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From: Menzies, Lois
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2015 7:32 PM
To: Cook, Kevin
Subject: Public Comment -- Glade

From: Segrest, Stuart
Sent: Wednesday, December 09, 2015 9:34 AM
To: MT Supreme Court,
Subject: comment on Wyatt Glade

Dear Commission,

I write to support Wyatt Glade's application for the position of district court judge for the 16th Judicial District. I met Wyatt years ago when we were both new(er) attorneys at a trial advocacy class. I believe he had only recently been elected county attorney. Wyatt impressed me from the beginning with his even keel, desire to learn and serve Custer County, and his legal acumen and work ethic. Since then I have occasionally worked with Wyatt through our respective positions (myself on behalf of the Attorney General's Office and Wyatt as County Attorney). His legal skills, work ethic, and easy-going manner continue to impress. Further, his application demonstrates what I already suspected: that he has a firm understanding of what it takes to be a good judge.

In short, I believe the Commission should forward Wyatt's application on to the Governor, and I would hope the Governor appoints him. He deserves it, and Custer County deserves no less. (Tangentially, is there a better name for a lawyer-cowboy than Wyatt Glade?)

Sincerely,

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From: Jed C. Fitch, Beaverhead Co. Atty. [<mailto:jfitch@beaverheadcounty.org>]
Sent: Monday, December 21, 2015 5:27 PM
To: MT Supreme Court,
Subject: Public Comment for 16th Judicial District Judge Applicant Wyatt Glade

Dear Judicial Nomination Commission:

Please accept this email as my written support for applicant Wyatt Glade.

I have known Wyatt since I worked as his deputy, prosecuting in Custer County. I was a brand new prosecutor then, but not a brand new attorney. I had clerked, and worked for a firm; but mostly I had been a Judge Advocate in the Marine Corps. Wyatt gave me the opportunity to work as a deputy county attorney, worked with me when I needed it, and let me have the room I needed to learn the new position. We tried cases together, and I watched and learned from his thorough and direct style. With his help, I became the Beaverhead County Attorney, and we now serve together on the board of the Montana County Attorneys Association.

Wyatt has a tremendous work ethic. He is a thorough researcher, and an excellent writer. He clearly communicates his theories and points in a court room, and has the leadership experience, both personal and professional, to immediately command the respect due a District Court Judge. Further, he has the experience and can-do attitude to immediately assume the reins of this position. In short, the people of the seven counties of the 16th Judicial District will be well served by Wyatt Glade.

I whole-heartedly endorse Wyatt Glade's application for District Judge. He will be an asset to the District and the State, and I hope this Commission sees their way to forwarding his name to the Governor.

Sincerely,

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Dear Commission,

I highly recommend Wyatt Glade for the position of District Court Judge. I worked for Wyatt as the deputy county attorney for the last 2 years in Custer County. Wyatt was an exemplary mentor. No question was too big nor too small; and each question was its own lesson, despite the times I wanted a simple yes/no answer. As frustrating as that was to me in certain moments, it was incredibly helpful and necessary to help me learn to think as a lawyer. Despite his relatively young age, Wyatt has been and remains a mentor to many lawyers, including the law students who worked as summer interns, his deputies, and other young attorneys in the Southeastern Montana area. With just nine years of experience as the Custer County Attorney, Wyatt has two former deputies and a former summer intern who are all serving as County Attorneys in other counties. Clearly, his leadership and lawyering ability makes an impact and instills a respect and love for the law.

I had the opportunity to serve as co-counsel on jury trials with Wyatt. He commands the attention of the jury while not speaking down to them. He has a true grasp of the rules of evidence and courtroom procedure. He treats everyone in the court process with respect and professionalism. From the paralegals in his own office to opposing counsels and their staff to the court reporter and clerks, Wyatt is liked and esteemed by those who really know him. As a judge, I know that he will treat persons who appear in front of him with respect while maintaining the decorum and safety of the courtroom. His experience as a defense attorney and in civil practice has given him a background in most types of law and certainly has prepared him to research and answer questions that arise in his court.

Very importantly, Wyatt is the only applicant who is currently living and working in the Sixteenth Judicial District area. While the other two applicants have ties to this area, Wyatt is the only one raising his family there. He knows the area as only a person who is currently

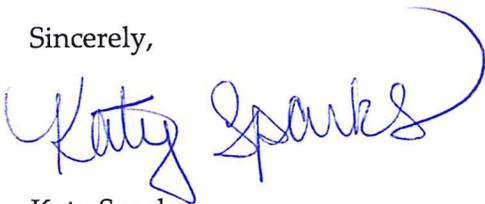
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living in a community can know it. Wyatt is active in his community by serving on boards and attending events. He is also active on a state-wide basis in the legal community. He is a board member for the state County Attorney's association and has been involved in legislative efforts.

Furthermore, Wyatt has demonstrated that he wants this position! He has applied and campaigned to be a district court judge previously; this is evidence that he truly wants to continue serving the people of the Sixteenth District. He has served them well during his time as County Attorney. During his tenure, he has tackled many difficult situations and has handled each one with competence and fairness to the parties involved. Wyatt zealously advocates for the victims of crime, but he tempers that with a realistic outlook to keep his office from wasting resources on frivolous arguments. I believe he will be that way as a judge; he will give thoughtful contemplation to the issues that need to be weighed but will not tolerate improper tactics.

Wyatt Glade is uniquely qualified for this particular judge position. He has the knowledge, skill, good judgment, and sense of fairness to serve the people well; he lives and serves in the community already; and he possesses the high moral character required to tackle difficult issues. Wyatt will make an excellent judge and I would be honored to practice in his jurisdiction.

Sincerely,



Katy Sparks

Former Custer County Deputy Attorney