

**From:** [Menzies, Lois](#)  
**To:** [Cook, Kevin](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment -- Breuner  
**Date:** Sunday, July 12, 2020 7:36:52 PM

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**From:** Brendan Carlin <brendan781@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 5, 2020 11:59 PM  
**To:** Menzies, Lois <LMenzies@mt.gov>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Andrew Breuner

Dear Judicial Nomination Commission,

I write to you in support of judge Andrew Breuner's bid for appointment to Montana's 18th judicial district court following the retirement of judge Holly Brown. I met judge Breuner when I took his criminal law class at MSU. I took several law classes taught by a number of different professors during my time at MSU. However, what made Judge Breuner's class unique was his extensive understanding of the Montana code and Montana case law. I'm quite sure Andrew has memorized the elements of practically every criminal code found in the MCA and could cite applicable case law from memory. His knowledge of the law is the first basis for which I support his nomination. The second is character. Andy has always struck me as particularly level headed and humble and I am confident he has the temperament to handle Montanan's most serious cases. It is clear to me that Andy has a strong sense of duty and justice. As a resident of Bozeman, I support Judge Breuner's nomination because I am confident that he will be a humble servant of the law and will ensure that the law is applied in a logical, just, and compassionate matter. I hope to see judge Breuner as an incumbent on the 2022 mid-term ballot.

Sincerely,  
Brendan Carlin

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**From:** Vintage Mom <vintagemom389@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 8, 2020 4:22 PM  
**To:** Menzies, Lois <LMenzies@mt.gov>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Andrew Breuner--judicial nomination

Dear Ms. Menzies and Commission Members,

I am delighted to have the opportunity to provide comment on why I think Andrew Breuner should be considered and nominated for district court judge. I have known Andy and his family since our children were in Kindergarten together 15 years ago. Through the years, our friendship has grown (along with our kids!)

As a citizen of this state, I believe we need to have judges on the bench who are principled, guided by integrity, humble in how they relate to others, and knowledgeable of the law as well as mindful of the humanity behind each case.

More specifically, during the years that Andy was a defense attorney, I have referred friends in need of representation to him as well as having seen him represent acquaintances. In each of these cases, the people he was representing were experiencing very difficult circumstances due to their life choices. I saw Andy faithfully represent each individual and use the available resources provided within the law to get these people the help they needed, as well as protect the general population from any further consequences of a person's bad decisions. When he became a judge in Belgrade, I know he has continued to uphold the laws of MT while caring for each individual before him. Andrew Breuner would be a fantastic choice to replace Judge Holly Brown as she retires.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Anne Bentz

Bozeman, MT

SUBJECT: Judicial Nomination for Andrew Breuner

July 13, 2020

Dear Judicial Nomination Commission

I would like to nominate Andrew Breuner to replace Judge Holly Brown as she retires in October this year as a district judge. I have known Andy since 2004 when we met at a couples' church retreat near Bozeman. Our relationship has grown since then as friends and hunting partners. Andy is someone I have seen under joyful and stressful situations. We have shared many hours of conversation concerning life goals, family, politics, and people relationships.

Andy has demonstrated, over the years I have known him, excellent listening skills and a willingness to disagree with a point of view and not become angry. He is level headed and does not jump to conclusions. I graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1960, served 20 years as a Corps of Engineer officer, then 20 years as a Professor of Civil Engineering at Montana State University. From my experiences with many people over this time of working until now, I have only met a few people with the integrity I see in Andy Breuner. I cannot recall a time when he expressed hatred toward anyone or group of people. He possesses leadership and an ability to get along with anyone from any walk of life. He is a family man who has gone beyond expectations taking care of his father before he passed away from Parkinson's disease.

Andy is sensitive and does more than his share of work when participating in any activity such as hunting or just helping people get through a tough time. Being a family man, he understands people in a way that should make him an incredible district judge. I sincerely and hardily recommend Andy Breuner for appointment to the district court.

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July 21, 2020

***Via Email Only***

Judicial Nomination Commission  
c/o Lois Menzies  
Office of Court Administrator  
P.O. Box 203005  
Helena, MT 59620  
[LMenzies@mt.gov](mailto:LMenzies@mt.gov)

*Re: Public Comment for Judicial Position*

Dear Commission:

I am an attorney actively practicing in the Eighteenth Judicial District Court. In my ten years of practice, I have acquired experience in many areas of law including without limitation Civil Litigation, Family Law, Criminal Defense, Estate Planning, Business/Transactional Formation and Advice, and Dependency and Neglect.

I personally know each of the attorneys that have applied for the position of district court judge for the Eighteenth Judicial District Court and have an immense amount of respect for each of them. With that said, I believe Andrew Breuner is the most qualified for the position and would like to express my support on his behalf.

Over the last five years, I have practiced alongside Mr. Breuner on several mutual dependency and neglect cases, observed him in court proceedings, and have appeared in front of him as the presiding judge in Belgrade.

Not only does Mr. Breuner have many years of experience as an attorney and judge, but he is a class act. He is intelligent, reasonable, respectful, and extremely thoughtful in the legal positions he takes on behalf of his clients and/or as a judge. When he has something to say, the Court and his colleagues listen. Suffice to say, I have never had any concerns or doubts about him as an attorney or judge and believe he would be an excellent district court judge whom I would be honored to practice in front of.

Thank you in advance for your thoughtful consideration of this essential position. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions that you have regarding my support for Mr. Breuner.

Sincerely,

Carrie R. Wasserburger

**From:** [Menzies, Lois](#)  
**To:** [Cook, Kevin](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment -- Breuner  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 22, 2020 7:58:48 PM  
**Importance:** High

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**From:** Mick Maierle <mickmaierle@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 20, 2020 5:16 PM  
**To:** Menzies, Lois  
**Cc:** 'Mick Maierle'  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Andrew Breuner

Dear Ms. Menzies,

My understanding is that Mr. Breuner is seeking appointment as district court judge. I've known Andy for nearly 20 years, first as a personal friend & secondly as a highly qualified professional! Above all else I expect integrity, respect for & application of the rule of law, upholding the dignity of all human beings & fairness! I've had many years to observe Andy as a husband, father, mentor, advocate & friend in these respective roles & he exhibits all these qualities with excellence! He's a humble man with compassion & wisdom. A combination of qualities rarely found these days. What more could we ask of a district court judge? I highly recommend Andy as district court judge; he will do an exemplary job! Thank you!

Sincerely,

Mick Maierle

**From:** [Menzies, Lois](#)  
**To:** [Cook, Kevin](#)  
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**Date:** Wednesday, July 22, 2020 8:00:52 PM

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**From:** Holly Rainey <camparrowcreek@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 21, 2020 10:06 AM  
**To:** Menzies, Lois  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Public Comment for judicial nomination: Andrew Breuner

Dear Judicial Nomination Committee,

It is my understanding that Andrew Breuner is seeking appointment as district court judge in Gallatin County for the upcoming open seat.

Allow me a few words on my history in the Gallatin Valley before I speak to Mr Breuner's nomination. I am a Montana native, born and raised in Bozeman. We have 5 generations, several of whom ran for office and held seats in this great state. I graduated from Montana State University with a degree in elementary education in 2000 and have worked, taught, and raised my kids here in Gallatin Valley where my family and I still reside.

My father, Chuck Graden, was a custom home builder in the Gallatin valley for 50 years. He served as a county commissioner and president of SWMBA for several of those years. As a local resident active in the community myself, and the daughter of a politically active father, I became very well acquainted with local civil servants and political figures in our community and our state.

I tell you these things to lay the groundwork for my level of engagement with and understanding of our local community's personality and it's specific needs.

Enter Andrew Bruener into this picture. We have known Andy Breuner personally for 12 years. His son and ours attended the same school as youngsters. Andy stood out to us immediately and we became family friends. What we noted about Andy right from the start was his ease in making sincere conversation, his class, and his genuine kindness and care for our family and for all of the families he came in contact with. He possesses a host of traits that one doesn't see every day. With Mr Breuner, his authenticity in these things seemed as natural as breathing air. As we got to know him on a more personal level over the years, and as many situations presented themselves for dealing with conflict, be it presenting important issues to the school board for consideration, working out conflict between kids/their families at school, seeking his advice for negotiating business matters of our own, we came to see that not only is he the genuine article, but he also thinks logically, clearly, and above all, fairly. He considers what is being said by all involved, allows them a place to be heard and not belittled or guilty/shamed, but rather notes what all sides might be experiencing, and makes a fair

and logically sound statement that is concise and that has a viable & lasting solution. He is highly intelligent and has empathy for the human experience all while considering the needs of a healthy, functioning society and upholding the laws that keep us all safe.

In addition to the years we have seen these traits in Andy, we have also seen him active in the courtroom. He knows the law in all it's forms, rounded out with his recent years as a sitting judge. We've seen other local judges at work, and in that time, it has become apparent just how important a clear headed, logical thinker with compassion for people and a sense of justice are; to be able to strike that balance is critical. We need, as sitting judge, someone who really understands the law outside of just practicing law. We need a balanced person who doesn't shame citizens at their worst moments, but rather holds them accountable, and commands respect because of their demeanor, someone who people feel they want to be better for, to make proud.

In short,

We need a mind and a personality like Andrew Breuner as judge in Gallatin County. You will be hard pressed to find a more disciplined, genuine, authentic, empathetic, firm, fair, honest and decent man than Andy is. As the daughter of a well respected man of integrity, I know these traits when I see them. Andy is well respected, well regarded, well liked, and immensely capable of serving our community well. I ask that you consider him as the finest choice for this important position. We would be a better county for having him in this role.

I thank you kindly for taking your time to read these comments and to consider public opinion in these matters.

Most Sincerely,

Holly Rainey

**From:** [Menzies, Lois](#)  
**To:** [Cook, Kevin](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment -- Breuner  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 22, 2020 8:02:00 PM

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**From:** Jim Keena <jkeena@yellowstonetheology.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 21, 2020 10:26 PM  
**To:** Menzies, Lois  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Andrew Breuner Judicial Nomination

Dear Ms. Menzies,

Greetings!

I understand that Andrew Breuner is seeking an appointment as District Court Judge. I have known Andy for over 12 years. And during this time I have always respected and trusted him. Professionally, he has a proved track record of being an excellent lawyer and judge. Personally, he's a good friend, a man of integrity and wisdom. Therefore, it is with utmost confidence, I recommend Andy Breuner to be appointed as our next District Court Judge.

Please contact me if you have any further questions.

Sincerely yours,

Jim Keena

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**From:** [Menzies, Lois](#)  
**To:** [Cook, Kevin](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment -- Breuner  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 22, 2020 8:01:25 PM  
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**From:** Angie Miller <[angie.miller@foundant.com](mailto:angie.miller@foundant.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 21, 2020 3:57 PM  
**To:** MT Supreme Court,  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Judicial Nomination Andrew Bruener

Dear Judicial Nomination Commission,

I have known Andy Bruener for over 15 years. His son and one of my sons are the same age. Andy is an individual with strong moral character. He works tirelessly for the benefit of those he encounters, without seeking recognition for what he does. I can think of examples where he gave of himself, his time, and financial support behind the scenes with no one being the wiser.

He showed compassion after recusing himself from a case involving my oldest son when he knew he might not be able to be impartial; yet he offered to help him and said he was there for him, in anyway, if my son needed someone to talk to or to figure out his next course of action.

Andy is an individual who values his family. I know of several different times when he weighed the needs of his family, and faith, against other commitments. The health and well-being of his son is very important to him. Andy took time out of his schedule to show his son, during his time of need, he was a priority and Andy would be there for him. From my observation, he has been a strong partner in his marriage with his wife. His wife has shared, Andy works hard to make their marriage a strong and healthy one.

I feel Andy would be an asset to our state as a District Court Judge.

Sincerely,  
Angela K. Miller

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**From:** [Menzies, Lois](#)  
**To:** [Cook, Kevin](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment -- Breuner  
**Date:** Sunday, July 26, 2020 7:24:48 PM

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From: Kevin Moss <mossenvy13@gmail.com>  
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 12:38 PM  
To: Menzies, Lois  
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Andrew Breuner

Dear Judicial Nomination Commission, I am writing this email today wanting to let you know my much appreciated experience with Andrew Breuner. My name is Kevin, I am an African American small business owner In Bozeman. I had a speeding ticket and Mr. Breuner was my judge for the case. I ended up having a warrant because I forgot to pay on time. Long story short Andrew Breuner ending up walking into my business one day and I performed my service that he had requested and we began to talk and the talk was just natural wasn't fake. I was really nervous when I realized he was my judge. We have gotten to know each other pretty well because he is now a client of mine. Andrew took time out to get to know me and support my business. Which he didn't have to but knowing that a judge in montana comes into my business means a lot to me. I know Andrew Breuner is the perfect candidate for Judge. He looked me in my eyes at court (some judges just go through the motion, that's my experience). He also gave me Hope. I know he is also a family man and a hard worker. I know Andrew would take every part of this job serious and be great to represent the community of Gallatin County.

Sent from my iPhone

## Cook, Kevin

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**From:** Menzies, Lois  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 28, 2020 8:11 PM  
**To:** Cook, Kevin  
**Subject:** Public Comment -- Breuner

**From:** Linda Schooley <lkschooley@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 27, 2020 9:34 AM  
**To:** MT Supreme Court,  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Andrew Breuner judicial nomination

Dear Ms. Menzies:

We met Andy as a parent of a teammate of our son initially. During conversation, he was personable, polite, articulate, and able to see the big picture. We've come to know him as a friend. We consider his family to be our friends. We've met his parents and some of his siblings. We see how he cares for his family, including his elderly parents. Andy's life experience and work experience will contribute greatly to his treatment of people in his courtroom: staff, defendants, families of defendants, prosecutors and attorneys for plaintiffs and defendants, ordinary citizens who need the legal system to settle a dispute. I worked as a court reporter in district court for 7 years, and I realize how important it is for the judge to treat individuals with respect and to communicate clearly with everyone involved. Andy has the skills, the knowledge and experience to guide others through court proceedings and ultimately to rule as needed. We have seen Andy working in the courtroom and feel confident in recommending him to be appointed to the district court.

Thank you for reading this comment. I apologize for it being late.

Terry and Linda Schooley

1331 Kenyon Drive  
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July 29, 2020

Dear Commissioners:

It is my honor to recommend Andrew (Andy) Breuner for the District Court Judgeship in the Eighteenth Judicial District.

Andy's life experiences, accomplishments and career choices exemplify the qualities we all hope to find in a judge: scholarship, keen intellect, dedication, commitment to justice, and an understanding of the impact that adversity plays in people's lives.

I have practiced law since 1962 and am a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. My practice has been exclusively litigation, ten years as a maritime defense attorney and the rest as a plaintiff's / personal injury attorney. During my long career in litigation, I have been in front of judges who could facilitate a settlement *before* trial and those who could not or who did not even try to do so.

The singular point I call to the reader's attention is that Andy will bring to the bench the rare commitment and ability to bring counsel and litigant together to attempt to resolve cases before trial. In my experience, there were not many judges skilled at settling cases, but there were a few, and it was a blessing to be before them.

The average citizen is terrified at the thought of a trial particularly one before a jury. Civil trials are expensive, the waitlists are lengthy and decisions are subject to appeal. Justice moves slowly, and some would argue it is failing because of the expense and delays. The fact that mediation is now often compulsory before trial is a recognition of the problem. A judge, such as Andy, who could bring cases to a settlement would be an immense asset to all involved in our judicial system.

Respectfully,



Paul F. Cronin  
MT Bar No: 1713

## Cook, Kevin

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**From:** Menzies, Lois  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 1, 2020 8:14 PM  
**To:** Cook, Kevin  
**Subject:** Public Comment -- Breuner

**From:** Donna Hawley <bd\_hawley@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 1, 2020 10:32 AM  
**To:** MT Supreme Court,  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Judicial Nomination

I understand that Judge Andrew Breuner is seeking appointment as district court judge.

What impresses me most about Mr Breuner is his commitment to ensuring that justice is achieved in the decisions he makes. He is honest and fair, and he has experience serving in the role of judge.

Please consider Mr Breuner for this position.

Donna Hawley  
137 Palette Ct  
Bozeman, Mt 59715

## Cook, Kevin

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**From:** Menzies, Lois  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 1, 2020 8:14 PM  
**To:** Cook, Kevin  
**Subject:** Public Comment -- Breuner

**From:** David Moore <David.Moore@sce.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 31, 2020 5:05 PM  
**To:** Menzies, Lois  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Andrew Breuner

Dear Ms. Menzies,

I hope this email finds you well. I am reaching out to you on behalf of Mr. Andrew Breuner as a personal reference. It is my understanding that Mr. Breuner is seeking an appointment as a District Court Judge in the state of Montana. I have been close friends with Mr. Breuner for over thirty years. We met as freshmen at UC San Diego, and have never lost touch. I have always considered Mr. Breuner an individual of the utmost integrity and moral character. In my humble opinion, Mr. Breuner would make the most excellent District Court Judge.

Thank you for your consideration of my endorsement of Mr. Andrew Breuner.

Sincerely,

**David Moore**

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## Cook, Kevin

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**From:** Menzies, Lois  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 1, 2020 8:13 PM  
**To:** Cook, Kevin  
**Subject:** Public Comment -- Breuner

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From: John Hud <jhud@avicom.net>  
Sent: Thursday, July 30, 2020 4:29 PM  
To: Menzies, Lois  
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 18th Judicial District Judicial Position

Dear Commission Members:

Recently I became aware that Belgrade City Court Judge, Andy Bruenner, is applying for the position currently held by retiring judge, Holly Brown. I take this opportunity to make a few comments on Judge Bruenner's behalf.

I've known Andy for 15-20 years. Most of that time we both had law practices in Bozeman, MT, and we did our share of Public Defender Contract cases. Andy was always available and willing to discuss cases and come up with helpful suggestions.

I enjoyed appearing in front of Belgrade City Court judge, Michelle Snowberger and was disappointed when she moved on to the DMV. But when Andy was appointed to her job as judge in Belgrade my disappointment disappeared.

Since his appointment a few years ago, I've appeared before Andy on numerous occasions. I haven't always had the favorable decisions, but I always felt my clients got fair decisions, and they were always treated with respect as is everybody in his courtroom. I strongly believe Gallatin County specifically, and the entire state of Montana would be fortunate to have him as a District Court Judge for the 18th Judicial District Court.

I've been a lawyer for more than 40 years. I've appeared in front of hundreds of judges over those years. A few were great, some were good, most OK, some were bad, and some were really, really bad. Andy's been one of the best.

For what it's worth, I'd highly recommend him as a judge for the District Court.

John Hud, Attorney at Law

## Cook, Kevin

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**From:** Menzies, Lois  
**Sent:** Monday, August 3, 2020 8:23 PM  
**To:** Cook, Kevin  
**Subject:** Public Comment -- Breuner

**From:** Christa Ziegler <cziegler@voanr.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 3, 2020 12:40 PM  
**To:** MT Supreme Court,  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]

Good afternoon

I have had the privilege of working alongside Judge Andy Breuner of the Belgrade City Court. I was a misdemeanor probation officer, and Belgrade Court was one of the courts I maintained. During this time, Judge Breuner always portrayed fairness and compassion to everyone. He treated everyone with respect. I would be grateful if he was to win the seat of District Court Judge. I believe he will serve to the best of his ability, as he has done so in his career as the Belgrade City Court Judge.

Sincerely  
Christa Ziegler



August 4, 2020

Judicial Nomination Commission  
c/o Lois Menzies  
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Helena, MT 59620-3005  
[mtsupremecourt@mt.gov](mailto:mtsupremecourt@mt.gov)

Re: 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Judge Position - Applicant Andrew J. Breuner

Dear Judicial Nomination Commission:

We endorse Andy Breuner for the 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Judgeship vacancy. We have actively practiced both criminal and civil law in the 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District and throughout Montana since 1993.

We have known Andy since he began to practice in Montana in 2003. We have observed Andy working hard for his clients in the courtroom on many occasions. We have been adversaries in an emotionally charged and aggressively litigated court case. Nevertheless, we have maintained a courteous and respectful relationship. Also, we have appeared before Andy in his capacity as Belgrade City Court Judge and have been very impressed with his judicial abilities.

We firmly believe a lawyer cannot be an effective district court judge without first having extensive and diverse litigation experience. Andy has that requisite experience. And he has the intelligence, sharp intellect, temperament, and legal skills required to be a good district court judge. For these reasons we commend Andy Breuner to the Commission for the 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Judge position.

Very truly yours,

Al Avignone  
Lisa A. Banick

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August 6, 2020

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

RE: Comment re: Andrew J. Bruener'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 Andrew J. Bruener's application to serve as District Judge in Montana's Eighteenth Judicial District.

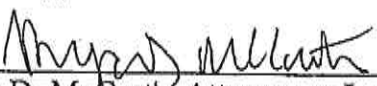
I have been a licensed attorney in Montana since 2006 and have been practicing law in Bozeman since that time. I am currently a partner at Angel, Coil & Bartlett in Bozeman. My current areas of focus include criminal defense and family law. My prior employment experience includes prosecuting for the 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've known Andy since my time at the Office of the State Public Defender, which began in 2008. Since one of Andy's practice areas over the years was criminal defense, I've had the opportunity to see him in action in Court on a consistent basis over the years in all of our local courts. He also represented a number of clients in cases that I prosecuted. Andy has always struck me as a passionate and prepared advocate for his clients and he has always displayed the appropriate level of respect and demeanor in the courtroom. I have also had the opportunity to practice in front of Andy in his capacity as Belgrade City Judge. I have found him to be a consistently fair, prepared and thoughtful Judge, all of which would continue to serve him, and those appearing in front of him, well if he were to be appointed District Judge.

In getting to know Andy on a more personal level over the years I've had nothing but positive interactions with him. I find him to be a man of integrity and honesty. I also believe he has the right disposition to be a District Judge, as he is unflappable and not one to lose his patience or make rash decisions.

I believe Andy would be a great District Judge and I wholeheartedly support his application.

Cordially,

  
Ryan D. McCarty, Attorney at Law

## Cook, Kevin

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**From:** Menzies, Lois  
**Sent:** Friday, August 7, 2020 7:32 AM  
**To:** Cook, Kevin  
**Subject:** Public Comment -- Breuner

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**From:** Jennifer Giuttari <jennifer.giuttari@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 6, 2020 2:26 PM  
**To:** MT Supreme Court, <MTSupremeCourt@mt.gov>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Public Comment: 18th Judicial District Judge vacancy (Breuner)

To The Montana Judicial Nomination Commission:

I am writing in response to the Commission's request for public comment on the 18th Judicial District Judge applicants. I am 2007 graduate of The University of Montana School of Law. Over the years, I have had the opportunity to practice in both the public and private sector in State and Federal court. I am now writing to recommend Andrew J. Breuner for the 18th Judicial District Judge vacancy.

I first met Andy in my early years of practice. I have worked more closely with him in my current capacity as an Assistant Public Defender in Bozeman. I have observed Andy to be a consistently patient and courteous Judge who puts forth tremendous thought and consideration when making and issuing his decisions. He is both fair and impartial, and I believe that these qualities would greatly benefit the constituents in the 18th Judicial District should he be appointed to fill the vacancy.

Please feel free to contact me if you have additional questions regarding my public comment.

Best,  
Jen Giuttari

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Jennifer A. Giuttari, Attorney-at-Law  
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