

October 6, 2016

Dear Judicial Nomination Commission,

This letter is in regards to Martin David Lambert. My name is Oakley Clark I have lived in Bozeman Montana for 13 years. I am not in support of this man becoming a judge. In 2014 Martin David Lambert took over my rape case after my attorney went to another position. My case was handled through victim services.

I feel he would not put his whole heart in this position. Mr. Lamberts primary goal is not to help people but to make himself look good. This shown when he chooses to work on the high publicized cases and shove the others to the side. As the Gallatin County Attorney he did not do his job. When I first talked to Martin about my case and what could further be done, I was let down and put to the curb. I was not important and he told me he did not want to deal with my case nor did he even bother to look at it. He told me he was going to send it down to misdemeanor court and they can deal with. I also feel that he sided and did what the public defender wanted to do so he didn't have to help me. The Gallatin County Attorneys are supposed to support and help the victims to the best of their abilities and I was completely let down by this man. I was not listened to and was told that I just have to deal with it. After my case was a hung jury I still had a little hope that some kind of justice was going to be done. I was told that a plea agreement would still be done after the trial. My hopes were crushed and still to this day I have very little belief that any good came out of it. After 9 months, my rapist Devearl Royster was out of jail and free to live his life. After 3 years I do not have a normal life. I suffer from P.T.S.D and it affects my daily living.

I see Martins name or face in the news and it bring me bad memories. I have panic attacks and my chest tightens up. I wish I could look at him and say at least one man stood up for me and I am proud but I can't . At times I ask myself why did I go forward or why did I say anything at all. My example of a fair, respectful judge is the complete opposite of Martin David Lambert.

I hope that you take my comments from the heart into account. I feel that this is a position for a person who always is willing to go the extra mile to do what is fair and honest. While the victims services helped save my life, Mr. Lambert did nothing in any way to help with my case. To dismiss what happened to me and tell me to deal with it is unforgiveable for a person in any capacity and even more so in our justice system. I question his ability to look at situations and study them to the degree of understanding the facts so that fair and reasonable decisions can be made. Please do not put this man in a position where he can continue to be an embarrassment to our great respected judicial system in the great state of Montana.

Thank-You for reading my concerns and please consider not appointing Mr. Lambert.

Sincerely,


Oakley J. Clark

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October 21, 2016

Judicial Nomination Commission
c/o Lois Menzies
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VIA E-Mail: bmclaughlin@mt.gov

RE: Martin David Lambert

Dear Judicial Nomination Commission:

My interest in addressing you today is to endorse Martin "Marty" David Lambert for the current vacancy as District Court Judge, in the 18th Judicial District, Gallatin County.

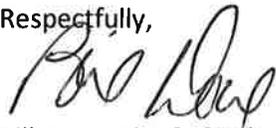
My name is Bill Dove and I have been employed in Law Enforcement in Gallatin County since February 1, 1986. Over the past 30 plus years I have had countless opportunities to work with Marty on every manner of situation.

I am currently the Chief of Police for the Bozeman/Yellowstone Int'l Airport. Prior to the airport I served as Deputy Chief of Police for the Bozeman Police Department, supervising the Investigative Division for the last 12 years of my career. In that position as I mentioned I worked with Marty on felony cases, misdemeanor cases and numerous civil cases. I endorse Marty for the position of District Court Judge because he continues to show the same zeal and enthusiasm today, as he did when I first met him back in 1986.

Marty makes himself available at all hours of the day or night, not just passing the buck to the Jr Deputy County Attorney. Marty demonstrates a strong power of analytical reasoning, effective communication skills and a high level of expertise. I believe as a leader Marty projects self-confidence, authority and enthusiasm, making wise and fair judgements based on solid facts.

Marty has dedicated his life to public service and the pursuit of justice. As District Court Judge I know we will see the same zeal and enthusiasm as he displays as the Gallatin County Attorney and he will serve the community well. With a list of well qualified applicants your job is a tough one, I strongly encourage you to recommend that Governor Bullock nominate Martin D Lambert to fill the vacancy as District Court Judge in the 18th Judicial District.

Respectfully,



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October 23, 2016

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RE: Marty Lambert- Montana 18th Judicial District Judge

Dear Commission:

I first met Marty Lambert in 1987 when I was in law school working for the defender project and he was a deputy Gallatin County Attorney. I was in search of records for my client, a Montana State Prison inmate. At that time I was elated that Mr. Lambert took the time out of his day to discuss the process to obtain the records as well as time to educate me on some of the issues I would find in the records and share some professional comradery. He was the epitome of polite and professional.

Some years later I became a co-worker of Marty Lambert. Marty was hard working, studious, stubborn and the best criminal trial attorney I have met in my 30 years of practice. While there were times we clashed, Marty was always willing to listen to my thoughts, ideas, opinions and strategies. It is innate to Marty Lambert's character to consider what is being said; challenge it and reach an articulable decision. What more can we ask from a District Court Judge?

Over the years as County Attorney, Marty rose to the challenge of every aspect of law that came before him. He learned insurance law, contract law, political subdivision law and land use. He has been the administrator and manages a large office balancing the needs of his staff with the needs of the County citizens and the limitations of Gallatin County. That balancing act will carry forward and serve the Eighteenth Judicial District well.

This is not to say that there have not been times over the past three decades that Marty Lambert and I have disagreed; strongly disagreed. Many I am certain have found some of Marty's decision lacking. To that I would respond that the critic has not taken the time (or been able to find the time that coincides with Marty's hectic schedule) to discuss the disagreement. Over the years, I have made calls and left messages to discuss a decision or strategy, usually reported by the Bozeman Daily Chronicle in a negative light. When we could find the time to vet the topic, I have always been

satisfied with the decisions Marty made, no matter how publically unpopular those decisions might have been. Again, it serves no one to have a judge who bends to public sentiment. The judge's role is to apply the law to the facts. That frequently does not lend itself to a "sound bite". Judges don't get to make popular decisions. Marty is strong of character and would not be tempted to bend to public sentiment.

Marty is a devoted family man. He cared for his aged mother. He is a devoted husband, father and grandfather. I don't hold it against him that he is a devoted Bobcat fan- but he is that was well.

Another aspect of this judicial appointment which should not be lost on any candidate is the process which will ensure after nomination and appointment. Confirmation by the legislature is but the first step to election campaigns in short order. Mr. Lambert has established himself through the election process and is familiar with the legislative process as well. He did not throw his "hat in the ring" lightly. He considered what, in addition to the work load, would be needed to provide continuity to the citizens before he applied.

I encourage you to place Mr. Martin Lambert in the group of nominees forwarded to Governor Bullock for appointment as District Court Judge for the Montana Eighteenth Judicial District.

Should you or the Governor have questions, I am available at the address and telephone above to respond.

Sincerely,

Susan B. Swimley
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From: MT Supreme Court,
Sent: Sunday, October 23, 2016 6:47 PM
To: Cook, Kevin
Subject: Public Comment -- Lambert

From: Bjorn Boyer [<mailto:bjornb5@gmail.com>]
Sent: Sunday, October 23, 2016 6:17 PM
To: MT Supreme Court,
Subject: Letter of Support for Marty Lambert - 18th Judicial District Judge

Dear Ms. Menzies,

I am a deputy county attorney at the Gallatin County Attorney's Office. As the Gallatin County Attorney, Marty has been a boss and mentor. Marty has been the elected county attorney for twenty years now. He was a deputy county attorney for Judge Salvagni for several years before that. As the county attorney, he is ultimately responsible for all criminal prosecutions in Gallatin County. He is also responsible for advising the county commissioners and other civil matters for the County. As such, he is uniquely positioned to be a judge because of his experience in both criminal and civil law. Because of this experience, Marty would be an excellent judge.

From the beginning of my employment with Gallatin County, I have observed Marty to be an incredibly hard worker. After thirty plus years as a prosecutor, I think it would be easy for Marty to let off the gas. He has not done that. He is often in the office early, leaves late, and works weekends. I have an incredible respect for his work ethic. Marty also has incredibly thick skin. Although he is in a political position, I believe Marty makes decisions based off what he believes to be right, not what might be politically expedient.

I have also seen the way Marty interacts with victims of serious crimes. I have seen Marty empathize with rape victims and the family members of a young man who was senselessly murdered. Marty has had those experiences for over three decades that help him understand the human impacts of the justice systems.

For these reasons, Marty would make an excellent judge. I gladly support his nomination.

Sincerely,

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**RE: Marty Lambert
Eighteenth Judicial District Vacancy**

Dear Committee Member:

The purpose of this correspondence is to encourage you to submit the name of Marty Lambert to Governor Bullock for appointment to the Eighteenth Judicial District vacancy.

I have known Mr. Lambert since 1991. I met him because we were then both involved with the Montana County Attorneys Association.

Marty left his private practice in 1983 to become a Deputy Gallatin County Attorney. In 1997 he was appointed Gallatin County Attorney and has held the position continuously since then.

Mr. Lambert has been involved in the prosecution of two landmark cases in Montana. The first is *State v. Moore*, 268 M 20, 885 P2d 457, 51 St. Rep. 1151 (1994). In *Moore* DNA evidence was used to identify the brain tissue of a homicide victim. *Moore* is a combination no body homicide and DNA case. I recall Marty in the early 1990s training us county attorneys how to use and introduce DNA evidence at a judicial proceeding. It was cutting edge at the time.

The second landmark case is *Charlotte Mills, Clerk and Recorder of Gallatin County v. Alta Vista Ranch LLC*, 2008 MT 214, 344 Mont. 212, 187 P3d 627. *Mills* closed the remainder loophole in subdivision law. This decision was very beneficial in regulating growth somewhat during the recent oil boom in Richland County.

Mr. Lambert is a very active member of the Montana County Attorneys Association. He is a past president of the association and has been especially helpful during legislative sessions. I know he was instrumental in the 2007 session when our association worked successfully to defeat a stand your ground law almost identical to the Florida law which gained national notoriety following the shooting death of Trayvon Martin.

It is obvious that successful district court judges are very hard working. There is no doubt that Marty Lambert is a hard working county attorney. He has many deputy county attorneys, but still tries difficult cases. I learned during preparation for this letter that he is scheduled to be in trial during our winter county attorney meeting and training this December.

I have no doubt that Marty Lambert will be an excellent district court judge and an asset to the judicial community.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,



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October 24, 2016

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Re: Marty Lambert Judicial Appointment

Members of the Nominating Committee:

Please consider the appointment of Marty Lambert as the next 18th Judicial District Court judge. Marty has the experience, temperament and education to be an exceptional judge.

I have known Marty since law school, over thirty years. He was a year ahead of me at the University of Montana. Marty's wife Kathleen was my classmate. Marty was one of the hardest working students in his law school class. I often talked law with him, even on weekends when most other students were busy with non-law related pursuits.

Marty's list of accomplishments is long. He was a top student from high school on and earned his undergraduate degree from Montana State University in Bozeman with honors. After law school, he steadily became a community leader in Bozeman. He was recognized for his volunteer work with Bozeman Campfire, was a Director and President of Hearts and Homes, Inc. and was Past Distinguished President of Bozeman Kiwanis. He is involved with the local opera and symphony.

I think what separates Marty from the other able candidates is his ability to make the tough decision. It is the decision-making ability that ultimately defines a good judge. Marty worked through the "sausage-making" in Helena to enact good legislation and to kill legislation harmful to the citizens of Montana. I was impressed by his ability to stand up for his principles while recognizing how to get things done. He knows that at the intersection of principle and pragmatism you will find judgment.

Marty will keep his court running and get out timely decisions. I have dealt with a number of administrative matters with Marty over the years in my capacity as Chief Deputy County Attorney and Marty as the Gallatin County Attorney. Sometimes we disagreed as to legal and fiscal matters but, in the end, Marty found ways to make things work out fairly for both counties. Marty knows the importance of getting to "yes" and then moving on to the next problem.

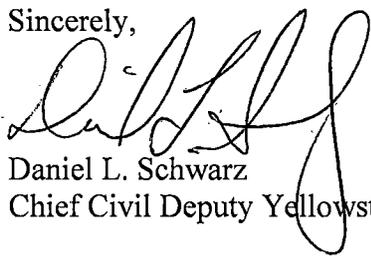
I had the pleasure to write an *amicus* brief on behalf of Gallatin County in the *Alta Vista* litigation a few years back. The case dealt with a developer trying to circumvent the Montana Subdivision and Platting Act. It also dealt with the fundamental authority of the Clerk and Recorder to keep the public records in a sound manner. Marty and his team were successful in the litigation. Gallatin County's brief was well done and the result reflected the fine and competent work. I imagine Marty's decisions from the bench will also be well reasoned and well written.

The 18th Judicial District will not be a walk-in-the-park for any new judge. This district is one of the busiest in the State of Montana. Coming from the busiest judicial district in the state, I can sympathize with the caseload facing 18th Judicial District Court judges. Good thing Marty has experience as the Gallatin County Attorney. Responsible for everything from deliberate homicides to traffic tickets, from zoning to subdivisions, Marty respects deadlines. He knows that hard decisions don't get better with time.

Enough on Marty's substantial legal qualifications in the County Attorney's Office. Marty has the heart to go with the mind. His victim/witness program is second to none in the state. The citizens of Montana are currently grappling with the Marsy's Law initiative. This shouldn't present too much of a challenge to Gallatin County. Thanks to Marty's foresight and leadership, Gallatin County already works well with its crime victims, keeping them informed of court developments and listening to their input before making final decisions on the case.

In summary, you cannot do better than Marty Lambert as the next judge for the 18th Judicial District. You have a great opportunity to appoint a person of rare ability.

Sincerely,



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RE: Marty Lambert

Dear Judicial Nomination Commission:

I write to you to recommend Gallatin County Attorney Marty Lambert for the position of District Court Judge.

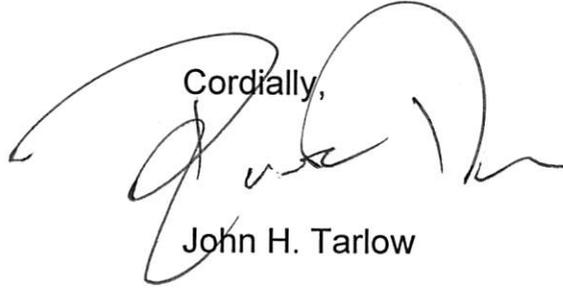
I have known Marty since I began practicing law in Bozeman about 27 years ago. I have had an opportunity to work with him on a variety of legal matters and on a number of community related projects. Marty is a very hard working and conscientious lawyer. He has represented the citizens of our county very well over the last several years in his position of County Attorney.

One quality that I see in Marty that I think will serve him particularly well in the position of Judge is that he is always willing to give folks, even who hold a strong opposing opinion, the opportunity to be heard. I have noticed this in a variety of matters that I have had with Marty over the years, that he does not prejudge people or hold a bias towards them. He has always been a patient listener and, even when he and I have disagreed, I have always felt that he has given my client, and his or her position, a fair hearing. I have always appreciated this quality of Marty.

I know that the Commission has many very talented candidates to choose

from. I hope that you will give Marty Lambert careful consideration in the choice that you make.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John H. Tarlow", written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned above the printed name.

John H. Tarlow

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RE: *Application of Martin David Lambert for appointment as Judge for the Eighteenth Judicial District*

Dear Commission Members:

I write this letter to support the candidacy of Martin David Lambert to become the next Eighteenth Judicial District Judge. While there are many fine candidates, I can think of no one who is more capable of serving as a judge for Gallatin County or who would bring to the bench more intelligence, trial experience, common sense, and compassion, nor can I imagine anyone who would work harder.

I have served about 20 of my 38 year legal career in the Lewis and Clark County Attorney Office, first as a Deputy, then as the County Attorney. When I became the County Attorney in 2001 I began working with Mr. Lambert to address numerous issues affecting our counties, especially those faced by urban counties. I have found Mr. Lambert exceptionally competent in both his knowledge and application of the law not only in the criminal law arena, but also in complex land use, labor, tort liability and administrative law cases. He knows not only the criminal side of his office, but also its civil side and how to administer it.

We serve on the Board of the Missouri River Drug Task Force Board where he has led the effort to use forfeited money to fund training for the Gallatin and Lewis and Clark County Drug Treatment Courts. For many years he was on the Board of the Montana County Attorney Association and has served as its President. He now serves as the head of its "Amicus Committee." Mr. Lambert has always acted as a knowledgeable advocate for public safety issues pending at the legislature where his institutional knowledge of the past legislative battles has proven invaluable.

He is a "hands on" county attorney who is frequently in court prosecuting the most difficult of cases coming before the Eighteenth Judicial District where he has acted with dedication, skill and compassion.

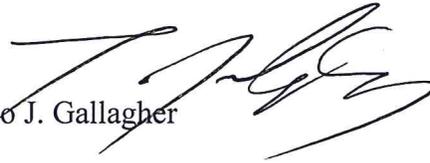
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I believe the best trial judges are those who have been trial attorneys. Many attorneys have experience, but most lack the understanding as to the workings of a trial. Mr. Lambert knows the *Rules of Evidence*; what a lawyer should do in court; and how a courtroom should run.

In short, Mr. Lambert has the qualities necessary to become a fine judge and I recommend him to you.

Sincerely,

Leo J. Gallagher

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RE: *Martin David Lambert*

Dear Judicial Nomination Commission:

Marty has just recently let me know that he has decided to seek appointment to the Bench of the Eighteenth Judicial District in Gallatin County. When Marty told me this, I was elated. As a trial lawyer practicing the last 39 years in Montana, I believe I have some knowledge as to what I believe makes a great District Court Judge. I can tell you without any hesitation that Marty possesses all of the qualities necessary to be a great District Court Judge.

I have had the opportunity during my career to practice in the Eighteenth Judicial District on many different occasions. In fact, I have had the opportunity to try many jury trials in that jurisdiction so I am quite familiar with both the Judges and the attorneys in Gallatin County. I have also had the privilege of representing Gallatin County for the last 10 years or so when unfortunately Gallatin County is involved in litigated matters. As a consequence, I have spent a great deal of time with Marty who has you know has been elected by the citizens of Gallatin County on numerous occasions to act as their county attorney.

Marty, as Gallatin County Attorney, has extensive knowledge and experience in both criminal and civil litigated matters. It is extremely important that a District Court Judge

has this type of background. The criminal case load in Gallatin County is huge. I know, by being around the office from time to time, that his office works extremely hard and more importantly tries as best as it can to represent the best interests of Gallatin County and its citizens. Criminal cases are difficult to prosecute and I know from watching Marty that he and the attorneys he works with prepare their cases, prosecute them fairly and achieve great results in what is a very difficult area of law to practice. As for the civil litigated matters, I can tell you that there is no doubt in my mind that Marty has a great understanding of very complex issues that arise from time to time involving Gallatin County. I have truly enjoyed working with Marty on the cases that I have been involved in and I can tell you without any hesitation that in working with Marty, I have no doubt that he possesses the attributes that will make him a great District Court Judge. He is honest. He is hard working. He is disciplined. I can make these statements because I have worked closely with him on numerous matters and at no time have I had anything but the utmost respect for him.

I have no hesitation in recommending Marty for the position of District Court Judge. He has the knowledge, experience and expertise needed in order to handle the job. More importantly, he is a good, honest, hardworking person who will be fair to everyone that appears in front of him. I hope that the Governor will strongly consider Marty for this position.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C. Stacey". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "C" and a stylized "Stacey".

Calvin J. Stacey
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October 24, 2016

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By Electronic Mail

RE: *Recommendations for Lawyers for Appointment
as District Judge for the Eighteenth Judicial District*

Dear Judicial Nomination Commission:

Gallatin County is fortunate to have so many qualified applicants to replace the Honorable Mike Salvagni as District Court Judge. Your task, of recommending several lawyers from these applicants to the Honorable Steve Bullock, will be difficult. However, in my judgment, having practiced in this county for 27 years, four (4) applicants, listed in alphabetical order, stand out from the rest of the field and are deserving of your recommendation: Christopher B. Gray, Martin David Lambert, James Donald McKenna and Daniel J. Roth. All would be an excellent judge for this District.

1. Christopher B. Gray.

I've known and worked with (and against) Chris for many years, primarily in his capacity as the Chief Civil Deputy for Gallatin County. Chris, while a dedicated advocate for Gallatin County, was also a problem solver who navigated the County through many legal entanglements which, because of his wisdom, did not see the inside of a courtroom. Chris has a very calm, reassuring demeanor which would serve him well as a judge.

I've also been impressed with Chris's dedication to family. He raised his children in this community and often spoke about them during our conversations

that began with a legal problem and then, having discussed that issue, steered to family and community.

These traits will serve Chris well as a district court judge, where the case load is filled with family and criminal law cases.

2. Martin David Lambert.

Marty was born and raised in Bozeman. In turn, he raised his family in Bozeman. Marty has been, and remains, a dedicated public servant, first as a deputy county attorney under County Attorney Salvagni, and then as Gallatin County's Attorney, a position he has held since 1997. Marty is an excellent trial attorney and fierce advocate for the people who work for him and for the community.

In Marty's capacity as County Attorney, I have been involved in several criminal and civil cases, usually on opposite sides but on occasion, on the same side. In those instances, while we have not always agreed, he has always kept the interests of the community first, whether it be in the form of public safety or in the area of complex issues of land use law in a county that has seen (and continues to see) explosive, and continuing growth.

He has also advocated for the County's Drug Treatment Court, victim services and has served on DUI task forces and child protective committees.

Most recently, Marty has been instrumental in working with other attorneys in the community to raise public awareness of and support for a \$70 million dollar bond issue for a badly needed courthouse and law enforcement complex. Several members of the committee leading this charge have commented to me about Marty's focus and common sense advocacy that has helped guide those efforts.

His devotion to public service is not limited to the field of law. An accomplished musician, he has worked tirelessly to support the arts in Bozeman for all ages, including grade school children, through his position with the Montana Chamber Music Society, which sponsors "Noon Notes" for kids. He also serves on the Board of Directors of the Intermountain Opera Company, providing opera to the community. He also works with students at Bozeman High School.

I was also recently impressed with Marty's advocacy for the attorneys in his office when the Gallatin County Commission set their most recent budget. His attorneys work very hard for the community they serve and, as we know, the legal profession is demanding, and is becoming increasingly difficult for prosecutors and public defenders, in a rapidly growing community and more and more cases. Marty is known for running a tight ship with the public funds entrusted to his office. However, when the County Commissioners balked at modest compensation increases for his deputies, Marty went to bat for them and, in the end, was able to obtain the requested budget increase.

There is no question that Marty, as he has his entire career, will put the community's interests first and foremost. Having spent nearly his entire life in this community, he knows the challenges that this community faces and would serve our community very well as a District Court Judge.

3. James D. McKenna.

When Judge Salvagni announced his retirement, and before anyone announced their interest in the job, Jim was one of the first names that came to mind as his replacement. He was extensive experience as a prosecutor, judge and civil litigator, with extensive experience in family law.

I first met Jim when he was the City Attorney for the Town of West Yellowstone, Montana. He was responsible for representing the Town in civil and criminal matters. During a portion of his tenure for that Town, I served as a public defender at the request of the Honorable Lewis Scott. This work, in turn, led to representation of businesses, the Town's library and employees of the Town in disputes or negotiations with the Town.

During those interactions, I found Jim to be a very quick study, particularly as he was responsible for many aspects of the law such as prosecution of misdemeanor offenses, employment relations, open meetings laws, resort tax issues and interactions with federal agencies which have significant land holdings in and around West Yellowstone. He was a patient and compassionate advocate for the Town and looked for ways to solve problems that served the Town well.

I have also been before Jim in his capacity as a City Judge in Bozeman,

Again, he showed the same characteristics that I witnessed when he served as an attorney for the Town of West Yellowstone, and made clear to me he has the temperament to be an outstanding judge.

I am also aware of Jim's extensive experience in family law matters, which is a fair amount of a district court's docket. When I have a client who needs assistance with family law matters, Jim is always the first name I provide.

In sum, Jim has extensive experience in all aspects of the legal profession which will serve him, and the community, well if appointed to be the next District Court judge.

4. Daniel J. Roth.

Although Dan and I have not had much legal work against each other, he has been a trusted friend for several years and has successfully mediated a number of very difficult cases where I was representing one side of the dispute. The qualities he has shown as a mediator, in helping people solve their disputes, on their own terms would serve him well on the bench.

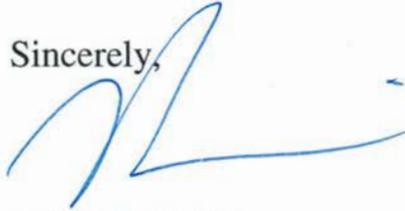
Dan has also been an active member of the County's legal profession for many years. He has been successful trial lawyer in his private practice and has extensive experience in the very important area of family law. This experience, coupled with active participation in the adversarial and dispute resolution processes of our profession, is an important consideration for the next judge.

Dan has also given back to the profession in very admirable ways. His work with the Lawyers' Assistance Program reflects Dan's understanding of the difficulties that our challenging profession can create for lawyers and reflects his compassion to help fellow members of his profession in their time of need, and during their recovery – and without judgment.

These qualities and his life experiences will make Dan a very good District Court Judge.

In sum, as I stated at the start of this letter, you have many fine candidates to fill Judge Salvagni's vacancy. I respectfully submit that the four (4) candidates discussed above should be nominated to Governor Bullock for his consideration to be the next judge in the Montana Eighteenth Judicial District.

Sincerely,

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Brian K. Gallik

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RE: Recommendation for Marty Lambert for Eighteenth Judicial District

Dear Commission Members:

Please appoint Marty Lambert as Judge for the Eighteenth Judicial District. Marty has served with distinction as the Gallatin County Attorney since 1997, and Gallatin's voters have shown their confidence by electing him five times since then.

Marty uses considerable judgment in his decisions to prosecute or not prosecute, but once decided, he is frequently the prosecutor in the courtroom taking on the hardest cases. His elected position has prepared him to face the rigors of public opinion and rely on his expertise and conscience.

Marty has argued and won a significant case in subdivision law and his office is frequently called upon for advice or defense in a fast growing county whose land use laws must be well written and defended.

Marty has been a key supporter of victim/witness programs. In his tenure as County Attorney, Marty has actively supported and participated in a team approach to better serve victims of sexual violence, the Gallatin County/City of Bozeman/ Montana State University SART (Sexual Assault Response Team).

Marty has a career of public service, tough decision making, and active leadership in key law enforcement issues of our time and place. He will make an honest, earnest and engaged judge. It is my privilege to recommend him highly to you.

Sincerely

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Jeffrey K Krauss
City Commissioner and Former Mayor, City of Bozeman

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RE: Martin D. Lambert
Montana 18th Judicial Court District Judge Position

Dear Commission,

I have known Marty Lambert on a personal basis for over fifty(50) years. We were good friends as young children and throughout high school and college. On my first day of law school I learned that Marty and I were in the same law school class which graduated in 1983. Marty and I were moot court partners in law school and studied together frequently.

Marty commands total confidence in his decisions and approach to the practice of law. He also demonstrates an ability to manage a large office comprised of both attorneys and support staff in one of the busiest county attorney offices in the State. I have observed Marty in court and he possesses a thorough knowledge of both substantive and procedural law.

Marty spent most of his career in pursuit of criminal law as County Attorney. However, he has experience in a broad array of civil matters in dealing with county insurance claims, real estate regulations and in representing the County Commission. Perhaps most importantly, I believe Marty possesses the ability to listen and make rulings fairly and impartially. In addition, Marty continues to be an ardent student of the law after having practiced now for more than thirty-three (33) years. Marty is a well known member of the legal community and exudes a confidence which would serve the community well.

Throughout the years Marty has not been without his detractors. This can seldom be avoided when you are County Attorney and responsible for prosecuting crimes. It is my belief that Marty's objectivity is perhaps misunderstood by many in the community. I believe Marty possesses the qualities of integrity, fairness and impartiality required to be an effective judge in the growing Bozeman community.

Judicial Nomination Commission

c/o Lois Menzies

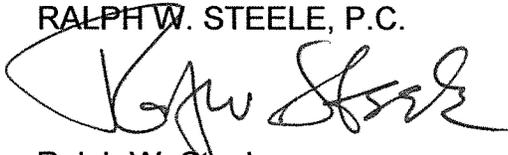
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In conclusion, I would respectfully request that the commission nominate Martin D. Lambert to the group of nominees to be considered by Governor Bullock for the Judgeship for the Eighteenth Judicial Court.

Yours very truly,

RALPH W. STEELE, P.C.

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Ralph W. Steele

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Dear Judicial Nomination Commission,

Please accept this letter in support of Martin Lambert for your consideration in the process to appoint a judge in the Eighteenth Judicial District.

In both my capacity as Executive Director of Help Center, Inc., a 24/7/365 crisis intervention center, and as Program Director of The Sexual Assault Counseling Center, I have worked with Marty for over 20 years. Often, both the dictates of our jobs and our political affiliations have left us working from positions that are polar opposites. That said, I have never walked away from an exchange with Marty that did not result in something that improved or clarified a situation or event. I see that quality as a true asset in a judge.

It was of great interest and, frankly, surprise when I first witnessed Marty's willingness to embrace empirically sound knowledge and new ideas even when they were foreign to him. He is a class A student and puts in the time and thoroughness that good research requires. The insightfulness of his questions and the sharpness of his analysis impressed me and would seem to be important strengths to bring to the position of judge.

This position has attracted many excellent candidates. I do not envy you your job in making this decision. Perhaps the additional piece that Marty brings to the job is his demonstrable commitment to interdisciplinary successes. He has years of proven record in working successfully with very diverse constituencies. More importantly though, his commitment to those constituencies and to his role as a public servant has been both unfailing and has shown consistent improvement in the quality of his efforts.

For the above reasons and many more, I hope you will strongly consider Martin Lambert for this position.

Most Sincerely,

Christina Powell, ED

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Commission Members:

I have known and worked with Marty Lambert for well over 30 years. I have worked as an investigator, Deputy Sheriff as well as Gallatin County Sheriff, extensively with Marty.

In all of those years Marty has consistently fought on the side of Public Safety and the victims of crime.

He is knowledgeable, articulate and passionate.

I would ask that you consider Marty Lambert to be on the list submitted to the Governor.

Thank you,

Sheriff Jim Cashell, Ret.