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Judicial Nomination Commission  
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RE: Amy Eddy

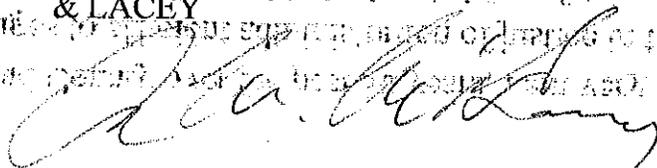
Commission members:

As a litigator in Flathead County over the past 30 years, I am very familiar with the caseload and challenges to efficient administration of justice in the Eleventh Judicial District. I am also familiar with the legal skills of Amy Eddy. I would strongly recommend her to you as the applicant with the intelligence, reputation, decisive reasoning, efficient writing and balanced judgment to best serve the judiciary in this county.

I urge the committee to take advantage of the great opportunity to fill the position vacated by Judge Lympus with such an outstanding lawyer.

Yours sincerely,

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Re: Amy Eddy

Dear Ms. Menzies:

This letter is being provided to you in wholehearted support of Amy Eddy's application to fill the open Eleventh Judicial District Court Judge position due to Judge Lympus' recent retirement.

We have both been actively practicing civil litigation in Flathead County for 36 combined years. We have known Amy since she started practicing law in Kalispell in 2001. During that time, we have worked with Amy on several cases and Michael has also conducted numerous mediations for her. We quickly came to realize how bright and professional Amy is. We can certainly represent to you that Amy enjoys an outstanding reputation here in the Flathead Valley.

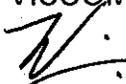
Amy's background has shown her true leadership skills, being an officer of the Northwest Montana Bar Association, a former President of the Montana Trial Lawyers Association (2011), and a past board member of the Montana Justice Foundation. Amy has also chaired the MTLA Amicus Committee and won the MTLA Appellate Advocacy award in 2012. More pertinent to her application, Amy has extensive civil litigation experience and would be well able to handle the full and complex caseload she would face as a District Court Judge. We are aware of all the applicants for this position and can state unequivocally that Amy is the most qualified and would do the best job.

For the above reasons and more, we urge the Judicial Nomination Committee to seriously consider Amy's application. It would be our honor to discuss Amy's qualifications at any

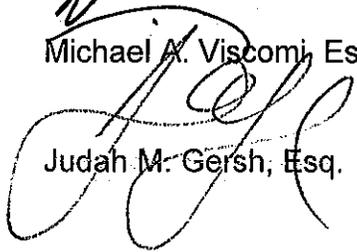
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time with any member of the JNC, if requested. Thank you for considering our letter.

Sincerely,  
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RE: 11<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court Seat

Dear Members of the Judicial Nomination Commission:

I am writing to recommend Amy Eddy for the open judge seat in the Eleventh Judicial District. My civil litigation practice has been based in Kalispell the last ten years and I am familiar with all of the judges, including Judge Lympus who announced his retirement. All of our hard working Eleventh District Court judges have faced substantial challenges with heavy docket loads for years now. The applicant chosen for this seat will have to possess skills that can handle a heavy docket load while possessing sound knowledge of the law.

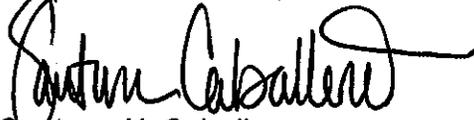
Amy Eddy has practiced in Kalispell, since 2001. Out of all of the applicants, she is the only applicant/candidate in full-time active private practice and the only candidate with the most complex civil litigation expertise. She has argued before the Montana Supreme Court and handled extensive appellate briefing while covering vast areas of the law.

A number of times, I have heard Ms. Eddy explain to her clients the law at issue and the reasons some of their issues would not succeed under the law. She had the ability to do so in a straight unbiased manner. It takes a special kind of individual to explain complex law to a layperson in such a manner that the layperson understands the law after the discussion. She is a bright and qualified applicant who would be an excellent choice for this judicial seat.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this recommendation. Should additional information be needed, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Warmest Regards,

KORTUM LAW OFFICE, P.L.L.C.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Santana Caballero". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right from the end of the name.

Santana N. Caballero



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**Re: Amy Eddy**

Dear Commissioners:

I recommend that you select Amy Eddy as a nominee to fill the position of state district judge in the Eleventh Judicial District. Amy is a fine civil lawyer with a brilliant legal mind. She has presented many, many cases to the Montana Supreme Court as an advocate and as *amicus curie*. I have known Amy since law school. Since then Amy has done more than any of our peers to promote Montanans' access to justice. Amy will be an excellent judge.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Justin Starin".

Justin Starin

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Dear Committee Members:

Amy Eddy should be the next District Court Judge in Flathead County.

I have known Amy for nearly 12 years. I have had the privilege of working with her. When I first met her, I was immediately impressed not only by her superior intellect and communication skills, but by her maturity and compassion. I know I am not alone in this observation.

Amy works hard at this challenging profession. Her legal experience is diverse and deep. I am not surprised that she has earned the highest possible rating from Martindale-Hubbell. Few lawyers think or write as well as Amy. Few lawyers are able to work through complex facts and difficult legal theories as well as she does. She has also impressed judges. Her arguments stand on strong factual and legal foundations, and she prepares for arguments thoroughly. She is ready to answer tough questions, and to meet difficult and sometimes thorny problems.

Amy is a natural leader. The Montana Trial Lawyers Association recognized this trait, and elected her to serve as its President relatively early in her career. She has earned the respect of even the most hardened lawyers by working hard and committing to excellence. She expects a lot of herself, and is able to make those around her better with this expectation. She is courteous and professional. She will have no trouble carrying herself with an appropriate judicial demeanor.

Amy walks the walk of professionalism. She continues to volunteer substantial time to write briefs and argue cases pro bono on challenging legal issues. She teaches on a volunteer basis at the Law School. Students could have no better role model. She has served on her local school board as a trustee. She volunteers with local organizations. She and her husband, Mitch, are raising two impressive kids.

Amy should be the top candidate for this important appointment. I unconditionally urge her selection and appointment. I am available at any time to answer questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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RE: *11<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, Flathead County*  
*Amy Eddy*

Dear Ms. Menzies:

I am pleased to wholeheartedly recommend Amy Eddy as the best candidate to fill the vacancy in the District Court here in Flathead County.

Amy is one of the most respected lawyers in northwest Montana – indeed in the State of Montana. She quickly rose through the ranks to become a leader in the state bar, in MTLA, and in the community. I have truly never heard a lawyer give anything but the highest praise to Amy for her intelligence and her ability to quickly and accurately learn – and retain – new information.

Amy's legal mind is impressive. She has been active with the *amicus* committee for some time, researching and briefing important issues in addition to her myriad other duties. She practiced full time while her children were young, and somehow managed to keep her work to the highest standards. She has tried many cases to juries, and thus has full command of trial practice and of the Rules of Civil Procedure and the Rules of Evidence, all crucial for a judge.

I can unequivocally recommend Amy for the new position opening up. She is a fine, ethical person and observes the highest standards in her work and in her life.

She will be a credit to our judicial system.

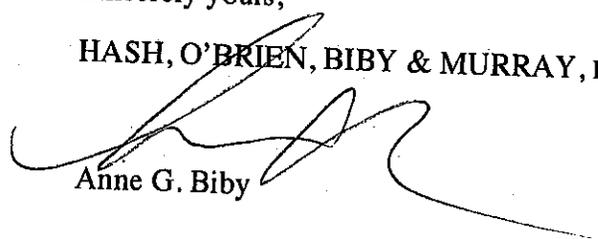
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Thank you.

I remain,

Sincerely yours,

HASH, O'BRIEN, BIBY & MURRAY, PLLP

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anne G. Biby", written over the printed name.

Anne G. Biby

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Re: Eleventh Judicial District Judgeship

Members of the Commission:

I urge you to nominate Amy Eddy to replace Judge Ted Lympus in the impending judicial vacancy in the Eleventh Judicial District. I have known Ms. Eddy since 1998, and have found that her legal acumen and abilities, ethical conduct, management skills, and compassion for her fellow humans are all of the highest standard. These attributes will serve both her and the citizens of the Eleventh District well when she is a district court judge.

Ms. Eddy has represented clients in various areas of the law, and this broad experience will serve her well as a judge. Ms. Eddy has a distinguished track record as a litigator, and has litigated cases in both state and federal courts. Moreover, she has prosecuted numerous appeals on behalf of her clients, including the recent *Allstate v. Posnien*, 2015 MT 162 and *Chipman v. Northwest Healthcare*, 2012 MT 242. Ms. Eddy has also provided numerous amicus briefs on other cases before the Montana Supreme Court on important points of law, including the recent *Meek v. Eighth Judicial District*, 2015 MT 130, and *Tidyman's v Davis*, 2015 MT 205. Ms. Eddy's legal acumen and insightful legal analyses will greatly benefit the citizens of Flathead County when she is on the Eleventh Judicial District bench.

Ms. Eddy has handled administrative tasks in both a multi-lawyer firm as well as a solo firm, and has proven herself very capable of managing personnel in both settings. Moreover, Ms. Eddy has demonstrated her management capabilities in her presidency of the Montana Trial Lawyers Association and as a longtime *amicus* committee chair for MTLA. As president, she prioritized tasks and coordinated the efforts of the organization's officers, staff, and members and committee members. As chair of the amicus committee, meanwhile, Ms. Eddy has directed, coordinated, and provided important legal analyses for cases before the Montana Supreme Court and Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. These skills show that Ms. Eddy will be a capable administrator as a district court judge.

Ms. Eddy's steady demeanor and her careful review of the entire landscape of facts before deciding how to proceed on a point of law will accrue to the benefit of the litigants and lawyers

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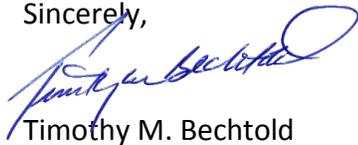
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who appear before her when she is a judge. Importantly, she will heighten the citizenry's confidence in the judiciary by providing all who step into her courtroom a fair, calm, and measured review of their case and situation, and she will render fair and impartial justice to the citizens of Flathead County.

I strongly recommend Ms. Eddy to be nominated for the Eleventh Judicial District judgeship.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Timothy M. Bechtold

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August 17, 2015

**VIA FIRST-CLASS MAIL**

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**Re: Amy Eddy – Eleventh Judicial District Court Judge Appointment**

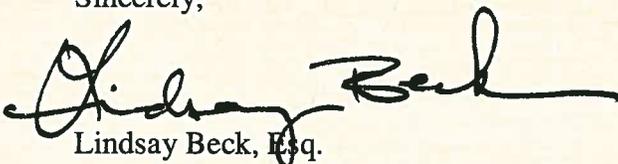
Dear Judicial Nomination Committee:

I write in support of your consideration of Amy Eddy for appointment to the District Court vacancy in the Eleventh Judicial District. Amy is an extremely talented attorney with the highest integrity and dedication to the practice of law. I have known Amy for almost ten years. In my view, Amy has the requisite legal competence, trial experience, personal integrity and commitment to an independent judiciary to make her an outstanding District Court Judge.

I have practiced in the Eleventh Judicial District and I know of the heavy case load this District faces. Amy is especially suited for this position because she is an exceptional legal writer and thinker. She is gifted at addressing complicated legal issues in a clear, fair way, even on an expedited schedule. I have read many of Amy's briefs, both at the trial court and appellate level, and am always impressed by how well-researched, logical and clear her writing is. I have also read her law review articles and amicus briefs; one will not find a more competent, skilled legal scholar than Amy. Amy is known among her colleagues as an outstanding legal writer and thinker.

Amy also has a tenacious and diligent work ethic. Of the other applicants to this position, Amy is the only candidate who is in active practice and the candidate with the most experience with complex civil litigation. I believe trial court judges with this background are the most effective and capable of handling the demands of a trial court judge in Montana—especially with the heavy case load district court judges face. I am confident she will apply the law fairly and preserve the rule of law.

Sincerely,



Lindsay Beck, Esq.

**From:** [Menzies, Lois](#)  
**To:** [Cook, Kevin](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment -- Eddy  
**Date:** Monday, August 17, 2015 2:37:03 PM

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**From:** Bart [mailto:barterickson@ymail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 13, 2015 10:04 PM  
**To:** MT Supreme Court,  
**Subject:** 11th Judicial District

I am pleased to write in support of the application of Amy Eddy to be appointed as a District Judge for the Eleventh Judicial District.

By way of background, I first met Amy when she worked as an intern for me while I was serving as a U.S Magistrate Judge in Missoua. The position was a competitive one requiring both an outstanding grade average as well as a clear and concise writing sample. Only after a review of these was a personal interview conducted. Amy proved to be one of the more exceptional interns I had over the years, quickly able to identify the salient facts and applicable law in the cases directed to her and to competently prepare rough drafts of opinions for my consideration. I have since had an opportunity to follow Amy's career and have been impressed with her active involvement in supporting important legal principals as well as giving selflessly to her community. I believe that Amy has the Important combination of legal knowledge, experience and temperament to make an excellent District Court Judge, importantly that she would rule in a timely manner, and I am confident her appointment would well serve the citizens of Flathead County and of the State of Montana

Leif B. (Bart) Erickson

**From:** [Menzies, Lois](#)  
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**From:** Alan J. Lerner [mailto:lerner@lernerlawmt.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 13, 2015 10:39 AM  
**To:** MT Supreme Court,  
**Subject:** The Vacancy in the Montana Eleventh Judicial District and Amy Eddy

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I am writing to recommend that Amy Eddy be appointed to fill the soon-to-be vacant seat of the Honorable Ted O. Lympus'. Ms. Amy has had extensive civil experience in complex litigation and is well suited for a District Court judgeship. She also has served as the president of MTLA. She is very active in our community. She has boundless energy that will be necessary for Judge Lympus' replacement in this extremely busy district. She exhibits the highest moral and ethical standards and is beyond reproach. I have practiced law in Montana for almost 41 years and would be very comfortable with placing my clients' fate in Amy's capable hands.

It is my opinion that she would be the best candidate for Judge Lympus' position. Thank you for your consideration.

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**From:** Dan Weinberg [mailto:[dan.weinberg1524@gmail.com](mailto:dan.weinberg1524@gmail.com)]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 14, 2015 12:24 PM  
**To:** MT Supreme Court,  
**Subject:** In support of Amy Eddy

Judicial Nomination Commission and Governor Bullock,

I am a resident of Flathead County and former MT State Senator. I write in support of Amy Eddy for the position of judge for the 11th Judicial District.

Ms Eddy has a full time active practice of law, yet she has made herself available for pro bono work in the community. She has served with distinction on the Whitefish School Board, earning a reputation as a great community-minded person. I know her to be fair-minded, also having a strong work ethic. Amy Eddy is precisely the kind of person we need to be our judge.

Respectfully,  
Dan Weinberg

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August 18, 2015

**Via Email- [Imenzies@mt.gov](mailto:Imenzies@mt.gov)**

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**RE: Nomination of Amy Eddy for Eleventh Judicial District Court Vacancy**

Dear Judicial Nomination Commission:

I am writing to recommend Amy Eddy to fill the vacancy in the Eleventh Judicial District.

I have had the pleasure of working with Amy in civil litigation matters. I have always been impressed by her command of the law, familiarity with the issues and tireless efforts to attain a just result. Her preparation and commitment to the rule of law are demonstrated in her interactions with counsel and witnesses, as well as her impeccable written product. In addition to being an accomplished trial lawyer, Amy has distinguished herself as one of the preeminent appellate practitioners in the state.

Amy is, in my opinion, uniquely qualified to serve on the bench. Her distinguished resume as a practitioner establishes her diverse jurisprudential competency. During her practice she has earned the respect and admiration of her peers in the legal community. I submit to you that she would make an excellent judge.

I thank you for your consideration of Amy and for your service on the commission.

Sincerely,



Ben A. Snipes

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**EMAILED TO Imenzies@mt.gov**

**RE: Eleventh Judicial District Court Vacancy – Applicant: Amy Poehling Eddy**

Dear Ms. Menzies and Commission Members:

I write in support of Amy Eddy's judicial application for appointment to Montana's Eleventh Judicial District Court. Amy has the unique skill set and energy to allow her to advance the work of the Court for many years to come.

I have known Amy for well over a decade and have closely followed her achievements in the practice of law. Amy deservedly enjoys a reputation of being an excellent advocate. Amy's law practice has encompassed a broad range of civil litigation. In doing so, she has developed the exact skills that are essential to a District Court Judge. Specifically, a keen and inquisitive intellect combined with the analytical and reasoning skills to get to the heart of any complex legal issue. Amy is widely known to be an excellent writer and scholar. During her legal career, she has been called upon to advance important legal issues before the Courts of Montana on behalf of scores of Montana citizens. Fortunately, her dedication to the legal profession includes a commitment to public service.

Our district courts are entrusted with making the most important decisions of the day. Our courts are invested with the authority to protect and enforce the Montana Constitution, even when popular sentiment or personal belief may conflict. Amy's character and commitment to a fair and independent judiciary will serve the citizens of Flathead County well. If I can provide any other information about Amy and her unique qualifications for this position, please contact me. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



J. David Slovak

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Re: Eleventh Judicial District Court applicant Amy Eddy

Members of the Commission:

I am writing to offer my strongest support for Amy Eddy's application to fill the vacant judgeship in the Eleventh Judicial District and to encourage you to forward her name for Governor Bullock's consideration. Amy's legal abilities, judgment, energy, work ethic, compassion and dedication to public service would make her an outstanding judge.

I've known Amy since she was a first-year law student in my legal writing class almost 20 years ago. Her aptitude for the law quickly became apparent, as did her talents as a writer and speaker. Since then Amy has compiled an impressive record, as shown by her application. But perhaps the best testimony to her reputation as a lawyer is the fact that eight retired Montana Supreme Court justices asked her to represent them as amici before the U.S. Supreme Court in *American Traditions Partnership, Inc. v. Bullock*. That those justices felt confident placing their trust in Amy's judgment and skill in that high-profile case is strong evidence of her qualifications to be a district judge.

Very truly yours,

/s/

Larry Howell



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Re: 11<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court nominee, Amy Eddy

Members of the Judicial Nomination Committee:

I write to recommend attorney, Amy Eddy, for the 11<sup>th</sup> Judicial District judgeship being vacated by Judge Lympus. I have known Amy for seventeen years having taught her in several classes when she was in law school and having worked with her on many different projects during her law career. I have collaborated with Amy on appellate court briefs, work in professional organizations, and law school events and classes to which I have invited her as guest presenter. We have consulted with each other on matters of torts, insurance, and civil justice, and I have greatly value her wise counsel.

In law school, Amy was already demonstrating the superior skills Montanans would want in a District Court judge. She won a position on the National Moot Court team which competes with other law schools in writing appellate court briefs and arguing appellate court cases. She was an excellent student whose written and oral work reflected a keen analytical mind and remarkable ability to express herself orally and in writing. She was awarded membership in the national Order of Barristers as a result of her advocacy on the team and garnered a much sought after judicial clerkship with federal Magistrate, Leif Erickson.

In her years as an attorney practicing civil litigation, Amy has established a reputation as an excellent advocate and lawyer. She has demonstrated superior skills that are qualities essential to a trial court judge. First, she is widely recognized in the bench and bar for the perfection of her legal thinking and writing. Her work is clear, precise, organized and effective. Her analytical skills equip her to break highly complex matters into components that can be synthesized into powerful and effective briefs and arguments. I have read many of her Supreme Court briefs and believe she may be the best legal writer in Montana.

Second, anyone who has worked with her is in awe of her capacity for work. She is organized, efficient, disciplined and tireless. When others cannot muster the mental or physical energy for the project, Amy is there to spearhead it. Moreover, she is a leader who has great credibility when she speaks. Needless to say, she is a welcome addition to any group that is collaborating in a matter of advocacy.

Third, Amy has an exceptional set of interpersonal skills. She is personable and wise; tactful and diplomatic. Her judgment is impeccable. She likes people, and they like her. She is compassionate and caring and is able to listen attentively to the ideas of others.

Amy is respectful of others as will be attested by lawyers who work on opposite sides of her cases. She can zealously represent her clients while being civil and professional with opposing counsel. She is a big picture person who is interested in the overall health of the law in Montana, the civil and criminal justice systems, the bench and the bar.

Amy has an uncommon and superior set of personal qualities, professional skills and values that would make her an excellent Montana judge. Because of her abilities, I have personally encouraged her at times to apply for federal judgeships, law school faculty positions, and a law school deanship. Placing a person of Amy's talents on the bench in the 11<sup>th</sup> Judicial District would be a tremendous benefit to the citizens of Montana, the bench and the bar. If I can provide any other information about Amy Eddy, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



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**VIA FIRST-CLASS MAIL**

Judicial Nomination Commission  
c/o Lois Menzies  
Office of the Court Administrator  
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**Re: Amy Eddy – Eleventh Judicial District Court Judge Appointment**

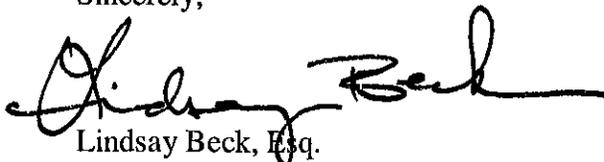
Dear Judicial Nomination Committee:

I write in support of your consideration of Amy Eddy for appointment to the District Court vacancy in the Eleventh Judicial District. Amy is an extremely talented attorney with the highest integrity and dedication to the practice of law. I have known Amy for almost ten years. In my view, Amy has the requisite legal competence, trial experience, personal integrity and commitment to an independent judiciary to make her an outstanding District Court Judge.

I have practiced in the Eleventh Judicial District and I know of the heavy case load this District faces. Amy is especially suited for this position because she is an exceptional legal writer and thinker. She is gifted at addressing complicated legal issues in a clear, fair way, even on an expedited schedule. I have read many of Amy's briefs, both at the trial court and appellate level, and am always impressed by how well-researched, logical and clear her writing is. I have also read her law review articles and amicus briefs; one will not find a more competent, skilled legal scholar than Amy. Amy is known among her colleagues as an outstanding legal writer and thinker.

Amy also has a tenacious and diligent work ethic. Of the other applicants to this position, Amy is the only candidate who is in active practice and the candidate with the most experience with complex civil litigation. I believe trial court judges with this background are the most effective and capable of handling the demands of a trial court judge in Montana—especially with the heavy case load district court judges face. I am confident she will apply the law fairly and preserve the rule of law.

Sincerely,

  
Lindsay Beck, Esq.

KRISTI L. CURTIS

August 16, 2015

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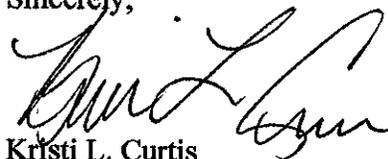
To the Judicial Nomination Commission:

I am writing this letter as a recommendation for Amy Eddy, who has applied for the Flathead County District Court position vacated by Judge Lympus. I was the prosecutor for the City of Kalispell from 2006 to May of this year, and currently am the Deputy City Attorney in Whitefish. I have practiced law for 34 years, in California and Montana. I can wholeheartedly endorse Ms. Eddy for this position.

Ms. Eddy has personal integrity, is hardworking, intelligent, well versed in civil and appellate litigation, and has an excellent reputation in Flathead County and Montana. She has been an active participant in the Northwest Bar Association and the Montana Trial Lawyers Association. She has earned the respect and admiration of her peers. Further, Ms. Eddy has, in my opinion, the appropriate judicial demeanor to bring to the job, which can be a rare commodity.

I believe Ms. Eddy is the best candidate for this position. The residents of Flathead County would be lucky to have her serve as District Judge.

Sincerely,



Kristi L. Curtis

Law Offices of  
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August 17, 2015

Judicial Nomination Commission  
c/o Lois Menzies  
Office of Court Administrator  
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RE: 11<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Judge

Dear Judicial Nomination Commission:

We are writing to voice our strong support for the selection of Amy Poehling Eddy as a nominee to submit to the governor for appointment as district court judge for the Eleventh Judicial District (Flathead County). Amy is an experienced attorney of the highest ethical, moral and intellectual ability. It is also our belief that her character is a perfect fit for a district court judge. She is professional, compassionate and will judge with the neutrality and fairness that our constitutions demand.

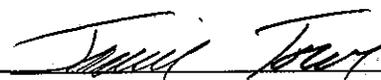
Amy also brings a strong background as a trial attorney with a broad range of experience. Accordingly, she understands the issues that litigants and their attorneys face in the courtroom. She also has extensive experience in writing appellate briefs in cases where important issues affecting Montana citizens are on the line. Her legal analytical skills and legal writing are unparalleled.

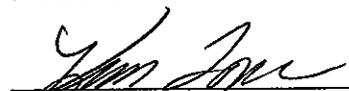
Please select Amy as one of the nominees for Governor Bullock to select from.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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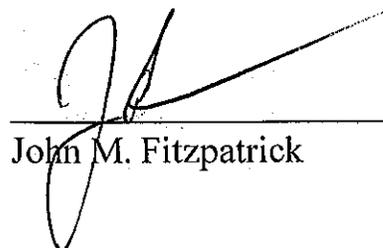
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August 17, 2015

Judicial Nomination Commission  
c/o Lois Menzies  
Office of Court Administrator  
P.O. Box 203005  
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Re: Application of Amy Poehling Eddy  
11<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court

Dear Commission Members:

I support and recommend the appointment of Amy Poehling Eddy.

This is a great opportunity to appoint an attorney of the highest quality to the judiciary.

I have known and worked with Amy for many years. She is brilliant, hardworking, organized, decisive and remarkably accomplished for her years of practice. She also has excellent judgment and integrity.

Seldom does the Commission have an opportunity to consider an applicant of this caliber.

Sincerely,

James A. Manley  
District Judge

August 18, 2015

Sent via E-Mail & US Mail

Judicial Nomination Commission  
c/o Lois Menzies  
Office of the Court Administrator  
PO Box 203005  
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Re: Amy Eddy Eleventh District Court Nomination

Dear Commission Members:

I am writing this letter to express my sincere support for the appointment of Amy Eddy to the vacant judicial seat in the Eleventh Judicial District. A short time after I relocated my practice to the Flathead Valley, I began to hear of what an outstanding civil litigator Amy was. While I was never involved in any case with her, I continued to listen to the praise other attorney's heaped upon her for her outstanding litigation skills, her dedicated client centered practice and her commitment to public service. Approximately three years ago while I was involved in litigation that had me spending more time than normal at the Eleventh Judicial District, I had the opportunity to watch Amy try a fairly complex civil trial to a jury. I love to observe other lawyers litigate cases in court, as I find it the best way to glean new ideas to employ in my own practice. I watched quite a bit of Amy's trial and I was supremely impressed with her knowledge of the Rules of Evidence, the Rules of Civil Procedure and her command of the courtroom.

Recently, I have had the good fortune of working closely with Amy and I have personally witnessed her work ethic and knowledge first hand. While I believe the Eleventh Judicial District will gain a hard working, efficient, highly intelligent, judge with a sense of justice fairness and common sense few judges (or attorney's for that matter) possess, the bar will also have lost an outstanding advocate. Observing the gusto and positive attitude she brings to the practice of law fills me with confidence that as a jurist, Amy will always strive to learn more and to administer justice with impartiality. While she does not have any criminal litigation experience, Amy understands all that is needed to fairly administer the Criminal Justice System is a commitment to impartiality, fairness to all that come before her and that Criminal Justice must be administered with an eye towards fairness not her next judicial election. Amy has the courage, intelligence and heart to make sure the constitutions of Montana and the United States are administered fairly and properly. Finally, I have personally observed Amy's treatment of people from all walks of life in her practice. She treats all clients and potential clients (even those who make it difficult), staff members, court staff and attorneys with absolute respect and kindness. That character trait is crucial to having the judicial temperament that is so important to being an excellent judge.

This is an opportunity for our community to gain one of the best attorneys in Montana to administer justice for all of the citizens of Flathead County. I encourage the Committee to endorse Amy's nomination and forward her application to Governor Bullock.

Sincerely,

**/s/ L. Jason Bryan**  
L. Jason Bryan.

August 18, 2015  
*Sent via E-Mail & US Mail*

Judicial Nomination Commission  
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RE: Amy Eddy

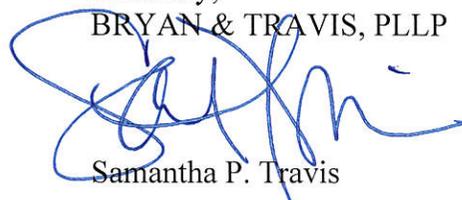
Dear Commission Members:

I am writing in whole-hearted support of Amy Eddy's application to fill the open Eleventh Judicial District Court position resulting from Judge Lympus' recent retirement. My law firm practices regularly before the judges of Eleventh Judicial District and I have been practicing law in the Flathead Valley since 2008. I have had the good fortune to work with Amy, both as opposing and co-counsel, in civil litigation cases. My firm also currently shares office space with Amy's practice, so I have had the benefit of observing her legal work and office management skills from that perspective.

It is no secret that the judge appointed to this seat will face significant challenges, including an extremely heavy and varied caseload. Amy's experience, professionalism, reputation and leadership among our state and local bar demonstrate she has excellent qualifications to serve as a district court judge. As a practitioner, Amy has a background in complex civil litigation. This knowledge and skill set will be a great advantage to our Judicial District. She has also demonstrated intellectual curiosity in other areas of the law by sitting in and observing contested family and criminal law matters. Amy's legal work and intellectual curiosity make it clear to me that she possesses the temperament, legal background and management skills to be an excellent judge. Amy's written work-product and legal reasoning are exemplary and will translate well to the work of a judge. She is also one of the most efficient and organized attorneys I have ever worked with.

I strongly recommend the committee take advantage of this excellent opportunity to advance the administration of justice in the Eleventh Judicial District by recommending the appointment of Amy Eddy as a district court judge.

Sincerely,  
BRYAN & TRAVIS, PLLP



Samantha P. Travis

## Cook, Kevin

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**From:** Menzies, Lois  
**Sent:** Friday, August 21, 2015 2:58 PM  
**To:** Cook, Kevin  
**Subject:** Public Comment: Eddy

**From:** Peter Leander [<mailto:peter@leanderlaw.com>]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 21, 2015 9:42 AM  
**To:** MT Supreme Court,  
**Subject:** Flathead County Judge - Amy Eddy

Dear Sir/Mdm.:

I write to offer my strong recommendation for Amy Eddy to assume the place of the Hon. Ted Lympus as Flathead County District Court Judge. I believe Flathead County would benefit greatly from Amy's breadth of experience, intellectual drive and steady temperament.

I have known Amy for nearly a decade. I have worked with her on complex cases and consulted with her on other complex cases. Frankly, I rely on Amy, her knowledge of the law, and her professionalism when dealing with cases which are otherwise beyond my comfort zone. Amy has always been graciously willing to lend her time and expertise to me and others. Although Amy has not handled a significant number of criminal defense cases, I have no concerns that she will be able to handle those matters with the same adeptness as all other matters.

I have been practicing law since 1985, and have been practicing in Montana/Flathead County for 20 years. I am licensed in State and Federal courts of both Arizona and Montana. I am also licensed to practice in the United States Supreme Court. My practice involves both State and Federal criminal defense and civil matters. It is my strong belief that the Flathead County judicial system has the opportunity, and need, to evolve from its current state and transform itself to a more responsive, fair, efficient and cost-effective system. In addition to her qualifications as a judge, I believe Amy has the interest, and ability to help facilitate such a transformation.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely, Peter Leander

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## Cook, Kevin

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**From:** Menzies, Lois  
**Sent:** Friday, August 21, 2015 2:57 PM  
**To:** Cook, Kevin  
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**From:** Diane Smith [<mailto:dismith234@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 19, 2015 12:21 PM  
**To:** MT Supreme Court,  
**Subject:** Recommendation for Amy Eddy for Eleventh Judicial District

Dear Madams or Sirs,

I am writing to express my strong support for Amy Eddy for the Judgeship in the eleventh judicial district. I have known Amy for almost a decade as a dedicated and involved member of the Flathead Valley community. I have also known her as a practicing attorney who is highly regarded by her clients as being fair, thoughtful, and hard-working. As an attorney with deep background in business, entrepreneurship, and public policy I'm well aware of the ever increasing demands of our judgeships and believe that Amy has the requisite temperament, work-ethic, and intellect to be an outstanding Judge for the eleventh judicial district.

If you need additional information, please don't hesitate to contact me at this e-mail or 406-250-4328.

Thank you for your consideration to this matter.

Best,

Diane Smith, Esq.



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August 21, 2015

**VIA ELECTRONIC and U.S. MAIL**

Judicial Nomination Commission  
Montana Supreme Court  
Office of Court Administrator  
PO Box 203005  
Helena, Montana 59620-3005

Dear Nomination Commission:

I am writing in support of Amy Eddy for appointment to the open district court seat in the Eleventh Judicial District, Flathead County. I have been practicing litigation in the Flathead and western Montana for 19 years and I, along with other lawyers in our area, have a great amount of respect for Ms. Eddy. I have been opposed to her on a couple of cases and she represented her clients with great professionalism. I believe Ms. Eddy's legal acumen, work ethic, and writing skills make her a very strong candidate for this seat. I would have confidence in her judgment if she sat on one of my cases in all areas such as procedure, evidence, and substantive issues.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Sean S. Frampton  
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August 21, 2015

Judicial Nomination Commission  
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P.O. Box 203005  
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Re: Eleventh Judicial District Judgeship Vacancy (Flathead County)  
Application of Amy Poehling Eddy

To the Judicial Nomination Commission and Governor Steve Bullock:

The purpose of this letter is express support for appointment of Ms. Amy Poehling Eddy to the position of District Court Judge for Eleventh Judicial District. I ask the members of the Judicial Nomination Commission to submit her name in nomination to Governor Bullock, and request that he appoint her to this important position.

I have been practicing law for over twenty-five years, and I have spent a substantial amount of time litigating cases in Flathead County. I have become acquainted with the bar there and am familiar with a number of the applicants. I firmly believe, without qualification, that Ms. Eddy should be appointed District Court Judge.

In my mind, a good judge has several important attributes. First, a good judge needs to have extraordinary acumen for the law. In other words, the judge should be a serious student of legal principles, have a breadth of experience in a variety of legal contexts, and have good instincts for application of the law in real life. A good judge also needs to work hard, both in time spent and intellectual effort. The judge who wrestles with issues is not arbitrary. A good judge should be fair and compassionate to all who appear before the judge. The judge who treats others with respect obtains respect in return. Finally, a good judge should be humble.

I have been fortunate to work with Ms. Eddy on some complicated legal matters over the past several years. These matters involved substantial constitutional issues and complex disputes affecting people across Montana. In these cases, Amy demonstrated superior legal ability, exhibited an exceptional work ethic, earned the respect of all involved, and performed with humility. Amy Eddy has all the qualities we should expect in a good judge.

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August 21, 2015

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Please accept this endorsement of Ms. Eddy for appointment to the position of District Court Judge for Eleventh Judicial District.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael G. Black", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Michael G. Black

MGB/gm

GREGORY G. PINSKI  
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**DISTRICT COURT  
EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

August 24, 2015

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

Re: Nomination of Amy Poehling Eddy - Eleventh Judicial District Court vacancy

Dear Judge Simonton and Members of the Judicial Nomination Commission:

I recommend Amy Poehling Eddy for nomination to the judicial vacancy in the Montana Eleventh Judicial District Court.

Amy is an ideal candidate for this judicial appointment. Amy possesses an unsurpassed work ethic, and she is always over-prepared in representing clients before trial and appellate courts. Amy is one of the most accomplished legal writers in Montana. Her numerous appearances as an *amicus* advocate before the Montana Supreme Court exemplify her immense talent as a writer.

Amy is a remarkable attorney. She has worked tirelessly to develop a thriving law practice, and she has achieved much success at any early age in her career. She is a dedicated mother to her children and deeply committed to improving her community. The citizens of Montana are fortunate that an attorney of Amy's caliber seeks appointment to the district court bench.

Amy's civil trial practice is invaluable as a district judge. Civil matters are the most time-consuming cases on the district court docket. Civil cases receive the least attention because of the burgeoning criminal and abuse and neglect docket. As an experienced civil practitioner, however, Amy is in a unique position to efficiently resolve those civil disputes. Amy will not need to overcome the substantial learning curve on complex civil cases, allowing her to diligently and intelligently resolve those matters while attending to the other cases.

I enthusiastically support Amy's nomination. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gregory G. Pinski".

Gregory G. Pinski

Shawn B. Trontel, M.S.W., A.C.S.W.  
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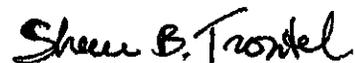
August 19, 2015

Your Honors,

I am writing in support of an appointment of Amy Eddy to an Eleventh Judicial District Judgeship. I am a practicing psychiatric social worker in the Flathead Valley and have had multiple opportunities over the years to seek consultation regarding patient's legal rights, a need for legal counsel, and a variety of medicolegal matters. Not only did she give generously of her time, but she was consistently measured, thoughtful, clear, and direct. Ms. Eddy carries herself in a professional and dignified way that instills confidence in others. In discussions with her fellow attorneys, she is unfailingly referred to as knowledgeable, deliberate, and steady when making decisions. In my opinion, she possesses the temperamental features expected of a District Judge.

I hope this information has been of some use. If there are additional questions, please call at any time at 752-6850,

Respectfully submitted,



Shawn B. Trontel, MSW  
Psychiatric Social Worker

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Re: Amy Eddy

Dear Ms. Menzies:

I understand that the State of Montana has the opportunity to have a truly accomplished lawyer desire to seek the District Court Judge position in Flathead County. This lawyer is Amy Eddy. I have known Amy for almost all of her 14-year legal career and have watched her with awe. She is very intelligent, hardworking, and has exhibited good judgment throughout her career. It is very important that District Judges have "hands on" experience in the courtrooms around our state and Amy, during her 14-year legal career, to date, has surpassed almost everyone. She has tried eight different cases to juries or judges and has appeared before the Montana Supreme Court 17 times in the last five years.

Her legal experience and accomplishments raise her far above any other candidates for the position previously held by Judge Lympus. I would appreciate your giving Amy Eddy consideration for the appointment to this position. Quite frankly, she has more than earned it and the State of Montana could definitely use a judge with her credentials.

Sincerely yours,



Alexander (Zander) Blewett, III  
Attorney - Hoyt & Blewett PLLC

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August 19, 2015

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Dear Ms. Menzies:

I am writing in support of Amy Eddy to fill the open position in the Eleventh Judicial District. As a practicing attorney, I believe that judicial delay is one of the major problems in our justice system. Justice delayed is justice denied. Amy Eddy's organizational skills and work ethic are critical to managing a busy docket, such as that which exists in the Eleventh Judicial District.

I have had the opportunity to work with and observe Amy in her capacity as an attorney and in our work together serving on the board of the Montana Trial Lawyers Association. When I became President of that organization, I requested and nominated Amy for a position on the executive committee because I felt that I needed her energy, intelligence, and organizational skills to assist me with the significant responsibility of leading MTLA. My prediction that she would have a great impact on our year came true. While I was President, Amy was one step ahead of me regarding most projects.

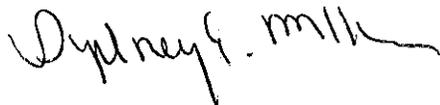
Amy is an extremely competent writer, which is also an important qualification for a Judge, and she has vigorously pursued appellate practice by her many *amicus curiae* briefs to the Montana Supreme Court, not to mention all of those on which she has collaborated since being on the *amicus* committee. I hope that the lay persons on the committee understand how much dedication it takes to write even one good brief to the Montana Supreme Court. At a minimum, it probably takes 80 hours. Most attorneys are paid for their time or hope to be paid for their time in writing these kinds of briefs. In all of the *amicus curiae* briefs that Amy has written and all of the briefs she has helped to write, Amy has not been paid for her time. She wrote them because she was interested in the issues and wanted to help, despite having her own private practice and a family life. Amy's level of commitment and interest on issues that have been before the Montana Supreme Court is unmatched.

I have observed Amy in her capacity as a lawyer in private practice. She is a skillful trial advocate, who takes her clients' cases seriously and works hard on their behalf. At all times in a professional setting, Amy is courteous and thoughtful, while persuasive. She is a true professional and I have a high regard for her character.

Amy's strengths in terms of work ethic and intelligence allow her to get massive amounts of work done while still finding time to live a balanced life, enjoying hobbies like skiing, hiking and camping with her family. I understand that Amy's family supports her decision to apply for this position, which is important.

As an attorney and a lifelong resident of Montana, I respectfully submit to you that Amy Eddy is qualified and ready to serve as a District Court Judge. Montana would be lucky to have her. I highly recommend that you forward the name of Amy Eddy to Governor Bullock to serve as a Judge for the Eleventh Judicial District Court.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sydney E. McKenna". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Sydney E. McKenna

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To the Judicial Nominating Commission,

I am writing to you in support of Amy Eddy to be appointed to the Eleventh Judicial District Court.

I wrote this letter in support of Amy Eddy over a year ago. The case has been resolved; I am not Captain anymore but my working conditions have improved 1,000%. That doesn't change the emotion that I was feeling while in the midst of a troubling time. Please accept this letter as support for Amy Eddy for Eleventh Judicial District Court.

My name is Sarah Peterson and I am a Captain with the Whitefish Fire Department in Whitefish, Montana. I have lived in Whitefish for 12 years and worked in various restaurants before volunteering with Whitefish Fire Department. I volunteered for over three years before I was fortunately enough to be hired full time six and a half years ago.

I absolutely love my job. I love serving my community. I love not knowing where my day will take me. I love the adrenaline that each call gives me. I love being there for people when they may be having the worst day of their lives.

I was promoted to Captain from a line firefighter 8 months ago. To summarize without going into complicated details, this promotion has been one of the toughest, most self-testing situations that I have been through in my life. There is a grievance regarding the promotion that will be going to arbitration soon. This grievance has given doubt to my coworkers of my rightful and earned position of Captain and since then my working conditions have been horrible.

Through recommendation, I was advised to seek representation from Amy Eddy. Ironically, I already knew her and her husband as patrons of a restaurant where I worked in my previous career. I really liked them then and was extremely happy have her name now.

I felt scared, alone, and lost about my situation when I called Amy. But from the first time I told her my story, she made me feel like I actually did have someone on my side and that it was right for me to be feeling that what my coworkers were doing was wrong.

Amy has completely blown me away in her professionalism, her knowledge in the subject area, and her communication skills. She is detailed oriented and has been able to come up so many different avenues on how to approach my case, ways I didn't think possible, and yet, they do pertain. She has never sugar coated this case, with promises of monetary benefit. In fact, my options have not been very favorable. Her goal from the beginning simply has been to help me get back to working in that environment in which I love. She is a strong spoken individual. I can only strive to have a fraction of her speaking skills and mere presences when she is in the room. She actually has empowered me, as a female and as a leader, to stick up for myself. She has empowered me to take control of my situation and not let it control me. She has given me a backbone again, put my shoulders back and head up. For this, I am grateful.

Amy has been working pro bono since the very beginning of this case. I am completely shocked she has done this for me. There is no way that I could have paid for the representation that she has given me. My story would have been much different; I wouldn't have been able to afford it and I would not have gone through with my case. I would be dreading every day that I have to go to work. I probably would have let the stress of this position take over and stepped down as Captain. I would have given up all that I had been working so hard for. But instead, I am empowered and putting one foot in front of the other.

I am writing in support to appoint Amy Eddy in the Eleventh Judicial District Court. She would be a crucial asset to the people of Montana and know she would serve them to the best of her potential. I trust Amy to do the most moral, ethical, and law abiding decision making for the people she will be serving.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Sarah Peterson  
Captain, Whitefish Fire Department



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Re: *Amy Eddy*

Dear Members of the Judicial Nomination Committee:

I write to support the application of Amy Eddy for appointment as District Judge for the Eleventh Judicial District, Flathead County. I have known Ms. Eddy for many years and have not only observed her work, but worked with her on several projects. She is one of the finest young legal talents in the State and would make an excellent judge.

Ms. Eddy has excellent analytical ability and the best work habits. Simply stated, she gets to work and gets things done. She gets along with people. She is decisive. Being decisive is one of the foremost qualities needed on the district court bench.

Amy's work is precise, she is organized and she is effective.

There is no one more qualified than Amy to be appointed to the District Court in Kalispell. She has our hearty endorsement.

Yours very truly,

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**EMAILED TO lmenzies@mt.gov**

**RE: Eleventh Judicial District Court Vacancy – Applicant: Amy Poehling Eddy**

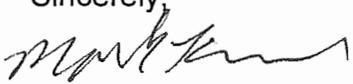
Dear Ms. Menzies and Commission Members:

I write to recommend Amy Eddy's judicial application for appointment to Montana's Eleventh Judicial District Court. I have known Amy, both personally and professionally, for more than a decade. Amy possesses the intelligence, work ethic, and integrity required of a top-notch judge.

Over the last several years, I have had the pleasure of working with and around Amy Eddy in many contexts. On multiple occasions, our firms have worked together as co-counsel, representing the same clients in complex and challenging litigation. Amy's keen intellect and hard work served our clients well on every occasion.

I have served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Montana Trial Lawyers Association (MTLA) for the past four years. Around the time my tenure on the Board began, Amy was finishing her term as the President of MTLA. As a past President, Amy has remained an asset to the organization, volunteering valuable time, personal resources, and insight. Amy has proven she is truly committed to justice, and improving the legal profession.

In all of my dealings with Amy, I have found her to be honest and fair. She cares about Montana, and she understands the importance of the law in protecting the rights of all Montanans. I am grateful that Amy has expressed the desire to serve my home state as a district court judge. I urge you to nominate Amy Eddy for Governor Bullock's consideration, and I intend to urge Governor Bullock to select her.

Sincerely,  
  
Mark M. Kovacich

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*Re: Nominee Amy Eddy*

Dear Commissioners:

I write to support Amy Eddy as a nominee for the vacancy in Judge Lympus' Seat in the Eleventh Judicial District Court. I have known Ms. Eddy for almost 15 years. In that time, I have had the opportunity to observe both her legal work and her commitment to bettering the justice system in Montana.

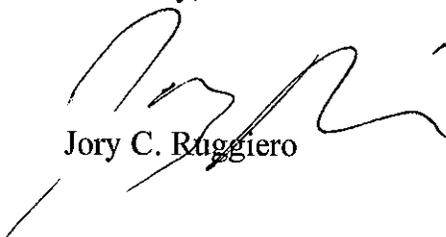
Ms. Eddy's success running a busy private practice reflects both the strength of her legal work and her ability to manage a heavy caseload. In her practice, Ms. Eddy gained a reputation as a particularly adept appellate legal writer. Her exceptional ability to analyze complex fact patterns and clearly explain the application of law to the facts will be an enormous asset on the bench. Similarly, Ms. Eddy's success managing a busy litigation docket demonstrates that she is capable of handling the type of workload that is required in the Eleventh Judicial District.

Ms. Eddy is also a mother and a dedicated member of her community. She is committed to improving this State for her children and for all of its citizens. Ms. Eddy is the only candidate for this vacancy who has extensive experience representing Montanans in litigation. This allows her a unique appreciation for the impact that court rulings have on real people and families in this State. Such a background is critical for a judge who will be called upon to make decisions every day that are critical to people's lives. I believe that Ms. Eddy will bring the same skill, dedication, caring and an exceptional work ethic to the Court that she has to her private practice.

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Thank you for your consideration of these comments. Please do not hesitate to contact me, if I may be of assistance in your analysis of Ms. Eddy as a nominee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jory C. Ruggiero", written over the printed name.

Jory C. Ruggiero

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Helena, MT 59620

Re: Amy Poehling Eddy

Dear Commission Members:

I write in support of Amy Poehling Eddy's application for nomination and appointment as a District Judge in the Eleventh Judicial District for the State of Montana.

I have known Amy and been a witness to her professional accomplishments and community service for the past ten years. She has proven herself to be one of the outstanding legal intellects in the state with a keen sense of justice for every member of society and a deep commitment to public service at both the local and statewide levels.

Amy has demonstrated academic excellence while in school and professional excellence as recognized by her peers through Martindale-Hubbell, the national directory of attorneys from which she has received the highest rating given for legal ability and adherence to ethical standards. To my knowledge she is the only applicant to be so recognized. She is also the only applicant in full-time active private practice and the candidate with the most experience in complex civil litigation.

Her uncommonly frequent appearances before the Montana Supreme Court culminated in her recognition in 2012 with a statewide award for excellence in appellate advocacy. An understanding of the appellate process is critical to the management of a trial court.

Amy has been invited to lecture at the University of Montana Law School and before numerous professional groups on topics related to courtroom practice and has published numerous articles on similar topics demonstrating the high esteem in which she is held by her colleagues. Similarly, she's been elected to the highest position in professional organizations at both the local and statewide levels.

However, Amy's commitment to public service has not been limited to her profession. She has served her community on the Whitefish School Board, and following that service continued to do so as a member of the Whitefish School District Education Foundation.

An important quality for any judge is an awareness of the problem most citizens have with access to the courts. Amy has demonstrated that awareness and a strong commitment to equal access for everyone through her participation in the Montana Justice Foundation.

I believe that Amy Eddy has the intellect, professional experience, empathy for others, and commitment to equal access to our courts and justice for everyone that she would make an excellent District Judge. I highly recommend her for your consideration as a nominee to Governor Bullock for appointment to that position in Flathead County.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments on behalf of Amy.

Sincerely,

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**Re: Recommendation for Amy Eddy/  
Eleventh Judicial District Court Vacancy**

Judicial Nomination Commission:

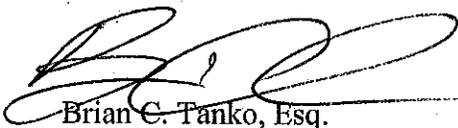
Please accept this as my letter of recommendation for attorney Amy Eddy, Esq., for the Eleventh Judicial District Court vacancy. I have known Amy for approximately eight years and believe her to be uniquely and exceptionally qualified for this position.

While Amy is a very thorough and competent professional who always has justice in mind, she will not hesitate to research, advise or report when she has to curb actions based on legal ethics, policies and procedures. I have always found Amy to be a candid, intelligent, hard-working student of the law- as it evolves.

Importantly, Amy is the only candidate in full-time, active, private practice, the candidate with the most complex civil litigation expertise and would be the only Judge with her distinct background, were she to be selected for appointment. That being the case, I was more than anxious to generate this recommendation letter for her.

Amy is a solid lawyer who practices nothing but the best ethical and legal methods, and I feel she will further the interests of justice and strengthen the Eleventh District in the same high quality fashion, should she be appointed to the vacancy. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or require any further information.

Sincerely,



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Re: Amy Eddy

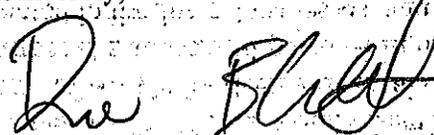
Dear Ms. Menzies:

I am writing this letter in support of Amy Eddy respectfully requesting that the Judicial Nomination Commission strongly consider her for Montana State District Court Judge in Flathead County. Throughout the course of Amy's fourteen year legal career, she has gained invaluable experience working as a partner at a successful personal injury law firm and also as a solo practitioner where she has represented individuals, businesses, and non-profit organizations in all aspects of litigation. Her litigation experience includes appellate work, personal injury, employment, and construction law, and insurance coverage disputes. This broad spectrum of legal experience has provided her with a unique perspective that lends itself well to serving as a State District Court Judge where she would be responsible for making important and sometimes life-altering decisions for people in Flathead County.

Amy has appeared in front of the Montana Supreme Court seventeen times in the last five years and has tried eight cases to a jury and/or judge. Few attorneys around the State can say the same. Needless to say, her track record confirms that she is more than prepared to take on the challenges inherent in serving as a State District Court Judge.

For these reasons, I wholeheartedly endorse Amy Eddy for State District Court Judge in Flathead County and hope that the Judicial Nomination Commission takes into careful consideration her fourteen years of legal experience in making its decision.

Sincerely,



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August 25, 2015

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Re: Letter of Support for Amy Eddy's judicial application

Dear Judicial Nomination Commission:

I am writing in support of Amy Eddy's application for the judicial position vacated by the retirement of the Honorable Ted Lympus in the Eleventh Judicial District, Flathead County.

I represent a client who is adverse to Ms. Eddy's clients in a case which has spanned several years. A difficult and complex case such as ours provides ample opportunity to observe the character, professionalism, and acumen of your opponent. Many attorneys in this litigation crucible would be unable to handle the extended, complicated, and challenging issues presented.

However, through the litigation, Ms. Eddy has risen. Her stellar reputation was built on a keen intelligence and a thorough understanding of the law, while maintaining a temperament which combines firmness, patience, understanding, and common sense. She maintains the highest professional conduct and courtesy. Her ability to handle this complex case, which has both a range of difficult personalities and egos as well as unusual and unique issues of law, reveal all the necessary qualities to make an outstanding district court judge.

It will not be easy for anyone to fill Judge Lympus' position. Judge Lympus was fair, decisive, and knowledgeable. These qualities are essential in a judge. I can say, with great confidence, Ms. Eddy possesses these qualities. I highly recommend Ms. Eddy and I believe she should receive your strongest consideration.

Sincerely,

Sean Morris

## Cook, Kevin

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**From:** Menzies, Lois  
**Sent:** Friday, August 28, 2015 3:21 PM  
**To:** Cook, Kevin  
**Subject:** Public Comment: Eddy

**From:** Tim Strauch [<mailto:tstrauch@strauchlawfirm.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 26, 2015 8:18 AM  
**To:** MT Supreme Court,  
**Subject:** Montana 11th Judicial District Court Vacancy - Applicant Amy Poehling Eddy

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

Dear Ms. Menzies and Commission Members:

Please accept this letter as my strong recommendation for the submission of Amy Eddy's name to Governor Bullock for appointment to the Montana 11<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court to fill the vacant seat being created by the retirement of the Honorable Ted O. Lympus.

Over the years, my practice has included several substantial civil cases in Flathead County and I have experienced firsthand the tremendous workload of the 11<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court. I have known Amy for many years and I have had the chance to work with her and against her. She has the trial experience and the work ethic that is so desperately needed for this position.

Please recommend Amy to Governor Bullock for appointment to the Court. If there is anything further I might provide, please feel free to contact me directly. Thank you for your important service to the people of this State.

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my support for Amy Eddy as a candidate for district court judge. As a long time Flathead Valley resident and business owner, I believe Amy has the ideal qualities to serve in this position and that our community would be fortunate to have her in this role.

I was raised in Bigfork where my family has owned and operated numerous businesses, including the Mountain Lake Lodge and Bigfork Stage Stop. After returning to the Flathead Valley from undergraduate and graduate school in 1998, I founded and operated Jest Gallery. I have also worked as an adjunct instructor of art history at FVCC. Currently, I serve on the board for Stumptown Art Studio and for the Whitefish Community Foundation where I am on the Community Impact (grants) committee. I have known Amy in both a personal and professional capacity for 15 years and believe that she will make an excellent judge.

Through the years that I have known her, I have always admired Amy's ability to organize and efficiently balance her family and career. Amy is intelligent, dedicated, pragmatic, even tempered, and fair. She has an excellent work ethic. She is uniquely able to put aside emotion and to clearly approach difficult problems. I have found her advice (both personal and professional) to be clear, honest, balanced, and well informed. I strongly believe that she will bring all of these attributes to the position as district court judge and that our community would benefit from having her in this position.

Sincerely,

Monica Pastor  
715 Blue Heron Drive  
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August 29, 2015

Judicial Nomination Commission  
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To whom it May Concern:

Please accept this letter of recommendation for Amy Eddy as District Court Judge for the Eleventh Judicial District.

Amy has been one of my dearest friends for the past thirteen years. She is extremely loyal and has been an invaluable sounding board throughout that time. I have particularly valued her ability to quickly assess a situation and contribute an unbiased perspective.

She is an actively involved and devoted mother and wife who raises her children with fairness and integrity.

Amy is a valued member of our community in the Flathead Valley. Together we have volunteered for the Flathead Valley Ski Race Team and Kalispell Montessori Elementary in many capacities. Not only is she the voice of reason, she gets it done.

Personally, she has helped me obtain a fair and equitable lease for my business, offered solid business advice for both of my businesses, created our family will, and been a resource for educational advice for my children.

Amy would bring a tremendous amount of acumen to the Kalispell Court. This is the right path for her, and I would be comforted to know that someone of Amy's integrity would be upholding justice for our community.

Sincerely,

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RE: Amy Poehling Eddy/11<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court Vacancy

Dear Members of the Judicial Nomination Commission:

I write in enthusiastic support of Amy Eddy's application for appointment to the bench in the 11<sup>th</sup> Judicial District. I have known Ms. Eddy for approximately nine years and have had the opportunity to work with her on the MTLA Amicus Committee. She is hard-working, thoughtful and smart. Her application presents an opportunity to place an extremely qualified civil attorney on the bench in Flathead County.

Amy has shown herself to be an attorney that can ably handle complex litigation and ensure justice for her clients. As the head of the MTLA Amicus Committee, Amy has filed or assisted in the filing of dozens of briefs in cases that affect the rights of all Montanans. In doing so, Amy has often been a voice of reason and moderation, exhibiting the sort of demeanor we all hope to see in our judges, if not in ourselves.

Further, she works tirelessly. Attempting to wrangle a group of attorneys from across the state into a cohesive bunch and get them to volunteer to spend many hours on briefs is no easy task; yet Amy made it look easy. She did so by doing much of the hard work herself. This shows that she will be a judge who keeps up with her caseload, works endlessly to administer justice and brings her considerable talents to the bench.

In an ideal world, our best and brightest end up as our judges. Amy's application presents a chance to make Montana a bit more ideal. Thank you for your consideration of my thoughts.

Sincerely,

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By:

  
JONATHAN McDONALD



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Dear Commissioners:

I am writing this letter in support of the application of Kalispell attorney Amy Eddy to replace Judge Lympus in the Eleventh Judicial District. Over the course of her career I have had the opportunity to work with Ms. Eddy on various litigated legal matters, and have worked with her in fulfillment of professional service obligations as well. I am very pleased that she has elected to pursue an appointment; I believe she would be an excellent judge.

I am unaware of anyone who has obtained so quickly in their career the breadth and depth of experience which Amy has achieved. That experience is not a function merely of opportunity, but, rather, recognition by her brothers and sisters in the bar that she has the specialized skill set necessary to get the job done – and done very well. She has the very finest quality analytical and writing skills. She has a quick, incisive mind. She reaches her conclusions advisedly, after thoroughly considering every point of view. She has a contemplative, positive “judicious” temperament and is a genuine pleasure to work with. She is courteous and professional with everyone. She is an efficient worker possessed of a tremendous work ethic. I have been particularly impressed with her ability to maintain perspective and professionalism in some extremely serious/contentious circumstances.

From the perspective of the practicing bar and the people of the State of Montana – I see Amy’s application as an opportunity for all of us. She sees the justice system as what it is – the foundation for our society – and works to make it better for all of us. She has strong family values and is an engaged and active member of her community. I appreciate very much your service and

consideration of my recommendation. It is my sincerely held belief that if Amy were selected to serve pursuant to your evaluative process that you would never have reason to regret the decision. She would do a great job.

If you have additional questions or concerns, please feel free to give me a call anytime at your convenience.

Very truly yours,

LAMB & CAREY

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Micheal F. Lamb". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

Micheal F. Lamb

MFL/lh

August 31, 2015

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Re: Amy Poehling Eddy – Eleventh Judicial District Court Judge Appointment

Dear Commission Members:

I write in strong support of Amy Eddy's nomination and appointment as a district court judge for the Eleventh Judicial District Court. Ms. Eddy is a thoughtful, deliberate, fair and talented lawyer who will make a significant contribution to the State of Montana if appointed as district court judge.

Ms. Eddy has a tremendous work ethic and excellent analytical and writing skills. In fact, she is so well respected in the legal community for these attributes that eight former Supreme Court justices asked her to write an amicus brief on their behalf before the U.S. Supreme Court in the constitutionally significant case, *American Tradition Partnership v. Bullock*. We can expect that Ms. Eddy, if appointed, will render high-quality rulings that apply the law thoughtfully and fairly.

Perhaps as important as her legal skills will be her judicial demeanor. Ms. Eddy is even tempered and practices law with integrity and respect for others. In addition, she has a keen sensibility about how the legal system impacts real people in their everyday lives. In a recent case in which we co-counseled, I was impressed with not only her sharp legal skills, but also her genuine caring for clients. She cares about the community as well, having served on the Whitefish School Board for a time, while maintaining an active practice.

Finally, while appointment of Ms. Eddy is warranted on her own merits, it would have the added benefit of bringing more diversity to the Montana judicial system. First, many district court judges in Montana come from a criminal practice background. Ms. Eddy's active experience as a civil trial attorney prepares her well for moving complex civil cases in a timely and fair way. She will be effective from day one, without having to face a steep learning curve. Secondly, we are very fortunate that the best and most qualified candidate for this judicial appointment also happens to be a woman. When women are fairly represented on our courts, those courts are more reflective of the diverse population in this state.

In closing, I urge you to nominate Amy Poehling Eddy for Eleventh Judicial District Court judge. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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## Cook, Kevin

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**From:** Menzies, Lois  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 1, 2015 2:58 PM  
**To:** Cook, Kevin  
**Subject:** Public Comment -- Eddy

**From:** John Anderson [<mailto:janderson@conradianderson.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 31, 2015 1:51 PM  
**To:** MT Supreme Court,  
**Cc:** Diane Conradi  
**Subject:** Amy Eddy Recommendation

Dear Commissioners,

We are writing to encourage you to appoint Amy Eddy as District Court Judge of the 11th Judicial District, filling the vacancy left by the retirement of Judge Lympus.

Ms. Eddy possesses the work ethic, intelligence, and temperament to serve the people of our county and state. In addition to her experience before the bench, which includes representing clients in both simple and complex cases, she has served as our local bar association's president and been involved in other civic causes. She has always acted with promptness, professionalism, and the upmost competency.

You would do well to consider her application for the bench.

Sincerely,

John Anderson and Diane Conradi

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**From:** Stillwater Mountain Lodge [<mailto:info@stillwatermtnlodge.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 31, 2015 1:12 PM  
**To:** MT Supreme Court,  
**Subject:** Amy Eddy:: District Court Judge nomination

Dear Judicial Nomination Commission  
c/o Lois Menzies,

I am writing to give my personal recommendation for Amy Eddy to be appointed District Court Judge for the Eleventh Judicial District. I am co-owner of Stillwater Mountain Lodge & Nordic Ski Center in Whitefish. We have sought Amy's legal advice and services on numerous occasions during the course of our decade in business. Amy's efficiency, professionalism and intelligence are what leads us back to choosing to work with Amy when in need.

I have known Amy outside of the work environment as well for well over a decade, and witness her tireless effort with regard to community involvement, past dedication to the school board, in addition to volunteer work for organizations in which her children are involved.

Please strongly consider Amy Eddy for appointment.  
Sincerely,  
Kirsten Sabin  
Stillwater Mountain Lodge  
Whitefish

## Cook, Kevin

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**From:** Menzies, Lois  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 1, 2015 2:57 PM  
**To:** Cook, Kevin  
**Subject:** Public Comment -- Eddy

**From:** Paul Tranel [<mailto:ptranel@bebtlaw.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 31, 2015 9:15 AM  
**To:** MT Supreme Court,  
**Subject:** Amy Eddy Recommendation - 11th Judicial District Court

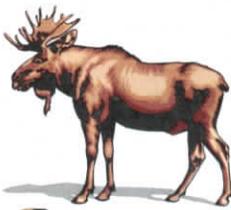
**Re:** Amy Eddy – Judicial Nomination  
**Date:** August 31, 2015

Dear Judicial Nomination Committee:

I am writing this letter of recommendation in support of Amy Eddy's appointment to the judicial vacancy in the 11th Judicial District Court, Flathead County, Montana. I am a civil defense attorney practicing in Missoula since 1995 and I've had a number of cases with Amy over the course of our careers. On each occasion I have found her to be very good to deal with, she is knowledgeable, professional, writes well, and represents her clients in a skillful manner that serves their interests well. She has consistently shown an even temperament, even when dealing with the frustrations and challenges of the adversarial process we're involved in. From my experience with her, and from hearing colleagues' comments as well, I offer high recommendation in support of her appointment to this judicial vacancy.

Sincerely,

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# ***Rick Blake***

28 August 2015

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

RE: Amy Eddy support

Office of the Court Administrator:

I'm writing in support of Amy Eddy's appointment to the judicial seat in Flathead County. She will be an excellent choice to fill the opening of Judge Lympus' created by his retirement. Amy is a licensed, full time practicing attorney; she is of good character, sound mind, smart, fair and I could go on and on with her qualifications.

I strongly support Amy.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Rick Blake'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'Rick' being more prominent than the last name 'Blake'.

Rick Blake  
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September 2, 2015

**VIA US MAIL AND EMAIL: [lmenzies @mt.gov](mailto:lmenzies@mt.gov)**

Judicial Nomination Commission  
c/o Lois Menzies  
Office of Court Administrator  
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Re: Eleventh Judicial District, District Court Vacancy  
Amy Poehling Eddy

Dear Commissioners:

My purpose in writing is to encourage the Commission to move Amy Eddy's application to Governor Bullock. The reasons I feel strongly about this recommendation are set forth below.

I have known Amy since she came onto the MTLA Amicus Committee 15 years ago. At that time, Amy had just graduated from law school. In my experience, it was unprecedented for a newly minted lawyer to ask to be on the amicus committee. However, her willingness to serve at that stage in her legal career speaks clearly about Amy's intellectual power and courage. Any reservations about placing a lawyer so young on our committee were short-lived. Amy quickly became a major contributor in our conferences; and she quickly made major contributions as a writer on cases in which we became involved as amicus. Ultimately, she became Chair of the MTLA Amicus Committee.

A case that speaks volumes about Amy is her work on behalf of former Supreme Court Justices in the *Western Tradition Partnership* case. Amy realized the case was about far more than campaign spending in political races. She recognized the implications of the case in the context of an independent judiciary. Accordingly, she organized the retired Montana Supreme Court Justices and wrote an amicus brief on their behalf. This amicus brief is one of the few scholarly works in the country on the implications of the *Citizens United* in the context of the popular election of judges.

While this amicus brief represents a major contribution to the jurisprudence on the independence of the judiciary, it demonstrates far more about Amy's leadership ability. Amy approached a group of people 20 to 30 years older than she and convinced them to become involved in this issue.

Amy is now a seasoned lawyer, with extraordinary trial and appellate experience. Her intellectual vigor and leadership qualities will serve the District Court in the Eleventh Judicial District quite well.

I encourage you to move Amy Eddy's application to Governor Bullock's desk.

Thank you for consideration.

Very truly yours,



Lawrence A. Anderson  
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September 2, 2015

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**VIA E-MAIL: [mtsupremecourt@mt.gov](mailto:mtsupremecourt@mt.gov)**

RE: *Amy Poehling Eddy Application for Eleventh Judicial Judgeship*

Dear Judicial Nomination Commissioner and Governor Steve Bullock:

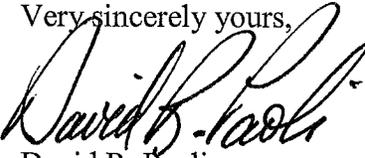
I write in support of Amy Eddy's application to fill the judgeship vacancy in the Eleventh Judicial District. I enthusiastically support Ms. Eddy to be the next judge in the Eleventh Judicial District and ask the Judicial Nomination Commission to forward her name to Governor Bullock and respectfully request the Governor appoint Amy to this position.

Amy has shown herself to be not only a fine and experienced lawyer for her clients, but she also shares her very precise legal intellect with the Montana legal community as a whole. Through Amy's scholarship as a practicing attorney and as a "friend of the court" on many appellate cases, Amy has helped to shape Montana's jurisprudence over her short time as a lawyer. Amy's expansive legal knowledge and ability to solve complicated problems with common sense will be serve the Eleventh Judicial District very well.

I have been able to work with Amy on many matters and know that she works extremely hard, completes all of her tasks in a timely fashion, and will serve the Eleventh Judicial District with distinction.

Thank you for considering my strong support for Ms. Eddy's appointment for the position of District Court Judge for the Eleventh Judicial District.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Very sincerely yours,  
  
David R. Paoli

DRP/mmi



# WORKERS' COMPENSATION COURT

DAVID M. SANDLER  
JUDGE

September 3, 2015

Judicial Nominations Commission  
Office of the Court Administrator  
P.O. Box 203005  
Helena, MT 59620-3005

Re: Eleventh Judicial District Court Vacancy

Dear Judicial Nominations Commission,

I write to recommend Amy Eddy for appointment to the vacancy in the Eleventh Judicial District Court.

I have known Amy since the early 2000s, when she starting practicing in Kalispell and we found ourselves on the opposite sides of cases. As opposing counsel, I found her to be an exceptional lawyer and advocate for her clients. Whether investigating the facts of the case or researching the law, Amy left no stone unturned. She was extremely competent, professional, and ethical. In 2010, I became one of her law partners. As her law partner, I saw Amy work tirelessly for her clients and for organizations for which she volunteered her time. I admired the way Amy advised her clients, as she always informed them of their legal rights and the risks of the litigation process, without any sugarcoating.

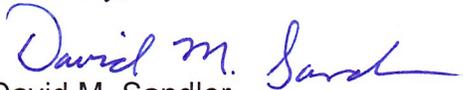
Amy possesses all of the attributes of an exceptional judge. She is intelligent, thoughtful, decisive, and pragmatic. Her legal writing is articulate and precise. She handles herself in a professional manner. She is a hard worker and is therefore the type of person the court needs to handle the extremely large caseload of a judge in the Eleventh Judicial District.

On a personal level, Amy is a devoted wife and mother of her two daughters. She is also actively involved in our community. Amy easily relates to people from all walks of life and treats everyone with respect and kindness.

The Eleventh Judicial District would be well-served by having Amy as a judge. I urge you to forward her name to Governor Bullock for his consideration.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



David M. Sandler  
Judge, Montana Workers' Compensation Court

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Judicial Nomination Commission  
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**VIA U.S. MAIL & E-MAIL: [mtsupremecourt@mt.gov](mailto:mtsupremecourt@mt.gov)**

RE: Eleventh Judicial District Judgeship – Amy Eddy

Dear Judicial Appointment Commission:

We understand that you have the challenging job of selecting a nominee from a group of qualified judicial candidates for Montana Eleventh Judicial District Court Judge. We write you today to recommend Amy Eddy, whom we believe would be a truly outstanding judge.

Based on our extensive experience actively litigating in Montana's courts, and our knowledge of Amy's experience, character and flawless integrity, we firmly believe that she is a perfect fit to serve as a judge on our Eleventh Judicial District Court.

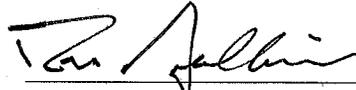
During the course of Amy's years as a Montana lawyer she has gained experience and expertise in a wide variety of legal settings including complex civil litigation, employment law, personal injury, insurance coverage litigation and appellate advocacy. Amy's expertise is founded on extensive legal knowledge, integrity and a commitment to the fair resolution of cases.

We have had the opportunity to work with Amy and has been able to observe her in her successful legal practice. We are confident in her ability to fairly and effectively interpret the law without bias or prejudice towards either side. We believe that Amy's strong connection with and commitment to the people of the Flathead Valley will be invaluable in her ability to be a fair and impartial judge. This connection also assures her commitment to the demands of the position and will motivate her to effectively manage the extensive docket she can expect as an Eleventh Judicial District Court Judge.

August 26, 2015

In sum, the Eleventh Judicial District Court, and the citizens it serves, would benefit enormously from Amy's experience, intellect and integrity. We offer our full support for Amy Eddy's nomination for appointment as District Court Judge. Thank you for the opportunity to participate in this important process.

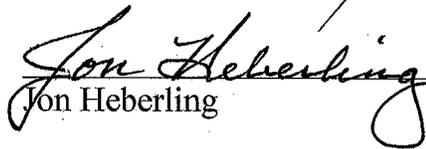
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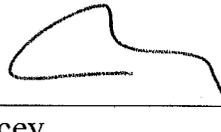
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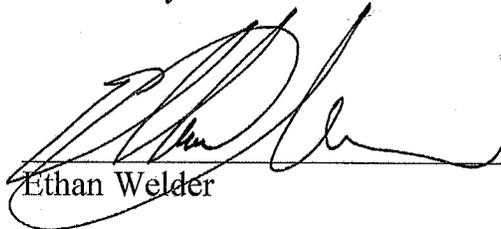
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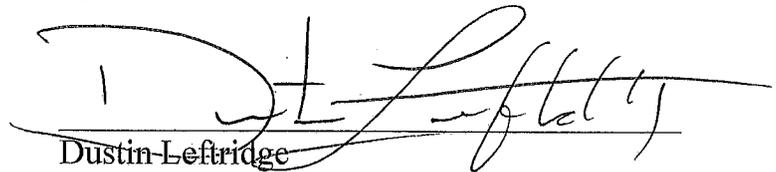
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## Cook, Kevin

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**From:** Menzies, Lois  
**Sent:** Friday, September 4, 2015 2:23 PM  
**To:** Cook, Kevin  
**Subject:** Public Comment: Eddy

**From:** Todd Hammer [<mailto:toddhammer@attorneysmontana.com>]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 04, 2015 8:13 AM  
**To:** MT Supreme Court,  
**Subject:** Recommendation for Amy Eddy

Judicial nominations committee:

Please let this e-mail and letter serve as an endorsement of any Amy Eddy for the position of District Judge in the Montana Eleventh Judicial District of the State of Montana, replacing the Hon. Ted O. Olympus, who is now retired.

Amy is a hard-working attorney primarily practicing for the best interests of plaintiffs and injured parties. She is intelligent, writes extremely well, shows good judgment, does excellent research and would make a good district judge. He has been a good advocate for her clients. I believe she would be well balanced in her judgment and discretion, particularly in civil cases with which she has had substantial experience. Amy also is aware of the need for case dockets to move, and I believe that she will be an efficient judge in terms of moving each case to its proper conclusion.

Thank you very much.

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**To:** Cook, Kevin  
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**From:** Patrick Sherlock [<mailto:pdsherlock@centurylink.net>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 03, 2015 10:07 PM  
**To:** MT Supreme Court,  
**Subject:** Letter of Recommendation for Amy Eddy, candidate for 11th Judicial District Court vacancy

Dear Chairman and Members of the Judicial Nomination Commission:

Amy Eddy has applied for appointment to be the next District Judge in the 11<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court and is very qualified in background, experience, education and temperament to hold this position.

I have read all of the "public comments" to date in her file and agree that she should be one of the three selected by you to be forwarded to Governor Bullock for final selection.

I have been practicing law since 1970 and recently retired after being in private practice in Flathead County for 38 years and the U.S. Army JAG Corps for nearly four years. I was on the Montana Supreme Court Commission on Practice for 8 years and was Flathead County Chief Public Defender for over twenty years. Due to these experiences I became very familiar with all of the judges and attorneys in our county and western Montana. I am familiar with all the candidates who have applied for this vacancy and can attest that Amy Eddy is one of the best candidates for this grueling and difficult job. She will compliment the already three hard working and competent sitting District Judges in our county.

Reasons for my recommendation: AGE: Although she is younger than the other candidates this will serve her well as a District Judge and we will be assured that she will not soon be retiring due to age and will be better able to handle an increasing heavy and complex workload. REPUTATION: Amy has an excellent reputation in our community and from other letters submitted to you has the same reputation all over the state as well at the University of Montana Law School. GENDER: Being a woman will assist her and those coming before her of receiving fair consideration of their legal issues. It is my opinion and frequent experience that women in the law often do better than men in many respects, especially in dissolutions and criminal cases. Simply put I find that women jurists often seem to pay more attention to detail and can be more considerate to those appearing before them. LEGAL UNDERSTANDING: I have discussed criminal and civil cases with her and was very impressed with her understanding of the law and her ability to be fair, considerate and forceful when necessary. TEMPERAMENT: She has the judicial temperament to be a great jurist. I

observed her more than once carefully dissecting legal issues and weighing what was right and wrong and was not moved by expediency or the result she wanted. Amy was always honest with me but at the same time was realistic and analytical. Further I do not feel she has an "agenda" or is "biased" which can be the greatest fear an attorney can have when appearing before any jurist. BACKGROUND AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: From what I know of Amy Eddy and as stated in letters submitted on her behalf, she has an excellent background in the law, been extensively involved in *pro bono* work and has given considerably to our community. EXPERIENCE: Amy Eddy has had many experiences in civil law and appellate work. She understands the rules of evidence and although she did not specifically specialize in criminal law she has enough experience and sufficient understanding of the criminal justice system to do well in that area as well. I have discussed criminal law cases with her and was impressed how she understood the issues involved and how the facts impacted them. In my discussions with her she has been very thoughtful and insightful in relating her thoughts and positions to me.

Although many attorneys aspire to become judges, not all are qualified or deserve to be chosen. Due to her background and qualities, Amy Eddy should be selected by you to be one of the three attorneys on the list sent to the Governor. If selected by Governor Bullock, she will serve with distinction.

Your attention to this matter is appreciated.

Patrick Sherlock  
Attorney Retired  
Kalispell, MT

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Judicial Nomination Commission  
[mtsupremecourt@mt.gov](mailto:mtsupremecourt@mt.gov).

**RE: LETTER RECOMMENDING AMY EDDY FOR JUDGESHIP**

To Whom It May Concern:

In my opinion, no one is better suited to fill the position of retiring Judge Ted Lympus than Flathead County based attorney Amy Eddy.

For many years Ms. Eddy has served Flathead County residents and businesses. She is a skilled and experienced attorney with a reputation for being courteous but tough, knowledgeable and fair, dedicated and driven. I have had the distinct honor and privilege of working with Ms. Eddy. Presently, we are co-counsel in a complex piece of class action litigation affecting the residents of Lake and Flathead Counties, Montana. Her knowledge, skill, and experience with a broad range of legal matters will be an invaluable asset on the bench.

The State of Montana and Flathead County would be well-served with Ms. Eddy filling Judge Lympus' vacancy and I give her my highest endorsement, and recommend that you appoint her to fill this position until the next judicial election. Should you wish to discuss Ms. Eddy's qualifications in further detail, please feel free to call me at 406-721-7772.

Sincerely,

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/s/ Calvin T. Christian

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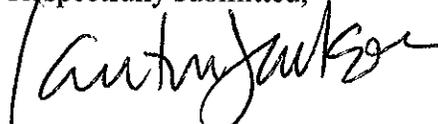
Re: Amy Eddy – Eleventh Judicial District Judgeship

Dear Judicial Nominating Commission:

I am writing to urge you to nominate Amy Eddy for the District Court Judgeship for the Eleventh Judicial District.

I have known Amy for the last ten years and have found her to be intelligent, hardworking, diligent and fair. I believe a District Court Judge in Montana should reflect such values on behalf of the community in which she serves. Amy would be an excellent judge and the people of the Eleventh Judicial District would be proud to know she is on the bench.

Respectfully submitted,



Kurt M. Jackson

KMJ:jj

September 9, 2015

Judicial Nomination Commission  
c/o Ms. Lois Menzies  
Office of Court Administrator  
P.O. Box 2033005  
Helena, MT 59620-3005

**RE: Amy Eddy – Eleventh Judicial District Judge Vacancy**

Dear Members of the Judicial Nomination Commission:

Our firm is pleased to write in support of Amy Eddy's appointment as District Court Judge in the Eleventh Judicial District Court. We are confident that Flathead County and the State of Montana will be well-served with Amy's appointment to this upcoming vacancy.

In the years we have known Amy, she has shown herself to be one of the brightest, hardest working, and most devoted attorneys in the Montana bar. While maintaining a busy civil litigation practice, she has also managed to serve in numerous positions with the Montana Trial Lawyers Association, including president, board member, and member of the *Amicus* Committee. This has allowed us to observe Amy's keen mind and honed writing skills, along with her commitment to and passion for the law and justice. It should also be noted that while Amy has served as an advocate in her many roles with the MTLA, she has always done so objectively and with the utmost respect for her colleagues on all sides of the aisle. We believe her demeanor in this regard specially equip her to serve Montana and its citizens as a District Court Judge.

Amy has also been an educator and mentor throughout her practice of law. She has presented several CLE seminars and written a number of articles for MTLA's *Trial Trends*, all of which have been timely, informative, and well-organized. They also speak to Amy's desire to not only advance the practice of law, but assist her colleagues in making their practices more efficient for the lawyer, and more effective for the client. Amy has also been very well-prepared for her CLE presentations, and she demonstrates a command of the topics on which she has presented and presents them clearly and with authority. We consequently believe that, as a judge, Amy's interactions with the public, attorneys, and court staff would command admiration and respect.

The diversity of Amy's practice over the years has also equipped her to serve effectively as a District Court Judge. She has a breadth of knowledge in the complexities of civil litigation, and has also represented clients in the area of family and criminal law. This is

Judicial Nomination Commission

RE: Amy Eddy – Eleventh Judicial District Judge Vacancy

September 9, 2015

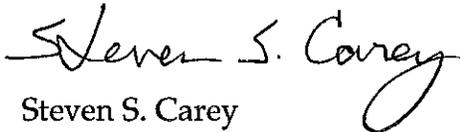
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a unique legal foundation for an incoming judge to possess, and Amy' practical experience in this regard will assist her in judging each case with insight, objectivity, and efficiency.

In short, we can think of no better person to fill the upcoming vacancy for Eleventh Judicial District Judge. Thank you for your service and your consideration.

Very truly yours,

CAREY LAW FIRM, P.C.

By   
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By   
David T. Lighthall

By   
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c: Amy Eddy, Esq.

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

**From:** Erik Thueson [<mailto:ethueson@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 11, 2015 4:42 PM  
**To:** MT Supreme Court,  
**Subject:** Recommendation to Judicial Nomination Commission Re: Amy Eddy

I would like to put in a word for Amy Eddy regarding the vacancy in the Eleventh Judicial District.

I have known Amy for approximately a decade. She is an energetic and bright attorney with incredible analytical and legal writing skills. She is also a compassionate person who I know will treat everyone in her court with respect and courtesy.

I think we have the opportunity to choose a first class person to be our judge and I urge you to send her name to the Governor for consideration.

Thank you,

Erik B. Thueson

## Cook, Kevin

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**From:** Menzies, Lois  
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**To:** Cook, Kevin  
**Subject:** Public Comment -- Eddy

**From:** [robert.creamer@bresnan.net](mailto:robert.creamer@bresnan.net) [<mailto:robert.creamer@bresnan.net>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 10, 2015 4:56 PM  
**To:** MT Supreme Court,  
**Subject:** Amy Eddy for Judicial Nomination

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

September 9, 2015, by email

RE: Replacement for Judge Ted Lympus

Gentlepersons:

May I recommend Amy Eddy for replacement of the office of Judge Ted Lympus. In an era of rising distrust in all government departments, I believe the appointment of Ms. Eddy, a person of high competence and high integrity, would be appropriate and beneficial to her community.

Robert Creamer  
600 Liberty Street #13  
Kalispell, MT 59901

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September 11, 2015

Judicial Nomination Commission  
c/o Lois Menzies  
Office of the Court Administrator  
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Helena, Montana 59620-3005

Re: Eleventh Judicial District Court – Amy Poehling Eddy

Dear Members of the Commission,

I write in wholehearted support of Amy Eddy's application to fill the judicial vacancy left by Judge Lympus in the Eleventh Judicial District. I urge you to endorse Ms. Eddy to Governor Bullock for her appointment to the bench.

Amy is as clear minded a legal thinker as I know. She is as efficient in her analysis of issues as she is efficient with her time and energies to get things done.

Amy has demonstrated her clear thinking, effective reasoning, sound judgment, and thoughtful execution of well-planned problem solving to the benefit of her clients and community in innumerable roles – Whitefish School District Education Foundation Board Member, Montana Justice Foundation Board Member, Montana Trial Lawyers President and longtime chair of the Amicus Committee, and Flathead Valley Ski Foundation Board Member – to name but a sub-set. Amy has done all this while successfully managing her civil litigation caseload and firms, and nurturing her two young daughters and long-time marriage to her college sweetheart – no small accomplishments.

I am fortunate to call Amy my colleague in the law as well as my friend. I have every confidence in her ability to compassionately address the difficult legal challenges she will face from the bench while simultaneously honoring Flathead County citizens' trust in her to efficiently and effectively manage her courtroom and staff, and direct public resources in the interests of justice. I have observed Amy's commitment to her local and statewide communities since I met her a decade ago. She has actively participated in understanding the pressures and challenges faced by her neighbors in the Flathead Valley, and assuredly will apply that understanding in deciding her cases. Having grown up in Whitefish, I'm glad to have such a qualified and compassionate candidate for judge to serve my friends and family living in the Valley.

Amy's resume and many accomplishments attest to her earned knowledge and breadth of experience. She will make a fine judge, and I respectfully submit my support of her appointment for your consideration and approval.

Sincerely,



Graden Hahn

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September 11, 2015

Judicial Nomination Commission  
c/o Lois Menzies  
Office of the Court Administrator  
P.O. Box 203005  
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Re: Amy Eddy

Dear Ms. Menzies,

I am writing to support the appointment of Amy Eddy for the vacancy in the Eleventh Judicial District Court, Flathead County.

I have had the pleasure of having known and litigated cases against Amy since 2001. Amy is a very fine attorney and I always look forward to working with her. As an attorney who primarily represents defendants in civil litigation, I have observed Amy's dedication and advocacy of her clients' positions while still maintaining courtesy and respect for the opposing party. She is intelligent, fair, thoughtful, thorough and creative and abides by the highest standards of ethical conduct. I fully believe that Amy possesses the ability to fairly adjudicate contested matters in accordance with applicable law. Amy would make a fine judge.

I endorse Amy's application. The citizens of the Eleventh Judicial District will be well served by her appointment as our next district court judge. Thank you for consideration of my comments.

Sincerely,

  
Kimberly S. More

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Via First Class Mail and E-mail

September 11, 2015

Judicial Nomination Commission  
c/o Lois Menzies  
Office of the Court Administrator  
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Dear Judicial Nomination Commission:

I am pleased to write this letter of recommendation for Amy Eddy. I believe Amy would be an excellent candidate to replace Judge Ted Lympus in the Eleventh Judicial District Court.

Amy and I met in law school and had numerous cases together throughout my former career in private practice. I have always found Amy to be extremely competent, reasonable, timely and intelligent. I have been impressed with her command of the law as well as her ability to work professionally with opposing counsel, her clients and the court. I believe Amy has a firm grasp on the challenges facing the Eleventh Judicial District and she is well-equipped to handle those challenges.

I have found Amy to be a very ethical lawyer. I would not hesitate to take Amy at her word. She has always been straight-forward and honest in her communications with me.

I have also enjoyed Amy on a personal level. She has a maturity, sense of humor and balanced viewpoint that will carry her far and that would well-serve the judiciary.

I would not hesitate to recommend Amy for the position of District Court Judge. If I can answer any questions or be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

  
Angela Jacobs

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c/o Lois Menzies  
Office of the Court Administrator  
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Re: Amy Eddy  
District Court – Flathead County

Dear Ms. Menzies:

I respectfully recommend Kalispell attorney Amy Eddy to the Judicial Nomination Commission. I have known Amy for more than fifteen years. She is a gifted trial lawyer – intelligent, pragmatic, reasonable, and kind. Her work on trial- and appellate-level matters has been, in my experience, outstanding.

I have litigated with Amy and have always been impressed with her case planning, strategy, and ability to expertly examine witnesses – friend and foe alike. I have also appreciated Amy's pre-litigation approach, which involves meaningful investigate work and strategizing potential case issues *before* a lawsuit is ever filed. Amy doesn't run blindly into litigated cases and figure it out as she goes; she knows where she's headed from the beginning. This not only benefits the client for

Lois Menzies

Re: Amy Eddy

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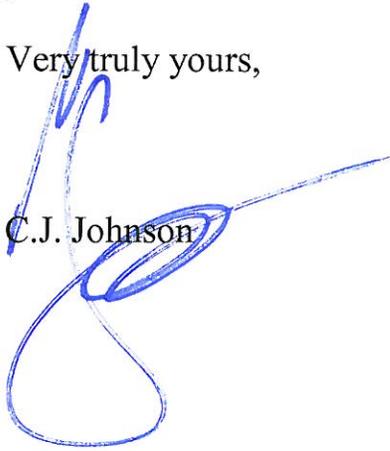
whom Amy advocates, but also the many litigants-that-never-were – those with tangential or irrelevant connections to a case but whom lesser counsel would bring in with a “let the jury sort them out” shoulder shrug. Who not to involve in a litigated matter is as important a question as any other, and Amy takes that gatekeeping role very seriously.

As disappointing as it will be to lose Amy from the ever-shrinking pool of reasonable litigators and fair fighters, we all come out ahead with her appointment to the bench. She brings optimism, pragmatism, and a principled set of legal skills that can only further the efficient administration of justice, improve the quality of lawyering before her, and strengthen the public’s confidence in our judiciary.

Amy will be an outstanding judge and I recommend her highly. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

C.J. Johnson



CJ/jl



September 11, 2015

Montana Judicial Nomination Commission  
c/o Lois Menzies  
Office of Court Administrator  
Box 203005  
Helena, Montana 59620

Re: Eleventh Judicial District Vacancy

Commission Members:

I strongly support Amy Eddy for appointment to the bench in the Eleventh Judicial District.

I have known Amy for more than 10 years as an extremely intelligent, dedicated, and compassionate lawyer who has the important characteristic for a judge of maintaining civility and an even temperament in the most heated courtroom battles.

As a relatively young member of the Board of the Montana Trial Lawyers, Amy early demonstrated her leadership and became one of the youngest presidents we have ever had. Since then she has continued to play an important leadership role as the chair of our amicus committee. In that capacity she has become one of the most knowledgeable analysts of Montana law and has been directly or indirectly responsible for making significant arguments to the Montana Supreme Court on issues of great importance to Montana citizens, consumers, and small businesses.

Of great import for the citizens of Flathead County, Amy is one of the hardest working people I know, never declining any new responsibility she is asked to take on and always getting it done in a timely and well prepared way. As everyone involved in the justice system knows, justice delayed is justice denied, and those who come before Amy as a judge will be assured that she will be fair and timely in making her decisions.

Based on her career to date, you can be certain that Amy possesses the most important characteristics you and the constituents of Flathead County would want: intelligence, legal knowledge, fairness, dedication, and civility. I urge your nomination of Amy to the Governor. She will be a great addition to the bench who will serve well the people of the Eleventh Judicial District.

Sincerely,

s/William A. Rossbach

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September 10, 2015

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Re: *Amy Eddy*

Dear Ms. Menzies:

I am writing to express my support for Amy Eddy to fill the vacancy on the bench in the Eleventh Judicial District Court. The qualities I have observed in Amy as a colleague are the qualities that would make her a superlative judge.

Amy knows the law, but more importantly, quickly analyses the facts and applies the law to the facts. She is extremely well organized in her work and can be relied upon to deal with an issue in a timely manner. Because she is one of the best personal injury attorneys I know, I have often referred my family law clients with problems in that area to Amy. The feedback I have received, even when she has not taken a case, is that Amy took the problem seriously, gave it thorough analysis, and gave a clear explanation as to why there was, or was not, a cause of action.

As a family law practitioner, I am concerned that our new judge will have the patience and temperament necessary to handle family law matters. While Amy has limited experience practicing family law, she will learn the law quickly and she has the life experience that prepares her to treat litigants respectfully, while putting the best interests of their children first. I am confident Amy will apply the law in family law. I am confident she will make the timely decisions needed to allow families in crisis to move on as gracefully as possible. I am confident litigants will believe they have been treated fairly in her court.

Amy will give the public the assurance that justice is properly and fairly being delivered in

*Lois Menzies*  
*September 10, 2015*  
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Flathead County, and I support her application for the position.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Katherine P. Maxwell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "K".

Katherine P. Maxwell