

Cook, Kevin

From: Menzies, Lois
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2015 7:06 PM
To: Cook, Kevin
Subject: Womack -- Public Comment

From: Judy Douglas [<mailto:jadouglas006@gmail.com>]
Sent: Sunday, March 22, 2015 9:36 AM
To: MT Supreme Court,
Subject: Leta J. Womack for Missoula District Court Judge

Dear Ms. Menzies,

I am writing in support of Leta Womack for Missoula District Court Judge. Her 34 years experience of practicing law combined with her ability to calmly maintain order in her environment while making knowledgeable, just and compassionate decisions would make her an asset in this position.

Sincerely,
Judith Douglas
Frenchtown, Montana

Kathleen Perkins
3801 Snowdrift Ln.
Missoula, Mt. 59808

March 20, 2015

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

Re: Leta Womack
Fourth Judicial District Judge

Dear Lois Menzies and Commission Members:

It is my great privilege and honor to wholeheartedly give my support to Leta Womack for the position of District Judge for the Fourth Judicial District. This seat is being vacated by the retirement of the Honorable Judge Mclean.

I would expect that all the candidates that are vying for this position are extremely knowledgeable, experienced and qualified, and I know you will not take this appointment lightly. I hope that my input will assist you in getting a better picture of Leta, and why this position is ideally suited for her, as well as being the best choice for Missoula.

My family and I have known Leta and her husband Doug for several years and have witnessed many valuable traits within her personal life as well as her professional life that in our opinion would make her an outstanding Judge.

I am amazed by the diversity of Leta's accomplishments during her life as an attorney for over 34 years, and her focus in helping the less fortunate find their voice. Leta uses her abilities with the highest level of compassion and passion, and her respect for the law is reflected in her practice and her representation.

I know Leta admits that raising her seven children to being the outstanding adults they are today are among her greatest accomplishments. Leta has experienced first hand what it was like to be the mother of two sons fighting in Iraq, praying

for their safe return, and when they did so, witnessing the difficulties they had to overcome upon returning to society. Because of this, she has an overwhelming understanding of the need for guidance in the transition and readjustment of veterans.

After reading Leta's resume, I was struck by the broad expanse of experience she has in so many areas of the law. Although it seems that so many of our Judges were prosecutors prior to taking the bench, it only seems fitting that we should select an attorney that has worked in numerous arenas and is familiar with a variety of legal fields. Leta has worked as a Public Defender, handling both civil and criminal cases; she has worked with juveniles, children and adults in that capacity. She has an outstanding reputation as a civil attorney as well. With her many years of experience, she has the most balanced background of all the candidates for making an excellent Judge.

I am in full support of Leta Womack to fill the vacant position of the Fourth District Judge as I believe she would be fair, and hold both integrity and ethics in the highest regard. After learning of her many experiences and diversified background I hope you will arrive at the same conclusion.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Perkins

Cook, Kevin

From: Menzies, Lois
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2015 7:06 PM
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From: Sharon Palmer [<mailto:sharonp@lambrosera.com>]
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2015 11:56 AM
To: Menzies, Lois
Subject: Re: Missoula District Court Judge

I am sending my recommendation for the open position of Missoula District Court Judge and feel that Leta Womack would be the best possible candidate. Her credentials and experience speak volumes of the character of this amazing woman and her ability to handle this position. I have know her ever since she moved to Missoula and our city would be in excellent hands with her on the bench.

Sincerely,
Sharon Palmer
Lambros ERA
Missoula, MT

Sent from my iPhone

COTTER LAW OFFICE, P.C.

Britt Cotter, Esq.

March 23, 2015

Lois Menzies
Office of Court Administrator
P.O. Box 203005
Helena, MT 59620-3005

RE: Leta J. Womack – Applicant for District Court Judge of Fourth Judicial District

Dear Ms. Menzies:

My name is Britt Cotter and I am an attorney in Polson. I am writing to give my support for Leta J. Womack, applicant for Judge McLean's seat in the Fourth Judicial District Court, Missoula County.

I have had many opportunities to work with and observe Leta in her practice. She is a tireless worker and no one is more diligent or prepared. I am consistently impressed by the compassion she gives to her clients and the professionalism she demonstrates in the courtroom.

Leta is an incredibly competent lawyer and her 30 plus years of experience make her highly qualified for this position. She has the work ethic, empathy, and temperament to be an excellent addition to the Missoula County Judiciary.

Sincerely,



Britt Cotter, Esq.

Cook, Kevin

From: Menzies, Lois
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2015 7:55 AM
To: Cook, Kevin
Subject: Womack -- Public Comment

From: Bill S [<mailto:redsox468@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2015 9:05 PM
To: Menzies, Lois
Subject: Leta Womack

Lois,

I am writing in support of Leta Womack's application for appointment as District Court Judge. I have known Leta and her husband, Doug, for several years. When Leta ran for Missoula Municipal Judge a few years ago, I spent many hours with her on the campaign trail. During that time, I learned much about Leta's character and background. She impressed me with her knowledge, common sense and understanding of Montana's legal system.

After 34 years practicing law, Leta certainly has the knowledge and experience required to serve as a District Court Judge. Beyond the knowledge and experience, however, Leta offers a more important element critical to any judge's success: She deals with people in a passionate, caring manner while considering all facets of each situation. In other words, she would listen to both sides of the story, follow the law and handle each case with fairness and compassion.

Leta and her husband have successfully raised seven children. I met several of their kids during the last campaign and can say, without reservation, that the character of the kids positively reflects on the character of Leta and Doug. As the mother of two sons that served in the military (Army and Marines), Leta also fully understands the importance of helping people who may need guidance in readjusting to society after serving in the military.

One only has to read her resume in order to see that Leta has strong credentials to fill the District Judge position. She has worked with youth as well as adults, served in both civil and criminal cases and has worked as both a public defender and a private attorney. Because of her varied background, training and experience, Leta would make an excellent judge.

Please fully review Leta's qualifications. I think that you will find her to be a very strong candidate to fill the District Court position. I fully support Leta Womack in her effort to fill the vacant position. I am confident that she will be a fair, ethical and competent judge.

Sincerely,

Will Silverman

Missoula, MT

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March 25, 2015

Judicial Nomination Commission
C/O Lois Menzies
Office of Court Administrator
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Helena, MT 59620-3005

Dear Commissioner,

I am writing to express my support for Leta Womack's application for Missoula District Court Judge.

I have known Ms. Womack for a little over a year, and worked closely with her for six months of that time in the Public Defender's Office in Polson. As a new attorney, I appreciated Leta's approachability, and I was impressed with her zeal in representing her clients. Leta is not one to back down from a fight, and her persistence and creativity contributed to positive outcomes for her clients.

Ms. Womack brings a broad perspective to the law, with a background in both civil and criminal law, and I am confident that, if chosen, she will be a decisive and respected judge.

Sincerely,



Frank J. Jasper

Cook, Kevin

From: Menzies, Lois
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2015 9:04 PM
To: Cook, Kevin
Subject: Womack -- Public Comment

From: Mountain Law & Mediation, PC [<mailto:mtnlaw406@gmail.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2015 4:06 PM
To: Menzies, Lois
Subject: Letter of Support for Leta Womack (Applicant for Missoula District Court Judge)

To Whom It May Concern:

This email is a letter of support for Leta Womack's application for the soon to be vacant Missoula District Court Judge position.

I have personally and professionally known Mrs. Womack for years. She and I worked at the State Public Defender's office in Kalispell, Montana. During that time I observed her professional interactions with other attorneys and with the Judges. I was impressed with her dedication to her clients and her willingness to advocate, despite being the underdog. She came from decades long private practice and transitioned well into the role of a public defender.

She is intelligent and dedicated, both are qualities that will serve her and the citizens well if she becomes a Judge. She displayed patience while working with what could be a challenging population and provided excellent legal services from beginning to end in her cases.

I support her application and believe she is a good fit for a district court judge. If you have any further questions, feel free to contact me. Thank you for your consideration.

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