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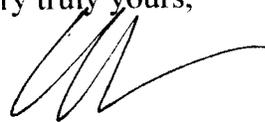
Office of Court Administrator
c/o Lois Menzies
P.O. Box 203005
Helena, MT 59620-3005

Re: ***Gallatin County District Judgeship***

Dear Ms. Menzies:

I have known Dan Roth personally and professionally for many years now. I see he has offered his services as a judge for Gallatin County. I, of course, wholeheartedly endorse his nomination. He has faithfully and energetically defended persons in all walks of life, both plaintiffs and defendants. He is even-handed and a man of even temper. He will also get his work done. Gallatin County would be blessed to have him as a member of the bench.

Very truly yours,



Mark D. Parker

MDP/drs

September 22, 2016

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

Dear Lois,

I write to you today to highly recommend Dan Roth to fill the judgeship position in Gallatin County occasioned by Judge Mike Salvagni's retirement.

I have known Dan Roth since 2001. Dan has been my attorney since that time. My main reason for this letter of recommendation is to talk about Dan's ethics. Dan is the most honest & ethical person I have ever known. From our fast growing friendship in 2001 to his work as my attorney.

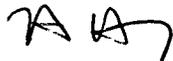
I also believe Dan would make a fantastic judge based on his calmness as an attorney & as a person! Dan's ability to remain calm & impartial is a strength I have never seen in a person, let alone my attorney.

Dan's honesty, ethics, calmness & passion make him the best choice to be a judge in Gallatin County.

If you would like to further discuss this letter of recommendation or anything else pertaining to Dan Roth, please feel free to contact me at 406-570-6400 or email at keith.hamburg@montana.edu

Thank you for your time & consideration.

Regards,



Keith Hamburg, Senior Financial Coach
Allen Yarnell Center for Student Success
Montana State University

Cook, Kevin

From: MT Supreme Court,
Sent: Friday, September 23, 2016 4:38 PM
To: Cook, Kevin
Subject: Public Comment -- Roth

From: Patricia Boltz [<mailto:sewmoresew@aol.com>]
Sent: Friday, September 23, 2016 9:55 AM
To: MT Supreme Court,
Subject: New appointment

I wish to acknowledge Daniel J.Roth for the appointment of Supreme Court judge. A fair, honest man with integrity, he will make the best judge for all of us. Please consider. Thank you.
I am Patricia Boltz. 912 New York drive, Belgrade MT 59714

Sent from my iPad

Cook, Kevin

From: MT Supreme Court,
Sent: Friday, September 23, 2016 4:37 PM
To: Cook, Kevin
Subject: Public Comment -- Roth

From: Bernadette Stough [<mailto:BStough@1stwestinsurance.com>]
Sent: Friday, September 23, 2016 8:29 AM
To: MT Supreme Court,
Subject: Dan Roth

Judicial Nomination Commission:

I am writing to express my support for Dan Roth, who I believe to be the best candidate for the judgeship position in Gallatin County. I consider Dan a trusted friend and advisor. He is loyal and dedicated in both his personal and professional life. I have known Dan for over 17 years and have personally witnessed his commitment to his family, his practice, his community and his friends. He is a skilled mediator with the ability to keep a contemplative, open mind while thoughtfully weighing all the facts from a disciplined and objective point of view. Dan is even-tempered, fair and impartial. Dan possesses the passion for justice and the integrity to be an excellent judge.

Sincerely,

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Cook, Kevin

From: MT Supreme Court,
Sent: Friday, September 23, 2016 4:37 PM
To: Cook, Kevin
Subject: Public Comment -- Roth

From: Mary Jo Moore [<mailto:mjmoore7@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2016 11:31 PM
To: MT Supreme Court,
Subject: Comment

I would like to submit a comment regarding Daniel Roth. I have known Mr. Roth for many years and have always known him to be professional, honest and forthright as well as someone who has always respected the judicial system. Mr Roth works tirelessly on behalf of his clients and seeks a fair resolution to their problems. I have heard it said that if all lawyers had the integrity of Mr. Roth there would be no need for an Ethics Oversight Committee. The citizens of Montana would be very well served should Mr. Roth be chosen for this position. Thank you

Mary Jo Moore

Sent from my iPhone

Cook, Kevin

From: MT Supreme Court,
Sent: Friday, September 23, 2016 4:36 PM
To: Cook, Kevin
Subject: Public Comment -- Roth

From: Andy Knight [<mailto:AKnight@BOZEMAN.NET>]
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2016 2:58 PM
To: MT Supreme Court,
Subject: judicial appointment

Judicial Nomination Committee,

I would like to recommend Dan Roth for the judgeship vacancy in Gallatin County. I have known Dan professionally for many years and I find him to be a fair-minded person who conducts his work with integrity and honor. He is an asset to the Justice System and will do an exceptional job if selected as our county's next District Judge.

Sincerely,

Andy Knight
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Cook, Kevin

From: MT Supreme Court,
Sent: Friday, September 23, 2016 4:35 PM
To: Cook, Kevin
Subject: Public Comment -- Roth

From: Phil Rogers [<mailto:progersmt@gmail.com>]
Sent: Saturday, September 17, 2016 7:50 AM
To: MT Supreme Court,
Subject: Recommendation for Dan Roth for Gallatin County Judge

TO: Judicial Nomination Commission
RE: Recommendation for Dan Roth

As the former Executive Director of Heart of the Valley Animal Shelter in Bozeman and as past and current business instructor at Montana State University, I recommend Dan Roth without hesitation.

He helped our non-profit several times in legal matters and without compensation. His generously gave his time which allowed the shelter to serve their mission of helping animals within the community. In addition, I directed several MSU students to Dan in the past for various legal matters. He treated each individual with respect and walked them thru the system. However, what I admired most was his direct approach to the student if they failed to follow instructions and consequences of their actions.

Dan's balance of fairness in hearing all sides of a situation, helping others less fortunate and providing clear instructions for improved behavior will make him an outstanding judge.

Respectfully,

Phil Rogers

Cook, Kevin

From: MT Supreme Court,
Sent: Tuesday, September 27, 2016 4:47 PM
To: Cook, Kevin
Subject: Public Comment -- Roth

From: Betsy Angwin [<mailto:betsyangwin@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2016 3:46 PM
To: MT Supreme Court,
Subject: Recommendation letter for Daniel J. Roth

September 26, 2016

Dear Judicial Nomination Commission,

I am honored to be able to submit my comments regarding Daniel J. Roth's recent application to the Judicial Nomination Commission to serve as District Court Judge for the 18th Judicial District.

Mr. Roth served as my lawyer from 2013-2014. During this difficult time, he demonstrated many outstanding qualities that would truly benefit our judicial system. He was objective and realistic as he viewed the details of my case. He was then able to communicate his views so that I could fully understand his perspective. He is intelligent and focused yet he is able to connect with his clients in a way that they feel understood and most of all respected. He has a calm and steady manner which I feel is a very important quality as a Judge. He was an excellent attorney and I truly believe he would be an amazing District Court Judge for Gallatin County.

Thank you so much for taking my recommendation in consideration.

Sincerely,

Betsy Angwin, LCSW

September 27, 2016

Dear Judicial Commission,

It is with great pleasure that I write a letter of recommendation for Dan Roth. I have known Dan for several years as an attorney and a fellow Board of Director at Valley View Golf Club.

I know that Dan is a level headed thinker and decision maker. He is usually the last to speak and the first to listen to all sides. He believes that everyone has a voice and that everyone's voice is of equal importance. I have always felt respected and appreciated. When making hard decisions, Dan lets the facts and policies lead his decision, he makes fair decisions that are equitable for all.

Dan is the type of person who wants the best for his community, for the golf committee, and for Gallatin Valley. The vacancy that Mike Salvagni will leave in the judicial system of our valley will be hard to fill. I believe that Dan Roth would fill that vacancy and continue to uphold the high morals and standards that have been set by judges before him. I believe that Dan would be a great choice for the citizens of Gallatin Valley.

Thank you for allowing public impute, should you have questions or want additional information, please feel free to contact me at 406-539-7057.

Sincerely,

Angel Rossman



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CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

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

September 22, 2016

Dear Commission,

It is with great pleasure that I have the opportunity to recommend Dan Roth to fulfill the judgeship position in Gallatin County.

I have known Dan for many years as a friend, a client and as a personal lawyer. During that time I have also been very comfortable in being able to refer clients to Dan to solve legal issues. In my association with Dan I have always been very impressed with his fair-minded approach and interpretation of the law. Dan has always been very even tempered and professional.

I feel that Dan Roth would be an outstanding choice to serve the citizens of Gallatin County.

Respectively submitted,

Wayne Neil, Jr.
Certified Public Accountant

L. RANDALL BISHOP
JOHN HEENAN



GENE R. JARUSSI
Of Counsel

September 23, 2013

Judicial Nomination Commission
c/o Lois Menzies
Office of the Court Administrator
P.O. Box 203005
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RE: Eighteenth Judicial District
Daniel J. Roth

Dear Judicial Nomination Commission:

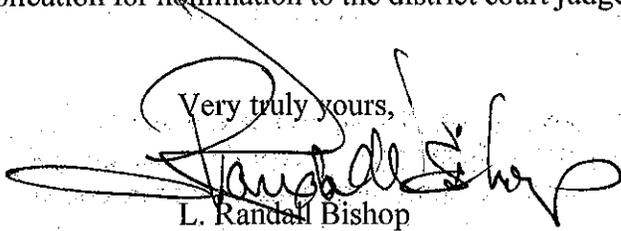
In 2004, this Commission met for the purpose of submitting a list of nominees to fill the seat of the Honorable Mark Guenther, whose untimely passing had created a vacancy in the Eighteenth Judicial District. I was serving as Secretary of the Commission at the time, and recall how impressed I was by the application and interview of Dan Roth, whose name was one of three selected for consideration by Governor Judy Martz. Ultimately, Holly Brown was appointed. As expected, Judge Holly Brown has served the Eighteenth district with distinction over the past twelve years.

The Commission will soon convene once again for the purpose of nominating applicants seeking to fill an impending vacancy in the Eighteenth District and I am extremely pleased to see that Daniel J. Roth has applied for the position once again. The Commission unanimously concluded that Dan was highly qualified for the position when he was included on the final list in 2004, and I respectfully submit that this conclusion is even more justified today.

Since 2004, the experience and qualifications Dan Roth brings to job have only increased in both depth and breadth. Most importantly, Dan has greatly expanded his mediation practice, evidencing his skill at dealing with people under difficult circumstances and his capacity to identify the issues at the heart of a wide variety of disputes.

Having worked both with and against Dan Roth in numerous civil matters over more than two decades, I can state without hesitation that Dan has the judgment, professional background and life-experience essential to the district court bench and I am pleased to give my strongest endorsement of Dan Roth's application for nomination to the district court judgeship for the Eighteenth Judicial District.

Very truly yours,



L. Randall Bishop

Cook, Kevin

From: MT Supreme Court,
Sent: Tuesday, September 27, 2016 4:49 PM
To: Cook, Kevin
Subject: Public Comment -- Roth

From: Patricia Boltz [<mailto:sewmoresew@aol.com>]
Sent: Friday, September 23, 2016 10:06 PM
To: MT Supreme Court,
Subject: Re: New appointment

Please accept my apologies. Daniel Roth will make an excellent DISTRICT COURT JUDGE replacing Mike Salvagni. He is by far the most qualified of all the candidates and will carry on Mike's reputation of honesty, integrity and fairness. Thank you.

Sent from my iPad

> On Sep 23, 2016, at 9:55 AM, Patricia Boltz <sewmoresew@aol.com> wrote:

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> I wish to acknowledge Daniel J.Roth for the appointment of Supreme Court judge. A fair, honest man with integrity, he will make the best judge for all of us. Please consider. Thank you.

> I am Patricia Boltz. 912 New York drive, Belgrade MT 59714

>

> Sent from my iPad

Shiell Anderson
738 Hwy 89 North
Livingston, MT. 59047
406-220-1265

September 27, 2016

Dear Commission Members,

I write in support of Dan Roth's application to assume the judgeship vacated by Judge Mike Salvagni's retirement. I know Dan Roth well by reputation, and also by having been a witness in one of his cases.

Dan's reputation as a fair, impartial, and effective mediator is well known. He is widely regarded as the "go-to guy" to resolve conflict through mediation. Certainly he has the requisite qualities and qualifications to serve Gallatin County as a district court judge.

My observation of Dan as an advocate in the courtroom was that he is very thorough, firm and productive. He exudes a professionalism that both sides appreciate and respect.

Dan would be a fine addition to the bench in Gallatin County, and I encourage your favorable consideration of his application.

Sincerely,

Shiell Anderson

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September 26, 2016

Judicial Nomination Commission
c/o Lois Menzies
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Re: 18th Judicial District Court Judge

Dear Judicial Nomination Commission,

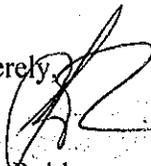
I understand Judge Salvagni is retiring as District Judge in the 18th Judicial District Court at the end of the year. I have practiced in Gallatin County since 1987. I understand that Dan Roth is one of the applicants for Judge Salvagni's position. I highly recommend Dan Roth based upon the information set forth below:

Over the years, I have had occasion to litigate both against and on the same side with Dan Roth. I have known Dan since the early 1990s. I am aware that Dan has a broad based practiced, including both civil defense and plaintiff's work, criminal defense, family law, business transactions, and has substantial experience as a mediator. I have used Dan as a mediator on numerous occasions.

I believe Dan has the attributes necessary to be a successful district judge: He listens, he observes, he acknowledges opposing points of view, he is a hard workers, he is not a procrastinator, and his demeanor and attitude commands respect. Those of us whose practice involves litigation and courtroom time widely recognize that the burdens placed upon a Gallatin County court district judge are significant because there are an insufficient number of district judges in Gallatin County in relation to their heavy case load. The fact that Dan is willing to step into such a situation says a lot about his commitment toward community service.

I would highly recommend Dan and I am available to respond to any follow up questions from the Judicial Nomination Commission. Thank you for your attention to this letter and my input.

Sincerely,



Steve Reida

SR/km

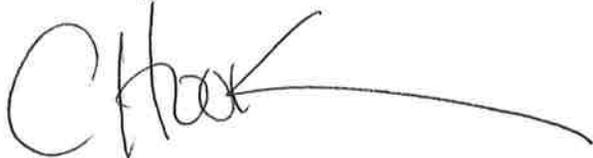
September 29, 2016

Re: Dan Roth/Judicial Nomination

Judicial nomination Commission,

I am writing this letter in support of Dan Roth's application for the judgeship position in Gallatin County. I have known Dan for over 10 years and find him to be a thoughtful, honest and well intentioned professional. I first met Dan when he served on the Board of Directors for Thrive. Thrive is a local nonprofit in Bozeman that works to provide mentoring, education and support to kids in families in our valley. I am currently the Executive Director and worked closely with Dan in his board capacity. Dan served on our board for 2 years and was a dedicated board member. Dan worked diligently to help Thrive achieve our strategic goals and provide high quality programing. I know from this experience that Dan cares deeply about the wellbeing of kids and families in our community. I think this will make him an excellent candidate for the judgeship. Because I trusted Dan and knew him to be a man of integrity, I hired Dan on a personal level to help me work through a divorce. As expected, Dan was thoughtful, patient, thorough, and tenacious. He was the perfect balance of advocacy and fairness. I was impressed not only with his knowledge of many aspects of the law and judicial system but also his compassion and ability to just listen. I would be in full support of Dan in this judgeship position and I feel very confident that his skills and personality are a good fit for this position and this county. I appreciate your consideration and your time investment in this process. Please reach out to me if you would like further clarification.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carrie Hook". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Carrie Hook

Cook, Kevin

From: MT Supreme Court,
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2016 5:53 PM
To: Cook, Kevin
Subject: Public Comment -- Roth

From: april christofferson [<mailto:aprilchristoff@msn.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2016 1:00 PM
To: MT Supreme Court,
Subject: public comment re: Gallatin county judgeship application

Dear Ms. Menzies/Judicial Nomination Commission:

I am writing to enthusiastically endorse the application of Bozeman Attorney Dan Roth for the Gallatin County judgeship position occasioned by Judge Mike Salvagni's retirement.

I have had the pleasure to get to know Mr. Roth on a professional basis, both as a client and as the director of the Community Mediation Center in Bozeman. Dan's experience obviously makes him well qualified to serve in this position; but well beyond that, I have found him to have the highest of professional ethics, principles, integrity, and knowledge/understanding of the law. His demeanor and temperament are exemplary and perfectly suited to this important position.

Gallatin County and its citizens would be very well served to have Mr. Roth appointed to replace Judge Salvagni.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

April Christofferson Leach

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October 3, 2016

KEVIN S. BROWN ESQ.
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Judicial Nomination Commission
c/o Lois Menzies
Office of Court Administrator

via email - mtsupremecourt@mt.gov

Dear Commission:

I encourage you to select Dan Roth for the judicial opening in Gallatin County. I have known Dan for about twenty-five years, dating back to our rugby playing/coaching days. I have had Dan on the opposite side of several cases over the years. He has always been a competent, fair and trustworthy opponent. He is a very bright lawyer, and he is very efficient with his time.

Most importantly, Dan has the right temperament to be a judge. He is unflappable. He will make the right decision, and if someone proves him wrong, he has the integrity to change his mind. He would be an asset to the bench in Gallatin County.

Very truly yours,

PAOLI & BROWN, P.C.



Fred Paoli, Jr.

FP/krf

WADDELL & MAGAN

October 3, 2016

Judicial Nomination Commission
c/o Lois Menzies
Office of the Court Administrator
P.O. Box 203005
Helena, Montana 59620-305

Re: 18th Judicial District Court Vacancy
Letter in Support of Dan Roth

Dear Judicial Nomination Commission:

We have known Dan Roth since we were lucky enough to have had him mediate a pro bono landlord-tenant case that none of the parties thought would ever settle. But Dan did it. He got it settled. And he did it again in a legal malpractice case where the emotions on both sides threatened to destroy any chance of settlement. He handled both matters with the same prepared, straightforward manner, treated our clients and all of the attorneys with respect and provided the calm assurance that everyone had been heard. No matter their station in life or the circumstances of their legal woes, Dan has handled many hundreds of such mediations and will put that experience to good and repeated use as district judge.

In terms of his own practice outside of mediation, Dan strikes us as kind of an "Everyman", which we mean in a good way and without diluting his singularity and achievements. His life experiences allow him to listen and understand the situations and circumstances of people from all levels of society. From citizens accused of crimes to those going through divorce to those whose lives are changed by the wrongful death of a loved one, Dan has stood beside them all, imparting to them the strength and trust that only a well-prepared and empathetic lawyer can provide.

These qualifications expressly connect to Dan's ability to engage in impartial decision making on the Bench. As children and as lawyers we learn that the right to an independent and impartial judiciary is a cornerstone of our democracy; a legal and ethical principle that is so important that it is a fundamental right. It is because we believe Dan's experiences, character and training will allow him to judge thoughtfully and impartially that we highly recommend Dan Roth for Judge of the Eighteenth Judicial District Court.

Very truly yours,


E. Casey Magan


Russell S. Waddell

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September 15, 2016

JUDICIAL NOMINATION COMMISSION
C/O LOIS MENZIES
OFFICE OF COURT ADMINISTRATOR
P O BOX 203005
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Re: Dan Roth – 18th Judicial District Court Applicant

VIA E-MAIL – mtsupremecourt@mt.gov

Dear Judicial Nomination Commission:

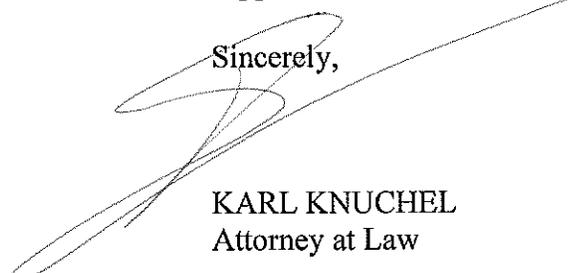
Please be advised that this letter is in support of Dan Roth's application to assume the judgeship vacated by Judge Mike Salvagni in the 18th Judicial District for Gallatin County, Montana.

I have known Dan for 25 years. He is a man of integrity, leadership and is an extremely well-qualified attorney. I have used Dan as my personal attorney as well as a mediator.

It has been my experience that Dan has always been very well prepared. He will make a very good Judge for the State of Montana.

I would strongly urge the Commission to look at Mr. Roth's application positively and to forward his name on to Governor Bullock for appointment to this soon to be vacant judgeship.

Sincerely,



KARL KNUCHEL
Attorney at Law

KK/sh

October 4, 2016

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

Dear Commission Members,

I am very pleased to see Daniel Roth among the names of applicants for the 18th Judicial District Court judge seat in Gallatin County and I am grateful for the opportunity to comment on his behalf.

I have known Dan personally and professionally over the past ten year. One of the first times I saw Dan's commitment to others was through his service on the Board of Directors for the local CASA/Guardian At Litem Board. When his term was up he asked me to consider taking his spot as a board member. I was honored that he thought I would be able to fill his shoes! After I joined the Board I quickly learned the important role Dan played as a Board member. He was a dedicated member who the program staff and volunteers could count on for his time, financial support and expertise. Dan also introduced me to the local non-profit Thrive where he once again demonstrated his concern for children and families in our community by serving on their Board and taking an active role in strengthening their mission.

Dan has always been engaged in his community and through my employment at HRDC I have on more than one occasion asked Dan to get involved. -- A customer of HRDC found himself involved in a situation that resulted in his arrest. This gentleman does not read and has limited comprehension skills as well as a medical condition that necessitates his wearing of a colostomy bag. Unable to understand what he was signing and being fearful, confused and needing medical supplies this person found himself facing possible jail time for a dispute that he had not participated in but had witnessed. I asked Dan for his help. Dan was willing to get involved and helped this gentleman understand the charges he was facing, appeared in court on his behalf and as a result the case was dismissed. Dan stepped in to do the right thing for this man who had no ability to pay for the service he received. Dan helped him understand his situation and allowed for his voice be heard. Dan showed him his respect, concern and trust.

Dan more recently accepted my request for volunteers at HRDC's Community Café. Guests of the Café pay whatever they are able for a hot meal. Dan had rushed in to the Café from work and was greeted with an apron and a task to bus the tables. One of the first tables Dan passed was a man sitting all alone. Dan greeted the man and asked how his day had been. A simple question but the answer was far

from simple. This man had contemplated taking his life hours before and had come to the Café not for a meal but to avoid being alone. Dan sat with this gentleman and listened, counseled and helped connect him to the proper resources. The man never had one bite of food that night but he did have someone who was willing to go out of his way to help a stranger. These are just a couple examples of the impact Dan Roth has had his community and the lives of others. They show not only his concern for the welfare of others but his skills as a listener and communicator.

Dan is a person with great integrity, confidence, compassion and a strong sense of fairness. He is a respected lawyer, a dedicated father and a loyal friend.

Thank you for your time.

Kristin Hamburg
HRDC Marketing and Development Director
Bozeman, MT
406-585-4877

October 7, 2016

Judicial Nomination Commission
c/o Lois Menzies
Office of Court Administrator
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Helena, MT 59620-3005
mtsupremecourt@mt.gov.

Dear Commission Members,

Please accept this letter of comment for Daniel Roth an applicant for the 18th Judicial District Court judge seat in Gallatin County.

Dan Roth has always been an influence in my life. As my dad's best friend, we have spent multiple vacations, dinners, and pivotal life moments together. Him and his family have become such an irreplaceable force in my life. Dan is the definition of a role model, he is someone I respect and admire. The realization of Dan's salient influence in my life was made clear on the day that I unfortunately lost a close relative to suicide. My family and I were in shock and the grief was staggering. Upon hearing the news, Dan urgently came to comfort not only my father, but my whole family as well. He voiced the words we needed to hear, but were too fearful to say ourselves. Throughout those painful days of chaos Dan remained a steady, calming voice and attentive listener. Months later I presented to an audience of students and parents about the realities of suicide, once I concluded my speech Dan broke the silence that filled the crowded room with "We love you Emma". It lead the audience in a tearful round of applause that gave me a sense of accomplishment and comfort. Yet another moment of healing I experienced thanks to Dan.

As a sophomore at Montana State University, I have declared English Writing as my major and plan to work on a path specific to pre-law. It can be said that much of my interest in legal education can be credited to Dan himself.

In his personal life Dan is an ethical, caring person who would do anything for someone he loved. Dan is someone I am proud to look up to and consider a second father. Dan's integrity and passion in his personal life serves as a reflection of his dedication in his career.

Emma Hamburg

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Student at Montana State

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October 12, 2016

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

Re: Dan Roth

Dear Judicial Nomination Commission Members:

This is a letter of strong support for Dan Roth in his endeavor to become a judge of the Eighteenth Judicial District Court. I have known Dan for many years professionally and, as a result of that relationship, he has also become a friend.

Dan is a lawyer of the highest caliber, whether it concerns his knowledge of the law, implementation of the law to the facts of the case and his client's needs, or application of the Rules of Professional Conduct. Beyond his technical professional competence, Dan has a personality that allows him to serve his clients and the judicial system in a way that promotes justice and the rule of law. He naturally engenders both confidence and respect.

I have never seen Dan when he was not in control of himself. He always treats others in an appropriate and courteous manner. Even while being an effective advocate, Dan always demonstrates proper demeanor towards all parties involved. There is absolutely no doubt in my mind that Dan has the right temperament to be an excellent and highly respected district court judge. He is the right person for the job.

Dan has all of the necessary skills, experience, intelligence and attitude that are required to effectively fulfill the demands faced by a district court judge. Montana would be well served by his appointment to the judgeship by Governor Bullock. As such, I urge the Members of the Commission to send Dan's application to the Governor with its highest recommendation for appointment.

Thank you for considering my support of Dan.

Sincerely,
SCHULTE LAW FIRM P.C.


John C. Schulte

October 2, 2016

TO: THE JUDICIAL NOMINATION COMMISSION

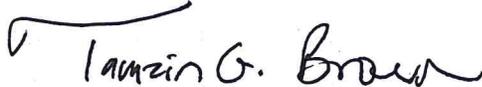
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I have known Daniel J. Roth since he and I began private practice in Bozeman, MT in the fall of 1991, as associates to James M. Kommers, Esq. I returned to work as a law clerk to the Honorable Thomas A. Olson in 1993, and Dan went into solo practice in 1998.

Throughout my time working with Dan and also observing him as an officer of the court, I have seen only the most prepared, thoughtful and polite counselor of law. He maintains an even temperament and listening ear, even when he is not in accord with the opposition. He is also a fierce defender of his clients: I have often referred Dan to friends who needed competent legal advice, and when my own marriage ended in 2015, I was fortunate to have Dan assist me to a satisfactory conclusion.

I strongly urge you to consider Daniel J. Roth as the next judge for the Sixteenth Judicial District, Dept. 2. His background in business, family and criminal law will serve him well with the caseload of the Gallatin County District Courts. He is fair, disciplined and empathetic, all of which are crucial in the judiciary.

Sincerely yours,



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cc: Daniel J. Roth

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October 6, 2016

Judicial Nomination Commission
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RE: Comment re: Dan Roth's application for District Judge in Montana's
Eighteenth Judicial District

Dear Judicial Nomination Commission:

The purpose of this letter is to provide comment regarding Dan Roth's application to serve as District Judge in Montana's Eighteenth Judicial District.

I have been a licensed attorney in Montana since 2006 and have been practicing law in Bozeman since that time. I am currently a partner at Angel, Coil & Bartlett in Bozeman. My current areas of focus include criminal defense and family law. My prior employment experience includes prosecuting for the City of Bozeman, being a public defender for the Office of the State Public Defender, and working as an associate at Redmon Law Firm.

I first met Dan when he served as a mediator in some of my family cases back in 2006-2007. Since that time my familiarity with Dan has continually increased. Dan was defense counsel on a number of cases that I prosecuted during my time with the City of Bozeman. Dan has also served as opposing counsel on a civil case during my time at Angel, Coil & Bartlett.

Throughout the entire time that I have known Dan I've had nothing but the utmost respect for him. I have always found him to be consistently fair, ethical, experienced, knowledgeable, prepared, respectful, thoughtful and capable. I have every confidence that if Dan were to serve as District Judge he would bring these same qualities to the bench, and that these qualities are what make him such an ideal candidate for the position. I also believe that Dan possesses the requisite temperament and work ethic needed to serve as a District Judge in a very demanding district. Dan is very even keeled and not one to get easily flustered or reactionary. Dan has built a successful solo practice in a number of different areas of the law. Dan has always been consistently diligent, responsive, and thorough in every case that I've ever had with him. I also believe that his significant experience as a mediator would serve him well in the role of District Judge.

In sum I unequivocally support Dan in his efforts to serve as District Judge.

Cordially,


Ryan D. McCarty, Attorney at Law

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Judicial Nomination Commission
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Dear Judicial Nomination Commission:

When Dan Roth arrived on the Montana legal scene 25 years ago, he hit the ground running. In addition to Dan's total pre-trial preparation, he tries his cases with integrity, humility and respect for all. Such sterling attributes have brought scores of lawyers to him asking him to be the Mediator of their pending cases. Over the last 13 years Dan has mediated approximately 650 cases, resolving the far majority of them by getting right to the heart of the matter. Perhaps the pinnacle of recognition and respect that Dan has received in the law is best illustrated by his representation of two District Court judges who would undoubtedly have their own unbridled choice of the "cream of the crop." They both chose Dan.

Dan is also a standout in the pro bono field. Beyond legal assistance, he volunteers at the Community Café, a program providing "pay as you can" meals to all who walk in. This is a highly popular undertaking that eases the pangs of human hunger in the greater Bozeman community

Dan Roth has a grand, even temperament and allows that having folks feel that they have had their "fair day in court" is the reason he became an attorney. If appointed to the bench, Dan would serve with Judge Holly Brown and Judge John Brown, both of whom have become outstanding jurists under the invaluable tutelage of Judge Mike Salvagni. With all that Dan has accomplished to date, he would make a superb addition to the District Court Bench. He is truly a Montana treasure trove in the legal field.

Sincerely,



Walter "Lefty" Madden

October 12, 2016

Judicial Nomination Commission
c/o Lois Menzies
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Helena, MT 59620-3005

VIA EMAIL mtsupremecourt@mt.gov

RE: Eighteenth Judicial District Court Judge Nominee Dan Roth

Dear Judicial Nomination Commission:

I've known Dan Roth since I started practicing law 20 years ago here in Bozeman. Dan and I have opposed each other on several cases. During all of those cases, Dan conducted himself with utmost integrity, professionalism, and courtesy.

To this day, I continue to recommend Dan as a mediator to my clients in family law and insurance cases. When Dan mediated cases on behalf of my clients, I was especially impressed with his ability to listen to both sides of an issue, render opinions on possible outcomes, and formulate resolutions.

Dan's experience makes him a perfect fit for the next district court judge. I have absolutely no reservations supporting his application for this position.

Very truly yours,



Christopher K. Williams

Cook, Kevin

From: MT Supreme Court,
Sent: Friday, October 14, 2016 2:27 PM
To: Cook, Kevin
Subject: Public Comment -- Roth

From: thesoulofahorse@gmail.com [<mailto:thesoulofahorse@gmail.com>] **On Behalf Of** Joe Camp
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2016 9:55 AM
To: MT Supreme Court,
Subject: Re the application of Dan Roth for a judgeship position in Gallatin County

Dear Mr. Menzies:

I don't know whether or not the Judicial Nomination Commission considers comment from those who do not live in the state of Montana or Gallatin County but I was so struck by Dan Roth that I wanted to make such comment. My wife is an attorney and I have met more than my share of other attorneys during my 77 years on this planet, both in and out of the courtroom, and my experience with Mr. Roth places him right at the top of the list insofar as knowledge, capability, character, and integrity is concerned. I spent less than a week with Mr. Roth and while the transcript from the litigation has yet to be completed, much less a verdict from the judge, I wouldn't hesitate to hire his services, and would welcome an opportunity to have him on the bench in a litigation in which I had an interest.

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Cook, Kevin

From: MT Supreme Court,
Sent: Friday, October 14, 2016 2:26 PM
To: Cook, Kevin
Subject: Public Comment -- Roth

From: Kevin.D.Brester@wellsfargo.com [<mailto:Kevin.D.Brester@wellsfargo.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 06, 2016 10:17 AM
To: MT Supreme Court,
Subject: Dan Roth

This email is a letter of support for Dan Roth to succeed Judge Mike Salvagni for judge in Gallatin County. I have known Dan for over 15 years both personally and professionally. I have been a client of his and he has been a client of mine. In both instances Dan was fair, knowledgeable and professional in all aspects of doing business with him. Personally, I have known Dan through our membership at Valley View Golf Club. Dan is a leader as he serves on the Board of Directors at Valley View. He is always available to answer questions about the status of our club and works to keep Valley View a successful golf club. He is also a great family man. I know both of his children and they both successful individuals. Sincerely,
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Cook, Kevin

From: MT Supreme Court,
Sent: Friday, October 14, 2016 2:26 PM
To: Cook, Kevin
Subject: Public Comment -- Roth

From: Susan Roth [<mailto:sue.roth@comcast.net>]
Sent: Wednesday, October 05, 2016 6:16 PM
To: MT Supreme Court,
Subject: Public Comment: Daniel Roth

Montana Judicial Nomination Commission:

I am writing in support of Daniel Roth's application to fill the judgeship vacancy in the Eighteenth Judicial District. As Dan's sister I have had opportunities to view Dan in his family relationships, in his personal relationships and even in many of his professional relationships.

Professionally I have observed Dan in the courtroom trying cases on more than one occasion. I observed his professional demeanor, his knowledge of the law and the respect he showed the presiding judges, opposing attorneys, witnesses and especially his clients. Dan has always strictly adhered to attorney/client privacy. However, when he has spoken in generalities of various cases over the course of his career it is obvious how diligently he cares about the rights of his clients and his respect for the judicial system. I have served on a jury in two trials having the opportunity to observe other attorneys and presiding judges. I can honestly say that I believe Dan would be well able to preside with control, respect, intelligence and fairness to all appearing before him. I have also had opportunities, while visiting Bozeman, to meet professional acquaintances of Dan's. It has been evident in manner and comments made that Dan is well liked respected throughout many areas of the Bozeman community.

Personally I could not be prouder of my brother. As an educator I admire his commitment to children and families in need. His pro bono work with community organizations have never been for show but because he honestly cares about those less fortunate. I have watched him raise his son and daughter to adults who share his high values, commitment to others and a strong sense of family.

I believe that the State of Montana, Gallatin County and their citizens would be well served with your appointment of Dan Roth to the Eighteenth Judicial District judgeship.

Should you have any follow up questions feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Susan Roth
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October 12, 2016

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

RE: Daniel Roth, 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 appoint Daniel Roth 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 the last 10 years, Dan Roth has mediated a countless number of my cases. This experience reflects Dan's strengths as a neutral attorney, a necessary and unique skill for a District Court Judge. To me it appears that Dan developed this skill set due to his wide ranging legal practice representing both plaintiffs and defendants in civil litigation. Dan's broad experience gives him the credibility and confidence to easily gain the trust of clients during mediations. These are very important skills for a District Court Judge. My observations of Dan lead me to believe that he will have a fantastic courtroom disposition and will be a pleasure to appear before.

Dan's legal practice has been in the subject areas that dominate the District Court. His experience and knowledge brings a unique perspective as a Judge. Further, his work as mediator has been resolving Gallatin County's civil disputes based on the

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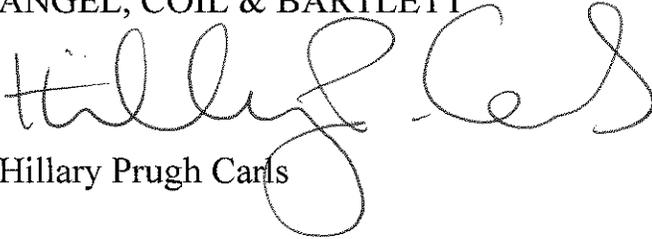
law and facts of each case. His work as a mediator has prepared him well to become a District Court Judge.

Finally, Dan is a parent. As parents know, until you have children it is difficult to fully empathize with the various pressures and experiences of parenthood. Given that family law dominates the District Court, Dan's personal experience as a parent is important.

I hope that you recommend Dan Roth 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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Hillary Prugh Carls". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Hillary Prugh Carls

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VIA FIRST-CLASS MAIL & EMAIL

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Re: Daniel J. Roth – Eighteenth Judicial District

Dear Panel Members:

Previously, I sent a letter asking you to forward the name of Daniel Bidegaray to Governor Bullock for the judicial vacancy of Judge Salvagni in Bozeman, Montana. I now submit this letter asking you to also forward the name of Daniel Roth to Governor Bullock for his consideration.

I have been a practicing attorney for over thirty-seven years. I have appeared in many state and federal trial courts over the years. It is imperative that a district court judge have broad legal experience in order to properly serve as a district court judge. From a practitioner's viewpoint, we need attorneys that have a broad background and are familiar with the Rules of Evidence and the Rules of Civil Procedure. Dan Roth, in my view, with his many years of practicing in front of a district court has all of the skills necessary to be an outstanding district court judge.

Dan is known to be an outstanding lawyer with the highest integrity. He is a person dedicated to the community and to the state. His has a well-regarded reputation in our community.

Few attorneys have the breadth and scope of Dan's practice and legal experience. He has been and will continue to be a credit to his profession. He has

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outstanding legal skills, dedication to justice and a commitment to trial by jury. I believe he would serve the public interest well.

It is with great pleasure that I ask you to submit this name to Governor Bullock for possible appointment to the Eighteenth Judicial District.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Monte Beck". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M" and a long, sweeping underline.

Monte Beck

MDB:np

October 13, 2016

Judicial Nomination Commission
c/o Lois Menzies
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Re: 18th Judicial District Judge Position - Applicant Daniel J. Roth

Dear Judicial Nomination Commission:

I recommend Daniel J. Roth for 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 Dan since I began to practice law in Montana. Dan and I were adversaries in a civil trial involving complex issues. Dan displayed a mastery of the issues and excellent trial skills. Further, our law firm has utilized Dan's services as a mediator. I have referred many criminal and civil cases to Dan knowing he would do excellent work for the client.

Dan has the extensive and diverse litigation experience required to be a good, effective district court judge. He also has the intelligence, sharp intellect, temperament, and legal skills required of a district court judge. I believe Dan would be a valuable asset to our judiciary.

It is for these reasons that I recommend Daniel J. Roth for the 18th Judicial District Judge position.

Very truly yours,

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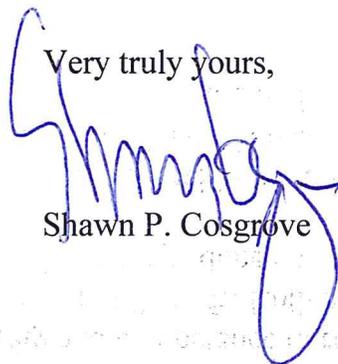
Re: Daniel J. Roth

Dear Judicial Nomination Commission:

I write to support the appointment of Daniel J. Roth for the position of District Court Judge for the Eighteenth Judicial District. I have had the opportunity to work with Mr. Roth in his capacity as a mediator on numerous cases. Mr. Roth has always demonstrated the highest level of integrity and competence during these interactions. I cannot tell you the number of contentious cases that Mr. Roth has successfully mediated for me and my clients over the years. He has always done a tremendous job.

Mr. Roth's abilities as a top-notch mediator will undoubtedly transfer to the bench and yield well reasoned, independent, and impartial decisions. Mr. Roth is a highly intelligent attorney and an effective mediator. He would make an exceptional district court judge.

Very truly yours,



Shawn P. Cosgrove

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October 19, 2016

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RE: *Dan Roth's Application for Appointment to the Eighteenth Judicial District Court Judgeship*

Dear Judicial Nomination Commission Members,

I am writing to you in support of Dan Roth for appointment to the Eighteenth Judicial District Court Judgeship. I have known Dan for several years, both from observing his practice, as well as working with him as opposing counsel and a mediator in domestic relations cases.

Dan is an excellent attorney and is a role model for younger attorneys in the community. He has an excellent work ethic, the highest amount of integrity and brilliant insights on a variety of legal issues. He has served as a mentor with the Gallatin Valley Legal Assistance Clinic, as well as a volunteer attorney, donating his time to those in need of free legal counsel. I cannot express the amount of respect I hold for Dan as a legal practitioner. He is fair, honest, genuine, reasonable and open to listening to other points of view.

I highly recommend Dan Roth for forwarding to the Governor and for appointment as District Court Judge in Gallatin County.

Sincerely,

Sheryl Wambsgans

Cook, Kevin

From: MT Supreme Court,
Sent: Wednesday, October 19, 2016 5:45 PM
To: Cook, Kevin
Subject: Public Comment -- Roth

From: Michael Leach [<mailto:michael@beaudacious.com>]
Sent: Monday, October 17, 2016 11:31 AM
To: MT Supreme Court,
Subject: Dan Roth's application for judgeship

Judicial Nomination Commission

c/o Lois Menzies

Office of Court Administrator

Over the course of the last three years I've had the privilege of getting to know Dan Roth as a man, father and attorney. I journeyed into Dan's office seeking representation through the process of dissolution, distribution of assets, and most importantly, co-parenting. I found Dan to be a gritty, thoughtful, highly ethical and diplomatic attorney, one who looks at the facts and the law and responds accordingly.

When I heard that Dan was throwing his name in the hat for the soon to be vacant judgeship position here in Gallatin County I had mixed feelings. Selfishly, I didn't like the thought of losing Dan as an attorney; but these thoughts were quickly outweighed by the knowledge that Dan Roth's application for judgeship represents a contribution to the greater good of our community.

I find it hard to imagine that there is anyone more qualified or fitting for this position. Dan is a thoughtful listener, even-keeled, and sensitive and respectful to all parties. In my opinion, Dan's temperament, demeanor and judgment are perfectly suited to this position. He is reasonable, strong, fair and unflappable, a man of tremendous character and integrity—qualities that will serve our county well should he receive this judgeship.

I respect Dan Roth as much as any man I know and it is with great hope for the citizens and community of Gallatin County that I write this letter on his behalf.

Sincerely,

Michael W. Leach

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"To be yourself in a world that is constantly trying to make you something else is the greatest accomplishment." ~Ralph Waldo Emerson

"Our personal story is all we truly have. So make it count and tell it well." ~Michael W. Leach

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October 18, 2016

Judicial Nomination Commission
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Re: 18th Judicial District Judge
Applicant: Daniel J. Roth

Dear Commissioners:

This correspondence is to support the application of Dan Roth for appointment to the district judgeship which has opened in my "home" district—the Eighteenth Judicial District, Gallatin County.

I have known Dan since I returned to Bozeman to practice law in the early 1990's. I have had a number of family law cases against him over the years, and since he began mediating, I have used him as a family law mediator. His legal work is of the finest quality. He is a superior trial lawyer, and his legal writing is clear, concise and excellent. Both of these things are important on the bench. The judge needs a broad legal background to draw upon for substantive reasons, but maybe even more important is knowledge of trial practice and procedure and an understanding of the Rules of Evidence. A judge who understands the flow of trial practice will be able to keep things moving through his court. A judge who understands evidentiary issues will be able to make swift and accurate rulings during trial. A judge who is scholarly will issue good opinions. Dan is all of these things.

Beside the intellect, I have repeatedly seen that Dan has the temperament to be an excellent judge. He treats everyone with respect. He is kind, but has strength and stick-to-it-ness. He has the fortitude to make a decision and stand by it. This is no small thing when it comes to sitting on the bench, as judges have to make hard and sometimes gut-wrenching decisions on a weekly, if not daily, basis.

Whenever I have used Dan as a mediator, I have been impressed with his ability to evaluate the situation in an even handed manner and guide the opposing sides to a livable agreement. I am convinced that Dan has the ability to evaluate cases reasonably and fairly and render solid decisions.

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Re: Daniel J. Roth

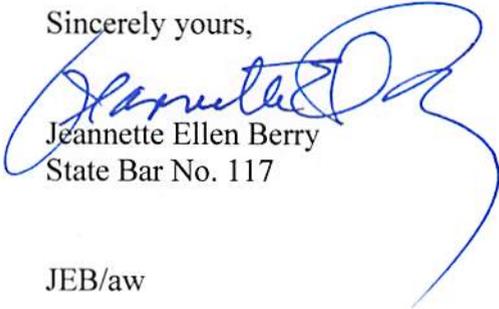
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Dan Roth has broad experience—from criminal law to high powered civil litigation. This background can only be helpful as a judge. Also, I must mention that as a family law attorney, it is very important to me that Dan has a great deal of family law experience. Family law makes up a very substantial part of the cases which come before the district courts in Montana. Fair and honorable resolution for families in conflict is so important—for the future of our children and to society as a whole. I would be delighted to see him appointed to this important role in our community.

Thank you for considering my opinion on this matter. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,



Jeannette Ellen Berry
State Bar No. 117

JEB/aw

October 11th, 2016

To the Judicial Nomination Commission,

It is my pleasure to be writing this letter in support of Dan Roth for the Judgeship vacancy here in the 19th District court, Gallatin County, State of Montana.

I've known Dan for a little over a decade now and I have known him to be an upstanding, comminute driven, family orientated, leader and fair. I feel that Dan would make a great choice for you all to consider too fill the vacancies for the 19th Distinct Court appointment.

Patrick (Pat) Busby, Real Estate Broker & Auctioneer

BUCKLEY LAW OFFICE, P.C.

DANIEL P. BUCKLEY

Montana Trial Lawyers Association (MTLA)
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Summa Cum Laude Graduate, Gonzaga Law School

American Trial Lawyers (named top 100 trial Lawyers)
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October 20, 2016

VIA EMAIL ONLY

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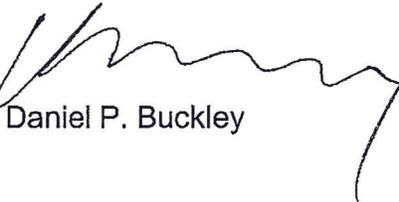
Re: Judicial Appointment, Eighteenth Judicial District
Dan Roth

Dear Ms. Menzies and Commission Members:

I am writing a letter of recommendation on behalf of Dan Roth, who has applied for appointment to the Eighteenth Judicial District Court, for Judge Mike Salvagni's seat.

I have been practicing law in Montana 22 years, and have had various interactions with Dan over the years, both professionally and personally. Dan is an attorney that is well respected by those who know him. He has a great breadth of experience, and is an attorney that can be counted on to fulfill his obligations to not only his client, but also the judicial system. Dan would be a good judge, and would be a positive addition to our judicial system in Montana and Gallatin County. Dan is fair, balanced, and well respected. I would request your consideration of Dan's application and referral to Governor Bullock. Thank you.

Very Truly Yours,



Daniel P. Buckley

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Re: Daniel J. Roth for District Court Judge

Dear Judicial Nomination Commission:

I've been practicing law in Montana over the past 28 years, the majority of which has been in Gallatin County in the 18th Judicial District. As such, I'm quite familiar with the local judiciary as well as the attorneys in our judicial district. I've had the privilege of being involved in a number of cases in which Dan Roth was also involved, either as opposing counsel or as a mediator. I've also been involved with cases in which the other 9 judicial candidates have been involved in one form or another and I can say without hesitation that Dan Roth gets my nod as being the most qualified candidate of the existing 10. I will add that there are a number of the other candidates who are quite qualified as well to serve as district judge, but none in my opinion with the breadth of legal experience who are as ready as Dan Roth to jump right in and assume the duties of the bench with such a case-heavy docket.

I know that Dan Roth has substantial experience in the areas of criminal law, family law, abuse and neglect cases and general civil litigation from both the plaintiff's and defendant's perspectives, which experience makes him the most uniquely qualified of all the existing candidates to step right in and handle the majority of the types of cases he will face while sitting on the bench. One of the biggest problems in our judicial district here in Bozeman is that most all of the family law cases are handed off to our one and only Standing Master and she is having a difficult time keeping up with the workload of hearing and deciding all such cases in our district. Dan's familiarity with and experience in both the family law and criminal law areas will allow him to hit the ground running if appointed to the bench and immediately help out with the backlog of cases which need attention, especially in the family law realm.

For these reasons, I urge you to appoint Dan Roth as our next district court judge in the 18th Judicial District.

Respectfully Submitted,
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October 21, 2016

VIA EMAIL

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Re: Public Comment on 18th Judicial District Judge Applicants

To Whom It May Concern:

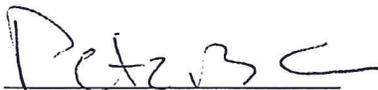
I am writing in support of Dan Roth's application to be appointed to the bench for the 18th Judicial District. I have known Mr. Roth for several years and he is clearly qualified to assume the responsibilities of a district court judge.

In particular, what Dan possesses which a number of other applicants do not is significant experience in both civil and criminal law. While one can always get up to speed in a legal sense on one discipline or the other, seasoned practitioners know it takes years of work in the trenches to truly appreciate the processes involved in each field. Mr. Roth has this experience.

It is my opinion that Mr. Roth has the temperament necessary to handle the stress associated with the workload of a trial judge. This is important for attorneys practicing before the court as well as the general public's impression of the judiciary.

I hope you will look favorably on Mr. Roth's application and forward the same to the Governor for consideration.

Sincerely,



Peter B. Ohman
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Dear Commission Members,

Hi my name is Eric Hamburg and I am 12 years old and go to Sacajawea Middle School in Bozeman.

I would like to tell you about Dan Roth and why I think he would make a very good judge. Dan knows how to treat kids in a fair and nice way! He is an experienced parent he has two amazing kids. He has always been there to help them become good people who I see as role models for myself! If I needed anything I know that Dan would be there to help me!

Based on the person he is and how smart, fair and patient he is (especially when fishing) I know he would be a very great judge. I also know that he learned a lot from an amazing friend to Dan, Judge Tom Olsen. Tom taught Dan many things about being a lawyer, judge and golfer.

I know I am just a kid and don't have a lot of experience with judges but I know what they are responsible for, the incredible work they need to do and the dedication it takes to be a good judge. I can tell you that I know Dan Roth has every skill needed to be the best. He is the guy who always works hard to do things right.

I know he is patient and doesn't easily get frustrated because he has always been a Vikings and Twins fan but I love him anyhow!!!

Sincerely,

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VIA U.S. MAIL and E-MAIL
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RE: DANIEL J. ROTH -
Applicant for 18th Judicial District Judge

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing in the most sincere and enthusiastic support of Dan Roth for appointment to fill the vacancy soon to be left by retiring Judge Mike Salvagni in the Gallatin County District Court.

I worked as a judicial assistant for 14 years in Gallatin County District Court Department 2, serving with both the Hon. Larry Moran and with Hon. Mike Salvagni, until accepting a job in 2002 as legal assistant for Dan Roth.

I believe the most important characteristic of anyone -- but especially for an effective, trustworthy judge is personal, as well as professional, integrity. In the nearly 15 years I have worked for Dan I have neither seen nor heard him be anything other than straightforward, honest and sincere in all his dealings. He possesses the utmost integrity.

I have always found Dan to be kind, thoughtful, and respectful, even to the most difficult individuals, whether it be an opposing counsel, a party or even a client. He is extremely knowledgeable in understanding and applying the law. I have never known Dan to base a reaction or opinion on emotion, but always render well thought out, logical response, applying law as and when required.

It is no wonder to me that Dan is so often requested as a mediator. After listening to each party, Dan is able to grasp the situation, identify legal components, consider personal issues involved, and most often assists the parties in recognizing a positive outcome. I have received numerous calls over the years from individuals (both attorneys and parties) who have been involved in mediation with Dan who

have paid the highest compliments concerning his assistance, as they felt they were heard and understood and voiced their appreciation with regard to Dan's ability to relate to them personally, and yet render sound legal direction pertaining to their situation.

Recently, when reviewing Dan's schedule I inquired as to whether he would be attending the local fund raiser for Governor Bullock and was immediately advised that, pursuant to the Code of Judicial Conduct, he could not attend. To my personal knowledge Dan even forewarned another applicant about attendance at such political support functions being against the Code of Judicial Conduct -- even for a judicial applicant. A typical example of the way Dan studies and keeps himself informed regarding all professional endeavors.

Although I would lose the best job ever, with an employer of the highest caliber, I sincerely believe that Dan would be an asset on the bench here in Gallatin County and across the state. I have no doubt he would work exceptionally well with sitting Judges Holly Brown and John Brown in serving the citizens of Gallatin County.

I appreciate the opportunity to express my profound support for Dan.

Respectfully and sincerely,



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Joseph M. Sullivan

October 21, 2016

Via Email Only

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RE: Eighteenth Judicial District Court Judgeship Vacancy

Dear Commission Members:

I whole-heartedly endorse the selection of Dan Roth as a candidate for appointment to the Eighteenth Judicial District Judgeship Vacancy.

I have had the opportunity to work in many leadership roles in the State Bar. These include being a Trustee for bar members for the Eighth and Ninth Judicial Districts for over fifteen years as well as working my way through the leadership positions including serving as the State Bar President during the 2010-2011 bar year. When you have that much contact with the State Bar, you learn about and get to know those other attorneys who dedicate themselves to the service of our fellow bar members and to the public as a whole. Likewise, you work closely with the State Bar and, in so doing, learn the reputation of those bar members who give unselfishly of their time.

Dan Roth is held in the highest regard, especially by those who themselves give their time to better the judicial system as a whole through their volunteer efforts. This is how I know Dan. The best way to describe Dan was expressed to me by a bar staff member. Dan is known as a "go-to guy". Whenever the State Bar needs anything, Dan steps forward. When something is handed off to Dan, people know it is going to get done. Dan has served in roles such as being a mainstay in the lawyers assistance program which helps lawyers on an individual basis who are in need. In so doing, the public and individual clients are protected. He has, on many occasions, served as a mentor dealing with new lawyers for whom the Commission on Character and Fitness deemed the assistance of a mentor necessary. With his help, his mentees have gone on to be successful and productive members of our bar. Dan has been a member of the Judicial Relations Committee. This role has and will give Dan insights as to both the needs of the judiciary and methods and techniques which will better the administration of justice in our state when he serves as a judge.

I, personally, am thankful for all the work Dan has done. For purposes of you as Nomination Commission Members, I suggest that actions speak louder than any words. Dan's dedication to the law through

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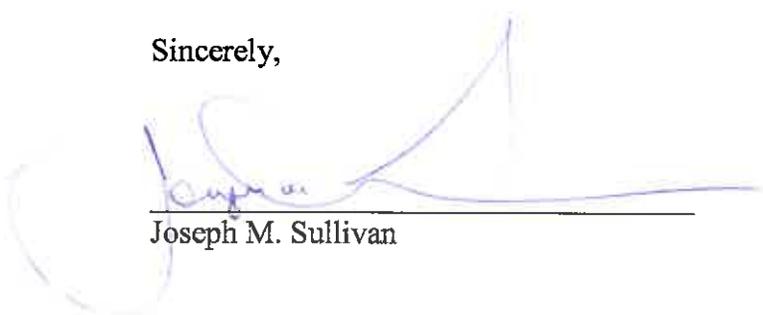


Joseph M. Sullivan

his legal practice and to the administration of justice through his volunteer work, speaks eloquently about how he would serve as a judge for our State in the Eighteenth Judicial District. I cannot think of a finer person to fill this role.

Accordingly, I respectfully request you pass on to Governor Steve Bullock the name of Daniel J. Roth as a candidate for the Eighteenth Judicial District Judgeship Vacancy.

Sincerely,



Joseph M. Sullivan

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From: MT Supreme Court,
Sent: Sunday, October 23, 2016 7:01 PM
To: Cook, Kevin
Subject: Public Comment -- Roth

From: Scott Hamburg [<mailto:tuffness@me.com>]
Sent: Sunday, October 23, 2016 2:20 PM
To: MT Supreme Court,
Subject: Recommendation for Dan Roth Gallatin County Judgeship

TO: Judicial Nomination Commission
RE : Dan Roth

I am writing to express my strong support and recommendation for Dan Roth to fill the upcoming Judgeship position.

Dan is dear friend, trusted advisor and colleague who I have known since 2001 . He is one of the most trustworthy and compassionate individuals I have ever met. He has a very even temperament as well a great sense of fairness . His integrity is well known throughout the Bozeman area. I believe he has a passion for justice and is very interested in giving back to the state and community where he has lived for so long. After serving on a Board for a non profit in Chicago benefitting at-risk children as well as being the President of a commodity trading firm for 25 years I have experienced first hand the need for such a candidate like Dan . There is no question in my mind that judicial system and the Gallatin Valley would benefit greatly with Mr. Roth serving as District Judge .

I appreciate your consideration of my recommendation for Mr Roth.

Respectfully,

Scott Hamburg
Bozeman Montana

Cook, Kevin

From: MT Supreme Court,
Sent: Sunday, October 23, 2016 7:01 PM
To: Cook, Kevin
Subject: Public Comment -- Roth

From: Suzy Saltiel [<mailto:ssaltiel@gmail.com>]
Sent: Saturday, October 22, 2016 9:44 AM
To: MT Supreme Court,
Subject: Judgeship Position in Gallatin County

I am writing in support of Dan Roth for the judgeship position in Gallatin to succeed Mike Salvagni, who is retiring.

I am a Licensed Clinical Social Worker who has worked professionally in Gallatin County since 1972. For the first twenty years, I was the supervisor for child and adult protective services. This position entailed a great deal of time working with attorneys and the court system. In the early 1990's I started a private mental health outpatient private practice working still with children and families as well as attorneys and the courts.

I first worked with Dan Roth in 1990 and continue to do so to this day. I have not worked with a more professional and competent attorney than Mr. Roth. Clients I refer to him are very pleased with his services and his kindness.

A now retired Gallatin County District Judge once remarked to me that if he ever needed legal services he would contact Mr. Roth, whom he believed was the best attorney in Gallatin County.

I am confident that Mr. Roth would make a fair and impartial district judge in Gallatin County.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Mr. Roth.

Sincerely,

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Cook, Kevin

From: Menzies, Lois
Sent: Sunday, October 23, 2016 7:00 PM
To: Cook, Kevin
Subject: Public Comment -- Roth

From: mark tymrak <mark.tymrak@gmail.com>
To: karljenglund <karljenglund@aol.com>
Sent: Wed, Oct 19, 2016 4:31 pm
Subject: Recommendation for Governor Appointment for the 18th Judicial District Court Leadership

Dear Mr. Englund,

My name is Mark Tymrak, not sure if you remember me or not. I am the retired Chief of Police/Director of Public Safety from Bozeman. You and I had met on several occasions during both Police and Fire negotiations. I respected the way you conducted yourself and interacted with both of my departments.

I thought I would share my opinion regarding the governor's appointment to fill the vacancy of the 18th Judicial District Court based on Judge Salvagni's impending retirement. First and foremost, Judge Salvagni's replacement has some very big shoes to fill. Having spent 35 years in the Law enforcement profession and having known Judge Salvagni on a professional basis for over 36 years, I can assure you I do not take whomever replaces him in Gallatin County lightly.

In looking through and reviewing the applicants submitted to the Judicial Nominating Commission. It is not an easy decision. In my opinion, one applicant stands out as the best choice to serve. My personal recommendation is for applicant Daniel J. Roth. I have known Mr. Roth for over 20 years and have no qualms of giving him my support for this very important position in the county that I have lived in for over 42 years. Coming from a law enforcement officer who has known Mr. Roth as primarily a defense counsel, it may appear strange that he has my admiration, respect and support. He is extremely knowledgeable of the law and is one that is obviously well prepared and certainly not one just going through the motions. Over the years, I have lost track of all the positive comments that I have had from my officers of "what a good attorney" he is. Seems strange coming from opposing sides of the table. I felt he was instrumental in educating my officers and also treating them with respect, that they could understand and learn from their court experiences with him. Above all, I have always found Mr. Roth to be fair, impartial, honest and very thorough in his decision making process. He knows, follows the law, and protects the individual rights of the people by following the same and the constitution of the State of Montana and the United States.

On a personal note since my retirement I have personally retained Mr. Roth as my attorney in personal affairs such as settling my families estate and never hesitate to recommend him to both family and friends. Feedback has always been positive.

Thank you for taking the time to let me offer this recommendation.

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BY EMAIL

RE: Support for the Application by Dan Roth for Appointment to the Judgeship of the Eighteenth Judicial District Court

Dear Commission Members,

I have been a practicing lawyer for twenty five years and have been admitted to practice in Montana since 2010.

This letter is in support of Dan Roth's appointment to the judgeship to be vacated by the Honorable Mike Salvagni.

I know Dan to be an experienced and a well-respected attorney and have had the pleasure of working with him on a number of occasions. He has my complete confidence and I often refer clients to him.

Specifically I have had the opportunity to witness his work on criminal and civil matters, and this firm has used him as a mediator.

I believe that Dan will bring to the bench thoughtful experience and the temperament and intellect to carefully manage and evaluate any matter, civil or criminal, that may find its way to the court.

This is an opportunity for the Governor to appoint a judge with a proven track record, with the breadth of experience and maturity to serve the District Court and inspire public confidence in our judicial system.

Sincerely yours,

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October 20, 2016

The Judicial Nomination Commission
Attn: Beth McLaughlin
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Re: Dan Roth's Application to Serve the Eighteenth Judicial District Court

Dear Commissioners:

I write to endorse the selection of Dan Roth as a candidate for appointment to the Eighteenth Judicial District Court.

I have worked with Dan in his capacity as a volunteer for the State Bar of Montana with several different committees and have known him as a friend. He is a thoughtful, persistent leader, has common sense, and knows how to bring people together to work towards intelligent resolution of an issue with good humor. He knows the law (both civil and criminal) and he communicates well.

Judges are critical leaders and communicators in their communities. The recent state and national legislative challenges to the judicial branch of government suggests that perhaps judges could do more to explain their role in making government work for people. People don't always see the law as fair or just and it's important for them to understand how the system works. If they know how the system works, they understand that justice is our society's best effort to find fairness.

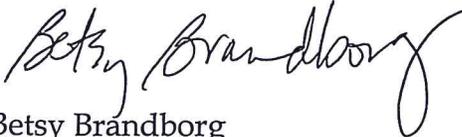
In my bird's eye view of the state's legal communities, I see greater respect, deference and appreciation of civility and of the justice system in the communities where the judges are fully engaged – speaking at local civic associations and schools and participating (and leading) bar activities. The natural result of full engagement is that the legal system benefits. Clients and attorneys both better appreciate how to disagree without being disagreeable and they respect the process that lead to the result applied to them.

If selected, Dan will fill the niche described with grace, decorum and humor.

The public, both clients and their attorneys, would be well served by appointment of Dan to the Eighteenth Judicial District.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Betsy Brandborg

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VIA MAIL AND EMAIL

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In re: **Eighteenth Judicial District**

To Whom It May Concern:

I write in support of Dan Roth's nomination for the position of district court judge for the Eighteenth Judicial District in Bozeman.

By way of background, Dan Roth is one of the most accomplished trial attorneys in Bozeman. Early on in his career, he obtained one of the largest plaintiff jury verdicts in the district. He has also represented civil and criminal defendants in numerous trials. Additionally, he is well versed in family law, having represented both men and women in marital dissolution proceedings.

Dan's broad experience makes him well-qualified for the position as a district court judge. Because of his experience, including his formidable trial experience, I have referred many clients to Dan, all of whom were pleased with his representation. For example, a family member was accused of assault after being attacked on a sidewalk outside a house party after an MSU football game. My young relative was not the aggressor, but fared much better in the altercation. My family placed its trust in Dan throughout the trial. He obtained a defense verdict, exonerating my young cousin. I have also referred family law matters and civil

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matters to Dan. I myself have hired Dan to deal with property issues due to his breadth of experience.

Dan's broad experience also gives him the judgment to handle a wide variety of cases. He is a good judge of character, hard-working and careful with the facts and law.

Dan possesses superior trial and in-court experience. The courtroom, and perhaps most importantly the hard work and difficulty of trial preparation, is Dan's backyard. I support Dan's nomination without reservation.

Sincerely yours,



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Montana Judicial Nomination Commission
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By Electronic Mail

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

Dear Judicial Nomination Commission:

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

1. Christopher B. Gray.

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

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

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

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

2. Martin David Lambert.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

3. James D. McKenna.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

4. Daniel J. Roth.

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

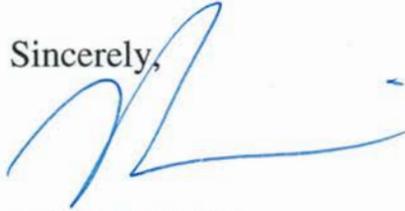
Dan has also been an active member of the County's legal profession for many years. He has been successful trial lawyer in his private practice and has extensive experience in the very important area of family law. This experience, coupled with active participation in the adversarial and dispute resolution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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brian K. Gallik". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Brian K. Gallik

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October 22, 2016

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Greetings:

SUBJECT: Letter of Recommendation for Dan Roth

It is with great pleasure that I recommend and support Dan for appointment to the judgeship position in Gallatin County due to the retirement of Judge Mike Salvagni.

I have known Dan for a number of years and served with Dan on Valley View Golf Club's Board of Directors and can personally attest to his intelligence, dedication, fortitude, and professionalism.

Dan performs his duties in an exceptional manner. He possesses the breadth and depth of knowledge of the legal system. Dan has the natural ability to express complicated and technical information clearly and concisely. His patience and compassion will serve him well as a Judge.

If I may be of further assistance, please contact me.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Kenneth G. Mosby

Kenneth G. Mosby

Cook, Kevin

From: MT Supreme Court,
Sent: Monday, October 24, 2016 8:33 PM
To: Cook, Kevin
Subject: Public Comment -- Roth

From: Charles Bowen [<mailto:cbowen@qwestoffice.net>]
Sent: Monday, October 24, 2016 2:52 PM
To: MT Supreme Court,
Subject: 18th Judicial District Court Judgeship Nominations/Dan Roth

Dear Judicial Nomination Commission,

I am writing to recommend Dan Roth for nomination to the District Judgeship vacancy in the 18th Judicial District resulting from Mike Salvagni's retirement. I have practiced in this judicial district for 32 years. I first met Dan when we both served as contract public defenders for Gallatin Co. back in the early 90's. Since then I have been on the opposite side of him in several cases but have come to know him primarily through his mediation practice. He is one of a small number of mediators that I have used regularly over the last 10+ years and we have spent many hours together discussing the law, particular facts at hand and analyzing cases. I have observed his interaction with clients, opposing counsel and witnesses as well as his thought process.

In my opinion he is the most well rounded and qualified of the applicants for this judgeship. First and foremost, a judge should be a seasoned and experienced trial lawyer in as many areas of the law as possible. Dan has been trying cases as long as I have known him. They include cases in misdemeanor and felony criminal law, plaintiff and defense in PI and insurance cases, and family law. It is clear that he enjoys trial work in any form in any Court. He is knowledgeable in trial practice, evidence, civil and criminal procedure and the art of advocacy. I think he would hit the ground running in all areas of the law and I believe he would run an efficient and productive courtroom should he be appointed to the judgeship.

His mediation practice has afforded him the opportunity to get to know and really understand the point of view of the litigants who appear in court in a way that a judge never does. I think that kind of experience is invaluable as it teaches empathy for the people who find themselves involved in our legal system. I think Dan is empathetic, compassionate, smart, experienced, competent and does truly enjoy the practice of Law. I think he would make a great Judge in this district.

Regards,
Charles Bowen