethics and professionalism necessary to be a District Judge.

It would serve the Commission well to review the Referee's (Hon. Kevin Murphy, Judge of the Superior Court) Report of Proceedings, Summary of Evidence and Findings of Fact in the California case of In Re Fred Harlan Freeman on Habeas Corpus (California Supreme Court Case No. S1225950) a death penalty case Mr. Quatman prosecuted and then assisted his law partner/wife in attempting to set the death penalty aside. In those findings, Judge Murphy concluded: "The character of John Quatman is such that he can't be believed. Coworkers from the Alameda County District Attorney's Office testified that he was dishonest. A Criminal Defense Attorney from Alameda County testified that Mr. Quatman's reputation for honesty and veracity was poor. Two attorneys from Mr. Quatman's current legal community in Montana indicated he was not to be trusted and had a reputation for not being trustworthy. Testimony showed that when seeking the office of Judge (in California), Mr. Quatman asked his employer to "shred" negative material from his personnel file to thwart inquiries from the media and during the same campaign, falsely represented that he sent Polly Klaas' killer to prison in campaign material. Evidence demonstrated that Mr. Quatman was the type of person who would publicly make disparaging remarks about coworkers and members of the Bar. There was testimony presented that Mr. Quatman advised fellow prosecutors to tell witnesses exactly what to say in court and one Deputy District Attorney described how Mr. Quatman demonstrated a method to plant narcotics near witnesses to induce cooperation." The remainder of the Referee's findings are no less critical.

Another example worth noting is the case of State v. Jackie Buck (Flathead County Cause No. DC-98-367A). At the conclusion of her jury trial, Ms. Buck was convicted of Sexual Intercourse Without Consent and Distribution of Dangerous Drugs. Originally represented by his partner, Mr. Quatman appeared on the first day of trial and proceeded as Ms. Buck's counsel. Prior to sentencing Judge Keller, *sua sponte*, set aside Ms. Buck's convictions finding that her representation was so obviously ineffective that new counsel and a new trial were necessary.

Mr. Quatman is not a suitable candidate to fill the judicial vacancy resulting from Judge Lympus' retirement. His application should accordingly be denied.

Sincerely,
Ed Corrigan
Flathead County Attorney

Cook, Kevin

From: Menzies, Lois
Sent: Friday, September 11, 2015 8:16 PM
To: Cook, Kevin
Subject: Public Comment -- Quatman

From: Bill La Brie [<mailto:walabrie@centurytel.net>]
Sent: Thursday, September 10, 2015 7:56 AM
To: Menzies, Lois
Subject: Appointment to the District Court of the 11th Judicial District of Montana

Commission for Judicial Appointments

Ms. Menzies,

I am writing to express my support for Mr. Jack Quatman who has made application to be appointed to the 11th Judicial District Court opening created by the retirement of Judge Ted Lympus.

My background is as follows: I retired with twenty (20) years of service with the Los Angeles Police Department. I retired as a Senior Detective with specialities in Sex Crimes and Homicide Investigations. I also served and retired with eleven (11) years of service as Chief of Police for the City of Whitefish, MT.

During my time as a Detective with LAPD, I was privileged to have worked with some of the truly great Deputy District Attorneys of Los Angeles County. Many went on to serve as Superior Court Judges. I also faced many great Public Defenders that attained national recognition because of the clients they defended. I often refer to both my friends from the District Attorney's Office and my adversaries from the Public Defenders and Private Practice as "Bulldog Street Fighters" of the legal profession in Los Angeles. These attorney's on both sides of the isle earned my respect even when I didn't agree with them. I also spent years in Court watching the Men and Women in Black sitting on the Bench. Here again many of them became California Judicial Giants in my opinion.



With this as my background, I got to know Jack Quatman shortly after he and his family moved from Oakland, CA. where he had served as a Deputy District Attorney, prosecuting Capitol Offense Homicide cases. When Jack moved to Whitefish in the early 1990's, he opened his private practice. Jack brought to the Flathead that same "Bulldog Street Fighting" style that he earned and acquired in Oakland. There is no doubt about it, Jack upset a lot of apple carts in the Montana Legal Community. Jack knows his "law" and can instantly handle either the prosecution or the defense side of an issue, which in all honesty as a Cop, I really don't understand. My direction was always to build a great case and prosecute to the nth degree. With this in mind, it is apparent to me that Jack Quatman fills the bill to become a Judge with the 11th Judicial District of Montana. He has the education, the background and experience to sit on the bench and weigh the evidence, motions and arguments submitted by both the prosecution and defense with fairness and honesty. I really feel that Jack has the ability to walk that very fine line needed to be a Judge. Jack is not afraid to make the tough decisions, he is not afraid to ruffle ones feathers, and he certainly is thick skinned enough to take what is thrown at him. It is my opinion that when lawyers face Jack in court, they will receive fair and honest treatment both within the Spirit and Letter of the Law.

I feel that Jack if appointed to the Bench will give the people of Flathead County the best he has to offer, and he will fulfill the Obligations and Duties of his Office to the highest of standards, thus giving the residents of Flathead County time to study him and make a decision at the ballot box if they want Jack Quatman to continue to serve them as a Judge of the 11th Judicial District.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

William J. La Brie,
Retired LAPD Senior Detective/ Retired Chief of Police
for the City of Whitefish, Mt.



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From: Menzies, Lois
Sent: Friday, September 11, 2015 8:16 PM
To: Cook, Kevin
Subject: Public Comment -- Quatman

From: Linda S. Park [<mailto:lsp@blarg.net>]
Sent: Wednesday, September 09, 2015 12:12 AM
To: Menzies, Lois
Subject: John Quatman Recommendation - 11th Judicial District Court

Dear Members of the Judicial Nomination Commission:

I am writing in support of John (Jack) Quatman for the position of District Judge in the Eleventh Judicial District of the State of Montana. Jack Quatman would bring a depth and breadth of experience, expertise and perspective to this role from his long legal career spanning work as a prosecutor, criminal defense attorney, civil litigator, and family law attorney. I have personally witnessed his dedication, integrity and hard work in representing a client, and his deep respect for the law and justice system. Jack Quatman would be an exceptional judge to serve the Eleventh Judicial District Court, and the citizens of Flathead County.

Sincerely,

Linda S. Park
16465 Marine View Dr SW
Burien, WA 98166

Cook, Kevin

From: Menzies, Lois
Sent: Friday, September 11, 2015 8:15 PM
To: Cook, Kevin
Subject: Public Comment -- Quatman

From: Joe Demboski [<mailto:joe.demboski@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, September 08, 2015 6:11 PM
To: Menzies, Lois
Subject: John Quatman, Eleventh District Judgeship Nomination

To: Judicial Nomination Commission

Dear Commission Members:

I am writing in support of John (Jack) Quatman's candidacy for District Judgeship nomination.

I have had the opportunity to observe Jack Quatman at work, in court, at trial and in a series of hearings. I have also been present when Jack was interacting out of court with a client and the client's family.

I have seen in Jack a person of incisive intellect, personal integrity, and in-depth legal knowledge and talent. His legal preparations in the case I observed were diligent and thorough. In court his demeanor was respectful and highly professional. His presentations were thoughtful, clear, and to the point. His treatment of all participants in the process--witnesses, the opposing legal team, and others, was courteous and considerate. He showed his ability to argue and question forcefully and pointedly, but respectfully.

Jack's communications that I observed with his client and family were impressive. He not only knows and understands Montana law very thoroughly, but is able to communicate complex legal information to lay persons clearly and concisely. Having been both a prosecutor and a defense attorney, he has a broad and balanced perspective, and a deep appreciation of the profound impact legal actions and decisions can have on individuals' lives, and on the broader community.

Personally, Jack cares about people, and deplors injustice and unfairness. He is committed to seeking legal outcomes that are just, fair, and humane. If he is selected to fill this vacancy, I am confident that Jack will serve with great distinction. I believe he will be a highly positive influence on the integrity and effectiveness of the court system in Flathead County, and will display the type of legal expertise, humane compassion, professional effectiveness, and judicial temperament that we would all like to see in all of our judges.

Thank you for your consideration.

Joseph Demboski

Cook, Kevin

From: Menzies, Lois
Sent: Friday, September 11, 2015 8:14 PM
To: Cook, Kevin
Subject: Public Comment -- Quatman

From: Patrick Connolly [<mailto:patrick@ski-movement.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, September 08, 2015 8:33 PM
To: MT Supreme Court,
Subject: Judicial Nomination Commission c/o Lois Menzies

Office of Court Administrator

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In support of Jack Quatman's application. He has represented our family through the years and the words that come to mind are smart, decisive, inquisitive and most of all, passionately interested in truth and justice. He would make a great judge :).

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"Commit to Change and Change Will Happen, In Time!"