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September 21, 2016

Montana Judicial Nomination Commission
Office of Court Administrator
Attn: Lois Menzies
P.O. Box 203005
Helena, MT 59620

RE: J. Colleen Herrington
Applicant for Eighteenth Judicial District Court Judge

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing this letter of support for J. Colleen Herrington as the new District Court Judge for the Eighteenth Judicial District Court, Gallatin County.

I have know Ms. Herrington personally for close to 10 years. I first met Colleen when she was working at the Gallatin County Public Defenders Office. I was on the Montana Public Defender Commission at that time, in charge of oversight of the Public Defender system. I assure you that Colleen's work as a busy Public Defender was excellent. The Bozeman Public Defender's Office was frequently recognized by the Public Defender Commission for exemplary work, including the legal services of Colleen Herrington.

I am also very familiar with Colleen's civil practice, including her debtor/creditor cases and US Bankruptcy Court cases. I have been an active practicing attorney in the federal Bankruptcy Court for over 5 decades, from 1970 to the present time. I have worked with Colleen on numerous bankruptcy cases. Those cases included both business and personal bankruptcies, which are quite complex. I have reviewed dozens of complex petitions prepared by Colleen. Her work product was always very thorough and complete. I also oversaw her bankruptcy clients when she attended JAG training with the Army National Guard for 6 months. I cannot recall one single case where either the client, the Bankruptcy Trustee or the Judge was ever critical of her work.

I would ask the Nominating Commission to carefully review Colleen's application for District Court Judge. Review of her application clearly sets forth a broad spectrum of legal experience from divorce cases, criminal cases, civil cases, administrative cases, and her recent

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work for the past 4 years as Municipal Court Judge. **She is clearly qualified to serve as District Court Judge.**

Finally, I hope the Commission will take note of Colleen's service to our country as an Army JAG officer. She has dedicated herself to the service of our country. She has also been an active community volunteer in numerous Bozeman area civic organizations and non-profit foundations. The time she has spent giving to her country and community speaks to her overall character. There is simply no question in my mind that Colleen Herrington will be a fantastic District Court Judge. She will be fair and impartial. She is extremely competent and professional at all times. I urge the Commission to recommend her appointment. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Charles E. Petaja', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Charles E. Petaja

CEP/mjg

Cook, Kevin

From: MT Supreme Court,
Sent: Friday, September 23, 2016 4:16 PM
To: Cook, Kevin
Subject: Public Comment -- Herrington

From: Jim Johannes [<mailto:jjohannes@centurylink.net>]
Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2016 5:48 PM
To: MT Supreme Court,
Cc: Wayne Jennings
Subject: Attn: Lois Menzies . Letter of support for Colleen Herrington

On behalf of the Bozeman Optimist Club, we want to support Colleen Herrington for the appointment to the District Court. We believe her to be very qualified for the position and a hard working and dedicated individual who will bring a high level of integrity and humility to the judicial process. We believe her to be a very good listener and communicator, qualities that are important to the district court. Thanks for considering this letter of support.

Sincerely, James Johannes
Secretary of the Bozeman Optimist Club

Sent from my iPad

Letter of Recommendation:
Ms. Jenny Colleen Herrington
Judgeship, 18th Judicial District

September 22nd, 2016

To the Judicial Nomination Commission:

We write in strong support of Ms. J. 'Colleen' Herrington to serve as an 18th District Court Judge on the retirement of the Hon. Mike Salvagni. We realize laymen recommendations lack legal qualifications but we do think they can confirm personal qualities essential on the bench, including integrity, character, compassion and honor. It is in that vein we offer you these comments.

We know Judge Herrington because we purchased adjacent homes at the same time. New to Bozeman and Montana, we took advantage of this and sought out an understanding from her about Montana law, our local criminal justice system and Bozeman's issues (from A to Z). We ultimately were drawn to Judge Herrington's courtroom both out of curiosity and to witness in real terms the nature of the work she enthusiastically described to us. We have read her application carefully, along with the qualifications of the other nine applicants. Here are some observations we wish to share with you:

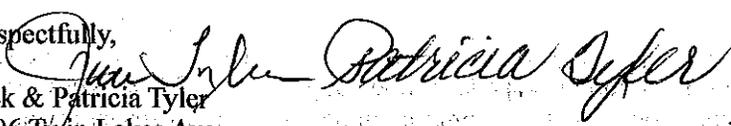
— The 'Colleen' Herrington we have come to know in the community - neighbor, HOA supporter, Big Sister and more - is both the person described to you in her application and the person we see serving on the bench. This is a woman of authenticity and integrity. She is the same caring, informed and committed individual in Municipal Court as she is in her personal life, and we expect in her service with the Guard. As you know, some professionals must 'cloak' their real self in a professional veneer to succeed. That is not Judge Herrington.

— One of us has served as Foreman in multiple trials, in both state district and federal district courts. The surprise discovery when learning about Judge Herrington's court is the educational component she administers, along with the law. 'City' Court here is very busy and, being a University city, both students and other young adults routinely appear in her courtroom. Judge Herrington obviously cares not just about administering the law but also taking the time to develop an understanding for it - and how it serves the community - with those who appear before her.

— Temperament is a quality receiving much attention this political season but nowhere could it be more relevant than when justice is administered from a courtroom bench. Though one of your younger applicants, we have been struck by the maturity of Judge Herrington's perspective on the many social issues that present themselves in Bozeman and Montana. Observing her on the bench, it is absolutely clear age does not detract from her demeanor, perceived authority or judgement.

You will likely interview some applicants. We hope you have the opportunity to explore with Judge Herrington why she aspires to serve full-time as a judge. Certainly, all your applicants present worthwhile qualifications. We suspect you will hear most clearly from Colleen why this is a 'calling' for her, and not just a position of employment in a career ladder. We would gratefully welcome her serving in our community as a District Judge.

Respectfully,


Jack & Patricia Tyler
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727 772 3002

3 October 2016

The Montana Judicial Nomination Commission
Office of Court Administrator
Attention Lois Menzies
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Helena, MT 59602-3005

Members of the Commission,

It is with pleasure that I submit this letter of personal recommendation for Colleen Herrington in support of her consideration to fill the District Court Judge position within the Eighteenth Judicial District. Ms. Herrington's proven civilian and military performance, and her past experience with each, provide a solid skill set that make her the ideal candidate for this position.

Ms. Herrington currently holds the rank of Captain and has served as a member of the Montana National Guard since September 2010. During this time I have worked and observed her performance and the interactions she has had with our Soldiers in various positions. My assessment is that she is highly educated and a self starter. She requires very little oversight, is well respected among Command and within the Judge Advocate General office and always consistently delivers a professional and complete product. She is comfortable working alone and is also an extremely effective team player. Most recently Captain Herrington was assigned as the Command Judge Advocate for the state's largest command, the 1889th Regional Support Group, with more than 2,100 assigned Soldiers. Her strong performance and professional contributions have had significant impacts on decreasing claims of financial liability and have directly contributed to an enhanced readiness posture for our Service Members and their units.

Ms. Herrington has a strong legal background with direct experience in civilian civil litigation, public defense, military law and as a municipal court judge. These experiences directly contributed to her selection and will most certainly be a direct complement to her future position assignments and opportunities within the Montana National Guard.

It is my opinion that Colleen Herrington has the right demeanor, personality, skill set and fortitude to serve Montana in this important position and would be a tremendous addition to the district. Her proven abilities and past experiences would allow her to immediately add value to this critical public service position.

Please feel free to contact me at jeffrey.e.ireland.mil@mail.mil or 406-324-3003 should you have questions.



JEFFREY E. IRELAND
Brigadier General, MT National Guard
Director of the Joint Staff

Cook, Kevin

From: MT Supreme Court,
Sent: Tuesday, October 4, 2016 2:42 PM
To: Cook, Kevin
Subject: Public Comment -- Herrington

From: Bob Hoth [<mailto:bojhoth@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, October 04, 2016 1:10 PM
To: MT Supreme Court,
Subject: Re: Jenny Colleen Herrington Appliation for District Court Jodgeship

I am a 22 year Army Veteran and have met and talked with Colleen. I am of the opinion that she is very well qualified for the position and urge you to consider her for the appointment as the District Court Judge in the Eighteenth Judicial District.

Thank you,

Bob Hoth, Bozeman, MT.

Marek and Christa Ziegler
Belgrade, MT, 59714
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To the Montana Judicial Nomination Commission

This letter is in support of Colleen Harrington and her application for the next 18th Judicial District Court Judge in Gallatin County.

There are many reasons that Colleen should be considered for this important position. Since 2012, Colleen has worked as one of the Municipal Court Judges in Bozeman MT. Her resume confirms that she has extensive experience with the public and with the corporate world. Colleen has a sense of composure, politeness and fairness when dealing with unforeseen situations. She shows empathy but is not easily distracted by the emotions in or outside of the courtroom. Colleen works extensively with various law enforcement agencies and court appointed organizations. When doing so she treats everyone she encounters with respect and professionalism. She provides individuals with opportunities to better themselves and their future choices. She is an extremely educated, knowledgeable and trustworthy woman.

Both of us are currently employed as members of the law enforcement community. We have interacted with Colleen in the courtroom and on a personal level. She rises above the bar with her knowledge of the justice system and continues to challenge herself in all aspects of her life. Colleen Harrington would be an asset to our judicial system if she was appointed as the next 18th Judicial District Court Judge.

Respectfully yours,

Marek and Christa Ziegler



ANGEL, COIL & BARTLETT
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October 12, 2016

Judicial Nomination Commission
c/o Lois Menzies
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VIA EMAIL: mtsupremecourt@mt.gov

RE: J. Colleen Herrington, District Court Judge Nomination for Eighteenth
Judicial District Court, Gallatin County

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to encourage you to recommend that Governor Bullock nominate J. Colleen Herrington to be the District Court Judge for the Eighteenth Judicial District Court, in Gallatin County. This Committee has a difficult task in narrowing its recommendations from this qualified group of candidates. I have practiced law at Angel, Coil & Bartlett in Bozeman since 2006. During this time, I have had the pleasure of personally knowing many of these candidates and welcome the opportunity to share with the Committee my experiences and observations of the candidates I know.

In 2012, Judge Herrington was appointed to serve as Bozeman Municipal Court's part time judge. Judge Herrington has a private legal practice and is a JAG attorney. She evidences excellence, creativity and initiative in these multiple areas of her profession. I am particularly familiar with her role as Judge Herrington in appearing before her as a criminal defense attorney. Before she became a Judge, I also had the pleasure to observe her as my professional peer when she was with the Office of the Public Defender.

Judge Herrington's creativity and initiative is especially shown in her interaction with defendants in the criminal justice system. Judge Herrington's Court presides over all misdemeanor crimes and civil orders of protection in Bozeman city limits. She has more face-to-face interactions with Bozeman residents than most public

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officials. Generally, the individuals appearing before Judge Herrington are accused of misdemeanor crimes—driving under the influence of alcohol, marijuana possession, minor theft, assault, among other crimes—and face potential jail time, fines, counseling, community service, and suspension of drivers licenses, among other consequences. Despite being misdemeanor crimes, these charges have a significant affect on an individual's life. Judge Herrington seizes this opportunity and takes the initiative to personally address each defendant, ensuring that the defendant understands his/her constitutional rights and the consequences at each step in the process. I have watched Judge Herrington frequently talk with defendants about turning their sentence into an opportunity, and how not to return to her courtroom, or the criminal justice system. Taking this time with defendants is especially important to minimize recidivism rates. Given the vast number of criminal cases heard by a District Court Judge, Judge Herrington's skills developed in the Bozeman Municipal Court will flourish in the District Court.

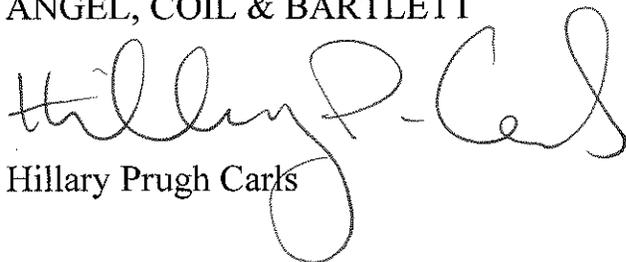
Judge Herrington brings her significant experience to the District Court having defended felony crimes in her time at the Office of the Public Defender. She has the substantive knowledge and experience of trial, courtroom work especially in criminal and evidentiary law. Judge Herrington is uniquely qualified for the work before the District Court.

I also applaud Judge Herrington's work to bring a Veteran's Court to Gallatin County. The Veteran's Court will bring a much needed service to the justice system and the unique issues and facts with veteran parties.

I hope that you recommend Judge Herrington to Governor Bullock for the nomination of Gallatin County District Court Judge. Please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss this matter. Thank you.

Cordially,

ANGEL, COIL & BARTLETT



Hillary Prugh Carls

Megan Cummings

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3 October 2016

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Dear Nomination Committee,

Chair
Kevin Pancich
Advanced Performance Rehab

It is my pleasure to support J. Colleen Herrington as district court judge.

Chair Elect
Tanner Aasheim
US Bank

I interviewed Judge Herrington in July of this year as part of the process of her becoming a volunteer Big Sister in our program. ("Bigs" are mentors/friends to young people, or "Littles," in the community.) We matched Judge Herrington in August to a little girl; this child is thrilled that her Big Sister plays *with her* when they go to the park together. So far, Judge Herrington is making a terrific impression on this Little and her family. In addition to being an accomplished professional, Judge Herrington is also becoming a long-term personal mentor to a child in Gallatin County.

Past Chair
Kristin Morgan
KZBK/CBS

Secretary
Todd Mason
Oracle

In each interaction I've had with Judge Herrington, I have been impressed by her self-awareness, poise, calm demeanor, sense of humor, and enthusiasm for making her community *better and more just*. She has a strong understanding of healthy boundaries, and her career accomplishments clearly reflect a deep and wide understanding of law. She also understands, rightly so, that her public persona and her many roles as a skilled, enormously capable woman can have a tremendously positive impact on the people who see her.

Treasurer
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DA Davidson

Troy Baccus
Montana Life Group

Lacey Egelus
Universal Athletics

Kendra Farrar
Stockman Bank - Manhattan

Finally, Judge Herrington's unwavering commitment to veterans in southwest Montana is personally important to me, as I am the spouse of a veteran. I am confident that she, as district court judge, will serve veterans and civilians fairly.

Jeremy Glover
Highgate Senior Living

CJ Mayer
Farm Bureau Financial Services

For each of these reasons, I proudly endorse Judge Herrington in the position of district court judge.

Brent Nagy
Cellular Plus/Verizon Wireless

Please contact me if I may answer any follow-up questions.

Josh Potts
Murdoch's Ranch and Home Supply

Sincerely,

Megan Cummings, MA
VP of Programs, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Gallatin County

Cook, Kevin

From: MT Supreme Court,
Sent: Friday, October 14, 2016 2:15 PM
To: Cook, Kevin
Subject: Public Comment -- Herrington

From: Mark Van Slyke [<mailto:mvanslyke@BOZEMAN.NET>]
Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2016 12:10 PM
To: MT Supreme Court,
Subject: RE: The Montana Judicial Nomination Commission

The Montana Judicial Nomination Commission,
RE: Jenny Colleen Herrington's Application for Appointment for Gallatin County District Judge.

I am writing you in support of Judge Herrington's appointment to Gallatin County District Judge. As a police officer I have known Judge Herrington as the presiding judge in several of my cases. Through this experience, regardless of the outcome, I have witnessed Judge Herrington's keenness for small details and know her to operate with the upmost fairness. Judge Herrington appears well organized and prepared. Additionally, she is extremely approachable and highly personable. Under all circumstances, I've felt comfortable asking Judge Herrington questions about the law or other relevant issues.

I can personally speak to Judge Herrington's desire to better our community and educate its youth. I've witnessed two different occasions when she has volunteered her time for a nonprofit or for mentoring a youth. Often these qualities and volunteer hours can be overlooked in an individual's busy life. Seeing a Judge, with an extremely busy schedule, prioritizing this in her life is reassuring and inspiring. In addition to her exemplary work and high moral standards, I feel Judge Herrington does "maintain and enforce high standards of conduct" and does "personally observe those standards, so that the integrity and independence of the judiciary may be preserved." It is an honor to write this letter in support of Judge Herrington's appointment to Montana District Court and feel our community would benefit greatly by her appointment. Thank you

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Michael P. Talia

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October 15, 2016

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Via e-mail only to mtsupremecourt@mt.gov

RE: Recommendation for J. Colleen Herrington

Dear Commission Members:

I recommend J. Colleen Herrington be appointed to fill the remainder of Judge Salvagni's term in the Eighteenth Judicial District. Over the last six years Colleen and I worked together as JAG attorneys in the Montana Army National Guard. Colleen is as diligent a lawyer as can be found. She has a great ability to manage large and complex workloads. This ability is needed to manage the volume of cases in Gallatin County.

Colleen's diligence will serve the Eighteenth Judicial District well. In a day of over-docketed courts, it takes a special kind of judge to effectively and efficiently see that civil and criminal cases are litigated timely. Litigants are faced with unprecedented delays, just to have their cases heard. This delay tends to undermine the public's faith in the court system altogether. Colleen is well suited to manage a busy docket. Please nominate Colleen Herrington for appointment to fill Judge Salvagni's term.

Sincerely,



Michael P. Talia

October 13, 2016

Judicial Nomination Commission
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Re: 18th Judicial District Judge Position - Applicant J. Colleen Herrington

Dear Judicial Nomination Commission:

I believe Colleen Herrington has the qualifications and skills to fill the 18th Judicial District Judgeship vacancy. I've actively practiced both criminal and civil law in the 18th Judicial District and throughout Montana since 1993. I practiced actively in the federal and state courts of New Jersey 1984 through 1993.

I've known Colleen since she began to practice law in Montana in 2005. I observed her work in the courtroom during the years she served as a public defender in Gallatin County. Colleen displayed dedication to her indigent clients, a mastery of the issues, and good courtroom skills.

Colleen has the litigation experience required to be a good district court judge. She has the intelligence, sharp intellect, and legal skills required of a district court judge.

It is for these reasons that I support Colleen's efforts to fill the vacancy for the 18th Judicial District Judge position.

Very truly yours,

AVIGNONE, BANICK & WILLIAMS, PLLC

By: 

Al Avignone

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Re: Letter in Support of Jenny Colleen Herrington for Eighteenth Judicial District Court Judicial Vacancy

Dear Judicial Nomination Commission:

This letter is in support of Jenny Colleen Herrington to fill the current vacancy in the Eighteenth Judicial District Court.

I first met Colleen through the JAG Office at the Montana Army National Guard at Fort Harrison, Montana in 2010 as we were both officers. Within the JAG office, I witnessed that Colleen was a highly professional and capable attorney. We were on opposing sides in several administrative boards at Fort Harrison and outside of the JAG, she too handled several criminal law cases in the role of public defender for which my office prosecuted. Through the eyes of a fellow attorney, Colleen displayed intelligence, fairness, and hard work; important traits for a district court judge. I remember when she first started handling municipal court cases for Bozeman. At that time, she displayed great interest in her new appointment and strived to gain knowledge in order to be the best judge that she could be. I believe since that time, she has proven herself to be a great judge.

It is with honor that I can provide support for Colleen's appointment as a district court judge. Colleen has an excellent temperament, ideal for a district court judge, and has everything the public and lawyers should want and need in a judge. She too brings experience to the position. She would be an excellent choice for your nomination committee.

The Judicial Nomination Commission is urged to send her name on to the Governor for appointment.

Sincerely



Mathew Johnson

October 16, 2016

The Montana Judicial Nomination Commission
Office of Court Administrator
C/o Lois Menzies
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Dear Commission,

I, Chelsea Stewart, am writing this letter in support of J. Colleen Herrington in her quest to become the District Court Judge. As Colleen's friend and neighbor, I have had the opportunity to get to know Colleen personally, and witness firsthand her exemplary character that I believe would serve this community greatly.

Colleen is a person of integrity, someone who I consider to be very trustworthy and dependable, all characteristics I would hope to see in a District Court Judge. Colleen is actively involved in the community, and I feel she has the communities best interest at heart after planting roots here 11.5 years ago. She is participating as a Big Sister for Gallatin Valley's Big Brothers Big Sister program, and has volunteered her time to spend with residents at Gallatin Valley Rest Home, as well as served on the Board of Bozeman Area Community Foundation, which serves all non-profits in the Gallatin Valley Area. I recently attended a Neighborhood Association Meeting with Colleen to advocate for our neighborhood with the help of the City, to address areas of concern that will ultimately allow for a safe and thriving neighborhood. Also, Colleen has a broad background in different areas of work such as her experience as a Municipal Court Judge, being a Captain in the Montana National Guard-attorney in Judge Advocate General Corps, and holding a Masters in Accounting to name a few. I believe Colleen's personality traits, past work experience, as well as her interest and concern for the communities well-being make her a superb candidate for the District Court Judge position.

I am confident that Colleen would excel as District Court Judge, and I would highly recommend her for the position.

Thank you,

Chelsea Stewart

Rebecca A. Murray

October 20, 2016

Via email: mtsupremecourt@mt.gov
The Montana Judicial Nomination Commission
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Re: Jenny Colleen Herrington
District Court Position

To Whom it May Concern,

It is my privilege to write this letter about my great friend Colleen Herrington.

When I moved to Montana seven years ago, Colleen was the first person that I became friends with. We met while volunteering for the Intermountain Opera. She welcomed me into her circle of friends and we have remained in each other's lives ever since.

Colleen's opinions and advice are something that I've always trusted. She approaches a situation with an open, fair, and moral mind. I know that I can count on her when I seek advice or need a shoulder to lean on.

Colleen is the first friend that I call when I have an emergency. Not only because she is always there for me, but also because I know that she will do what is best.

Colleen was also the person who supported me the most when I opened my small photography business. Her support was not only verbally promoting me and my skills, but also to help me legally whenever I needed help with paperwork. I have always been able to count on her as a friend and as a business advisor.

As you review Colleen's application for the District Court position I hope that you remember what you have read in my letter. Jenny Colleen Herrington would be wonderful asset to the Montana court system.

Sincerely,

Rebecca A. Murray
Rebecca A. Murray

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Cook, Kevin

From: MT Supreme Court,
Sent: Sunday, October 23, 2016 6:44 PM
To: Cook, Kevin
Subject: Public Comment -- Herrington

From: babs noelle [<mailto:babs@alarajewelry.com>]
Sent: Friday, October 21, 2016 2:23 PM
To: MT Supreme Court,
Subject: ATTN: Lois Menzies RE: Letter of Support To Judicial Nomination Commission

The Montana Judicial Nomination Commission
Office of Court Administrator
c/o Lois Menzies
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Commissioners:

First of all, my thanks for serving on this commission, the importance of which is something that cannot be overestimated. Thank you for your oversight.

I write to you today regarding your consideration of Colleen Herrington for the District Court Judgeship for the 18th Judicial District.

Colleen's accomplishments and broad experience are inarguably impressive. But, I believe Colleen possesses four important personal attributes over which she has mastery. Such mastery is precisely what would make for a great, fair, and effective district court judge.

Those four personal attributes:

- Deeply-held and consistent sense of fairness and justice
- Service-oriented in both her local community and the military community
- Belief in the justice system; backed by faithful service in it as both a judge and as an attorney
- Compassion combined with strong ethics

I find it difficult to imagine another person with this singularly powerful combination of attributes, all which synergistically combine to make her an ideal candidate for the position of district court judge.

As a small businessperson in Bozeman, I encounter numerous folks who represent varied swaths of our citizenry. I have personally witnessed Colleen interacting with her fellow citizens at community events, and I can report that her ability to guide and connect with others is notable. She is thoroughly ready for the greater responsibility that the district court judgeship will entail.

Thank you again for your consideration and service.

Respectfully,
Babs Noelle

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Dept. B
Honorable J. Colleen Herrington

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Lois Menzies
Office of the Court Administrator
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RE: Eighteenth Judicial District Court

Dear Members of the Judicial Nominations Committee:

You have the opportunity to select a proven leader for this very important position in my community. Bozeman has been my home for nearly 46 years. I am familiar with all ten candidates and consider many of them to be good candidates.

When selecting a person to assist me in the Bozeman Municipal Court five years ago I chose J. Colleen Herrington from many qualified applicants. I've been very pleased with that decision.

Bozeman is a rapidly growing and vibrant city. It needs a District Court Judge that has experience and energy.

Judge Herrington has extensive experience in criminal law, having served four years with the State Public Defenders Office and five years as a Municipal Court Judge.

Judge Herrington has experience in her private practice with a diverse range of civil cases.

Judge Herrington also works with the Montana Army National Guard as a JAG officer. She has taken the initiative towards starting a veteran's court in Gallatin County.

A question asked in the nominating process must be whether an applicant has the experience and the judicial temperament to be a good judge. Judge Herrington has already proven that she has both the experience and judicial temperament to be a fair, firm, and efficient judge.

Judge Herrington is an excellent choice to be the next District Court Judge for the 18th Judicial District.

Sincerely yours,



Hon. Karl P. Seel

Municipal Court Judge

ANGEL, COIL & BARTLETT
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October 24, 2016

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re: 18th Judicial District judicial application of J. Colleen Herrington

Dear Commission Members:

I became familiar with Judge Herrington's professional attributes when I assisted her in defending sex offense cases when she was a public defender. We could say that I mentored her but her dedicated, detailed and persistent commitment to her work was exemplary to me. Since that time I seek her advice on matters involving offenses committed by National Guard Members, mostly regarding treatment options. She continues to be helpful and caring.

I've watched Colleen's intimate dealings with her clients and discussed those intimate details with her and how we might find justice. Now I observe her tone as a judge. She tells people what she thinks and why. She is direct, efficient and will say what needs to be said. Although Judge Herrington is a no nonsense, truth telling person, her compassion and caring are equally visible when invited by the circumstances.

I encourage you to advance Judge Herrington's nomination to Governor Bullock for his consideration.

Very truly yours,

Angel, Coil & Bartlett



William A. Bartlett

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VIA EMAIL: mtsupremecourt@mt.gov

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to encourage you to consider J. Colleen Herrington in your decision of which judicial nominees to recommend to Governor Bullock for the Eighteenth Judicial District Court, Gallatin County.

I have known Judge Herrington since August of 2006 when I became her colleague at the Office of the State Public Defender in Bozeman, MT. During my tenure with the Public Defender, I observed, firsthand, her impressive skills as a trial attorney. Judge Herrington was assigned some of the most difficult felony cases in the office, many of which other attorneys sought to avoid. She accepted these challenges with enthusiasm, vigorously defended her clients' interests and protected their Constitutional rights. While at the Public Defender, I worked on several cases with Judge Herrington in which we achieved favorable outcomes on behalf of our clients. Judge Herrington's skills as a trial attorney have served her clients well.

Serving as a public defender is considered one of the, if not the most, rewarding yet physically and mentally draining endeavors in the practice of law. The caseloads are often crushing, yet, somehow, Judge Herrington found the energy to advocate for her clients while simultaneously pursuing an advanced degree at Montana State University. Judge Herrington graduated with a Masters in Professional Accountancy in January, 2009, while still serving at the Public Defender's Office as a trial attorney.

Judge Herrington entered private practice in April, 2009. Her current practice includes debtor/creditor cases, US Bankruptcy Court cases and general civil litigation. Judge Herrington continued her public service by enlisting in the Montana National Guard, serving as a JAG officer and working as a contract public defender for the Office of the State Public Defender. Judge Herrington also finds time to serve the community outside of the legal arena. She has volunteered for the Gallatin Valley Rest Home, served on the Board of Bozeman Area Community Foundation and is currently a Big Sister at the Gallatin Valley's Big Brother/Big Sister program. I have called upon Judge Herrington many times for her

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advice on complex issues concerning bankruptcy and military law. She has always taken the time to lend her legal advice to myself and my clients. Her breadth of experience would be an asset to the judiciary.

Most importantly, Judge Herrington has valuable experience and a proven track record of being a neutral and objective arbitrator of the law. In December, 2012, Judge Herrington became a Bozeman Municipal Court Judge. Since that time, I have had the privilege of appearing before her in numerous criminal law cases. I have found Judge Herrington to have the intellect, legal background and life experience necessary to resolve the complex issues brought before her. Her experiences as a criminal defense attorney, prosecutor for the Montana National Guard and her broad civil practice allows her to draw upon her unique experience in crafting her decisions. In my experience, her judgments are well reasoned, objective and fair.

As I write this letter, Judge Herrington is working to bring a badly needed Veteran's Court to Gallatin County. Her experience as a JAG officer, seeing the difficulty our troops have faced upon returning from active service, has had a profound impact on her. I support and respect her efforts in this arena most wholeheartedly.

I ask that you please take this letter into consideration when making the difficult decision of whom to recommend as judicial nominees to Govern Bullock. It would be challenging to find a more well-rounded and experienced candidate than Judge Herrington

Sincerely,

ANGEL, COIL & BARTLETT

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark J. Luebeck', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mark J. Luebeck

October 23, 2016

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Re: J. Colleen Herrington Letter of Support

Dear Judicial Nomination Committee:

We strongly support the nomination of Colleen Herrington as the next 18th Judicial District Court Judge. As a District Court Judge, we believe Colleen's contribution to our community and State would be of the highest quality.

In early 2012 we became acquainted with Colleen as a colleague and Municipal Court Judge. We have each appeared before her on numerous occasions and wholeheartedly believe that her decisions are thoroughly considered, fair, and just.

While Colleen's most well known position in Bozeman is Municipal Court Judge, her positive presence and value have been felt throughout Gallatin County in its legal circles as well as with its many residents.

Her initiative and work ethic has proven critical to the formation of a new Veteran Treatment Court in Bozeman. She has applied for and pursued a grant to fully fund the Treatment Court and has coordinated with other jurisdictions for support. We applaud Colleen's dedication to support offenders in their recovery through positive reintegration into our community.

In addition to working with Colleen as a colleague, we have come to know her as an active community member and as a skilled judge advocate in the Montana Army National Guard. Colleen has a history of success in whatever endeavor she undertakes, and consequently, we believe she is the perfect candidate for nomination as a District Court Judge.

Thank you and please do not hesitate to contact our office with any questions: (406) 570-7652 or contact@cromwellpllc.com.

Respectfully,



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Dear Judicial Committee,

I have had the opportunity and honor to know Judge Colleen Herrington personally for over 10 years now and would like to share with you why I believe she would be the best candidate for the Montana District Court Position.

I know that Colleen is a dedicated and tireless public servant; one that has the experience, passion, and drive to make a fair judge for our judicial system. She shows this with her vast experience, positions as both judge, lawyer, and JAG officer.

Her work as an advocate for veterans of Southwestern Montana is unprecedented and I admire her persistence to make this a valid and essential project for Gallatin County. When Colleen talks about this project I can feel her passion for wanting this project to come to life and how she is dedicated to making that happen.

Colleen is a dedicated friend who is just, dependable, and is unwavering in her loyalty. She showed much of these characteristics during her time as a Public Defender. I watched her persistence pay off in a position that was challenging, one that pushed her beliefs, and one that gave her the foundation to be a highly respected individual in her profession.

Judge Herrington's strong conviction to her job shows up in our day to day interactions. Her passion is expressed through our conversations and I admire how responsible and insightful she is to the judgeship/law profession. I learn so much for her on a daily basis and I believe she would bring this leadership role into her position as judge.

Based on Colleens resume, character, and flawless integrity, I firmly believe she would be the most enlightened choice and perfect fit for the Montana District Court Position. This is person that will show due diligence, honor, and integrity to such a position.

Warm regards,

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Re: J. Colleen Herrington
Eighteenth Judicial Judge Application

Dear Commissioners:

I have known Judge Herrington several contexts. She is a colleague in the Courts of Limited Jurisdiction. We have attended several schools together. She is a well-liked and well-respected member of our organization. She has made several presentations at the schools. All were competent and well-done. Her research capability in presentations is exceptional. Her personality has further endeared her to our group.

Ms. Herrington has also appeared in my Court in the role of defense counsel. She is always prepared and professional... without fail. She is a firm, careful advocate.

Personally, Judge Herrington is a bright, professional and delightful person. Her demeanor will be important in dealing with litigants and counsel.

In addition, her experience as a JAG officer can not be understated. The discipline and time demands of such work clearly make her an exceptional candidate.

She has been and I am sure will remain active in the community. I sincerely hope you will recommend her appointment. She will make a terrific Judge.

Respectfully,


Municipal Judge

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RE: Letter in Support of Ms. J. Colleen Herrington/Applicant for 18th Judicial District Court Judge

Dear Members of the Judicial Nomination Commission:

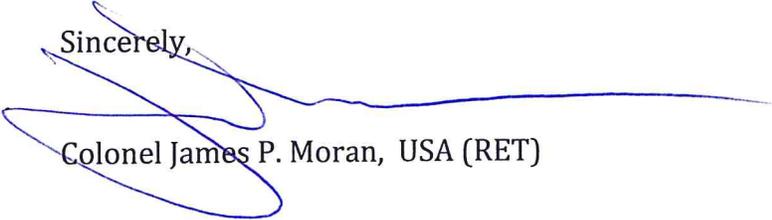
I am honored and pleased to personally recommend J. Colleen Herrington to the open District Court Judge position in Gallatin County. I have known Ms. Herrington since 2010, when she was interested in becoming a Military Attorney/JAG Officer with the Montana National Guard. Ms. Herrington was sworn in as an Officer in the Montana Army National Guard and member of the Judge Advocate General Corp on September 22, 2010.

I strongly believe that Ms. Herrington possesses the experience, temperament, and judgment necessary for the position of District Court Judge. In her position as Bozeman Municipal Court Judge, she has an incredibly strong sense of justice and strives to treat all individuals with fairness, compassion, and respect. In my time as the Montana National Guard State Staff Judge Advocate, I watched her serve her fellow soldiers as both a military attorney and professional military officer.

As a National Guard Officer, Captain Herrington has served her Nation and State with distinction, and has done this while maintaining a judicial position and a sole legal practice. Ms. Herrington also serves her community through volunteer work, such as with Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Gallatin County.

I strongly urge the Commission to recommend Colleen Herrington's name to the Governor.

Sincerely,



Colonel James P. Moran, USA (RET)

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October 24, 2016

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Dear Commission,

I understand Colleen Herrington has applied for the open District Court Judge position, and I'm writing this letter to recommend her as a candidate. I've had the pleasure of knowing Colleen for the last ten years, and I can't think of a harder working, fair, honest and committed individual. I first got to know Colleen as a Public Defender in Bozeman, and was nothing but impressed with her professionalism. It wasn't long before she became a Municipal Court Judge. As if that wasn't enough to keep her busy, she allocated a good portion of her weekends to the Montana National Guard, and also decided to start her own law firm. In summary, Colleen Herrington is woman of integrity, drive and constantly looking for the next challenge. I believe she would make a superb District Court Judge.

Sincerely,

James W Blackburn



October 23, 2016

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Dear Commission members,

This letter is being written in ardent support of Judge Colleen Herrington's application for the District Court Judgeship – Eighteenth Judicial District. I have known Colleen for the past eight years through her experience as a firm attorney, JAG Corp Officer/Attorney, solo practitioner and Municipal Court Judge and am proud to consider her a friend, professional confidant and fellow Bozemanite. I have observed with keen interest and appreciation her superb intellect, extraordinary hard work, unflappable and fair demeanor, and above all, dedication to service to others within her community, state and nation. When considering Colleen in the role of District Judge, the word vocation comes to mind as the culmination of the extensive body of work that has been her education, professional endeavors and public service.

Montana is rapidly growing and changing in many ways, and I believe that change necessitates in our Judges a breadth and depth of experience that is multi-disciplinary (i.e., in a manner reflective of our contemporary business and social cultures), intellectually honest, efficient yet effective and politically neutral. In this respect, I believe Judge Herrington's experience to be sine qua non to a successful and effective Judgeship. Colleen's community, state, federal and international education, professional and community service experience when benchmarked against her peers, reflects an individual of much greater chronological age. Her bright intellect and dedication to hard work at a young age speaks to the longevity she will be capable of on the bench.

Beyond the law (yet inextricably intertwined), Colleen's technical aptitude will be of great benefit to understanding the impact upon our society (and the actions they take) of the accelerated and ever-changing communication and information technology landscape; her Masters of Professional Accountancy combined with many years of accounting experience will be of tremendous benefit to the individuals and companies alike that stand before her.

Judge Herrington's experience in Alternative Dispute Resolution, I believe to be essential to guiding those before her through the system in a fair, effective and efficient manner.

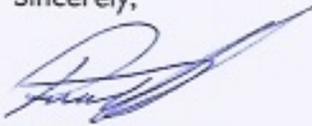
I have traveled from the Yukon Kuskokwim Delta of Alaska to Puerto Rico (and every state in-between) over the past twenty years in my profession of helping communities

establish effective Emergency Medicine and Internal Medicine Physician practices that are both rooted within the communities they serve as well as in alignment with Healthcare system they exist in. When hiring EM or IM boarded Physicians, their technical competency is often self-evident within their CVs, as it is with Judge Herrington. The elusive measure that I and my business partners seek is dedication to service, both in mindset and evidenced in action and future state. I believe that Colleen has said mindset, the evidence of which exists within the many lives she has touched in our community, state and nation.

My wife Rebecca and I moved here eight years ago to make Montana our home, and our daughter Rose is a native Montanan. Considering the unsettling contemporary political environment we live in, as a parent I naturally worry about how my daughter may be represented within the future court system. I know with certainty that Judge Herrington would serve her interests in a fair, unbiased and effective manner.

Should in your collective wisdom you choose Colleen for this Judgeship, rest assured, she will make you proud of your decision for many years to come.

Sincerely,



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RE: J. Colleen Herrington nomination to replace retiring Honorable Judge Michael Salvagni

To the Judicial Nomination Commission,

It is my pleasure to write this letter to recommend Jenney Colleen Herrington (Colleen) to be appointed as district judge in the Eighteenth Judicial District, Gallatin County. My understanding is the Honorable Judge Michael Salvagni is retiring. I first came to know Colleen in 2008 when I was hired out of law school at the Office of the Public Defender (OPD) in Bozeman. As the newest attorney, I was stuck in the closet size office; fortunately for me Colleen's larger office was next to mine. Colleen was always willing to help answer my basic procedural questions and assist me in analyzing and developing ways to approach to my complex cases.

Aside from her willingness to help fellow public defenders at the office, Colleen always brought an even and fair temperament to the complex felony cases she was handling as a public defender. Once she became a Bozeman Municipal Court judge she carried that temperament to the bench. As a lawyer practicing in front of Judge Herrington for the last four years, I have found her to be fair and consistent in her rulings. As a judge, I believe Colleen has upheld the U.S. and Montana Constitutional rights of litigants, as well as held offenders accountable in commensurate with the nature and harm caused by their actions.

Please contact me with any questions regarding my recommendation. I feel Colleen is more than qualified for the open district court judge position in Bozeman. Colleen has a fair, professional, and even keeled approach to her Municipal Court judgeship that is crucial to being a district court judge. I have no doubt that demeanor will carry over to the district court bench.

Sincerely,

Christopher Petaja

Christopher C. Petaja, Esq.

Cook, Kevin

From: MT Supreme Court,
Sent: Monday, October 24, 2016 8:14 PM
To: Cook, Kevin
Subject: Public Comment -- Herrington

From: Eric M. Brewer [<mailto:ebrewer@bridgeband.com>]
Sent: Monday, October 24, 2016 6:35 PM
To: MT Supreme Court,
Subject: Jenny Colleen Herrington, District Court Judge Nomination for Eighteenth Judicial District, Court, Gallatin County.

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RE: Jenny Colleen Herrington, District Court Judge Nomination for Eighteenth Judicial District, Court, Gallatin County.

Dear Judicial Nomination Commission:

My name is Eric M. Brewer. I have practiced primarily criminal defense law for approximately 12 years in all of the Courts in Gallatin County, Park County, and infrequently other jurisdictions. I have known Municipal Court Judge Colleen Herrington for approximately 10 years, primarily as a colleague and for the past few years as the part-time Bozeman Municipal Court Judge.

I first met Judge Herrington when she came to work at the Public Defender's Office, Region 8. Judge Herrington and I would often spend many hours together working on cases together and I found her to be full of helpful input. As a criminal defense attorney she was very honest with her clients, some of whom were loath to see the weakness in their cases. While never afraid to try a case, she was often able to reach a positive resolution for her clients.

After Judge Herrington left the Public Defender's Office, she opened her own practice and focused on bankruptcy law and familiarized herself with civil law.

Since Judge Herrington was hired as the Municipal Court Judge I have seen her embrace her role as an adjudicator, especially in a court that handles thousands of cases a year. Due to the high case load she has proved to be very efficient not only with her decisions, but also has a commitment to judicial economy in attempting to adjudicate cases in an expeditious manner. While sitting on the bench I have seen Judge Herrington rule in a manner that is she believes to be just and is not afraid to hold individuals accountable.

It is for the foregoing reasons that I recommend Judge Herrington for the position of District Court Judge in Gallatin County

Thank you for your consideration,

/s

Eric M. Brewer, Attorney and Counselor at

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From: Pika Fisher Meyer [<mailto:pika@bresnan.net>]
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Subject: Letter of Support J. Colleen Herrington

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Sent via Email to mtsupremecourt@mt.gov.

I am writing in support of J. Colleen Herrington who is an applicant for District Court.

I have been impressed with Ms. Herrington's extensive experience and the professional manner in which she conducts herself in and outside of the court room. I find her to be thoughtful, fair and ethical which would be valued attributes as a judge in District Court.

I am also impressed with Ms. Herrington's commitment to the local community as well as her choice to give back to her country as a member of the Army National Guard.

Thank you for considering Ms. Herrington's appointment to District Court.

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From: Lynn Chase [<mailto:montanapep@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, October 24, 2016 4:57 PM
To: MT Supreme Court,
Subject: Recommendation Colleen Herrington

I am writing in reference to Colleen Herrington's application for the district court in Bozeman MT. I am a business owner in the city of Bozeman and feel she would be an incredible asset to our court system. Colleen is both a friend and a client of mine. She handles herself with utmost poise in all things. She is fair, just and handles matters in her business life as well as personal life with integrity. Please consider Colleen Herrington for the district court.

Thank you

Lynn Chase



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To Whom This May Concern,

I have known J. Colleen Herrington, candidate for district court judge, for over ten years. Ms. Herrington has always impressed me with her passion and dedication to her profession and with her service our country. Since finishing her education, she has been a great asset to our community. She is a very accomplished young professional with a very bright future. With her experience, knowledge, and demeanor, she will be an excellent choice for district court judge.

Best Regards,

Dr. Jeff Squire

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