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August 21, 2020

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

RE: *Eighth Judicial District Court, Department A*

To Whom It May Concern:

I am providing this letter of support on behalf of Mr. Matthew S. Robertson. I have known Matt for over 20 years. I greatly respect Matt's demeanor and approach to how he handles the difficult job acting in the capacity as a Deputy Cascade County Attorney. I have done numerous cases with Matt and always found him to be very knowledgeable, professional, and reasonable. I think all of these things would follow him to the position of a District Court Judge.

Sincerely,

JEFFREY S. FERGUSON
Attorney at Law

JSF/df

Francie Robertson
Box 212
Ulm, MT 59485

To Whom it May Concern;

I want to recommend Matthew Robertson for Judge in Cascade County. I am his Mom and have watched him grow up. Matt grew up in the lower north side of Great Falls, a very diverse neighborhood. At elementary school, Matt tended to choose friends who needed a friend. In high school, he was active in Key Club, a club that did many things for the community. Again, he invited kids who needed a friend to join the Chess Club, a club sponsored by his Dad, a teacher. In college, he lived at the Wesley House, a home owned by the Methodist Church and provided affordable living for University of Montana students. There, the students worked for the food bank and many other worthy causes.

As an adult, we have been proud of his accomplishments at the Cascade County Attorney's office. Having been raised in a diverse neighborhood, including many ethnicities and low income families made him more aware of the challenges many of these kids face. Being the attorney who specializes in youth, he understands the needs of kids who get into trouble, kids who live in homes where they are verbally and physically abused, kids who struggle in school and kids who often respond to getting help, not punishment. I remember him organizing river float trips for kids who complete rehab programs. Some of these kids were amazed to see Matt teasing, laughing and splashing with them. I remember being in a store with him one time when a lady came up and wanted to talk to him. I quietly disappeared, not knowing what was going to happen. When we were driving home, he commented that the woman was the mother of a boy who was not sent to Pine Hills by him but to a treatment center. The boy did great, went on to get an education, a job and didn't get into trouble again.

I know Matt has a strong sense of right and wrong, listens to both sides of a situation before forming an opinion. As a judge, I feel Matt would be fair and impartial, listen to both the prosecuting and defense attorneys and hand down sentences that are fair. He is well respected in Great Falls by other attorneys, parents and community leaders. Now, his Dad has been very ill and while this has nothing to do with his success as an attorney, what he is doing now shows his devotion to his family. He helps us regularly, shops for us if we are afraid to go to the store, has gone to doctor appointments with us and reaches out to us nearly every day.

To me a good judge is not just his knowledge of the law, but how he treats other people, including family, friends, colleagues and the people he deals with in court.

*Sincerely,
Francie Robertson*

August 18th, 2020

Office of Court Administrator
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Helena, MT 59620-3005

To whom it may concern:

I am writing in reference to Matt Robertson, Attorney, who is currently seeking the position of Judge for Cascade County.

I have known Matt since he was a very young man when I lived in Great Falls. I have been friends with both he and his parents. I have, in the many years of his acquaintance, known him to be fair and honest, meticulous and hard working while being a caring individual to those around him.

I proudly count Matt Robertson as a friend and think that he would be a great judge.

Patrick Nix RPh (Retired)

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Patrick Nix", with a stylized flourish at the end.

115 Canvas Court
Bozeman, Montana 59715
ph. 406-209-1569

Judicial Nomination Commission
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21 August 2020

Dear Judicial Nomination Commission,

It gives me immense pleasure to recommend Matt Robertson for the position as a district court judge being vacated by Judge Pinski. I have known Matt for forty years and know him to be exceptionally articulate individual who displays sound judicial acumen. During his work at the Cascade County attorney's office and with the Eighth Judicial District Juvenile Drug Court he implemented a rafting trip as both a reward and as an activity to direct youth into positive endeavors and away from drug addiction. I was asked to assist and chaperone the float trips and observed first hand his involvement and interaction with the juveniles he prosecuted. He expressed to the youth there are other activities which can be enjoyed without the need for drugs and demonstrated his compassion for the juveniles in the program.

Matt Robertson's application for Judge is not just about advancement in his career, it is more about contributing the community he lives in. As a competent attorney with excellent moral character and impeccable integrity, Matt could have left Montana and established a career in a different state making considerably more money. However, he chose to devote his energy to the people of Cascade County, which makes him an ideal candidate for Judge.

He is a dedicated and tireless public servant who has a passion for the judicial system. His experience as a Special Assistant Attorney General and Deputy Cascade County Attorney makes him a valuable candidate for this position and the wisest choice! Beyond any doubt, I recommend Matt Robertson for Judge without reservation.

Should you need further information please feel free to contact me. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Chris Hanson, MA
The University of Montana
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August 24, 2020

Judicial Nomination Commission
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I am writing this letter to express my thoughts on Mr. Matt Robertson, who is applying for the soon to be vacant position of the Eighth Judicial District Court Judge in Great Falls, Montana. Over the past couple of years, I have gotten to work with and know Mr. Robertson through not only through my duties as a Cascade County Sheriff's Deputy/Detective, but also in the past as the Deputy Sheriff in charge of the Sheriff's Office role regarding the 8th Judicial Juvenile Treatment Court.

I would like to state that while working with Mr. Robertson regarding his role as a Deputy County Attorney and within the Eighth Judicial Juvenile Treatment Court, I have observed through sight and sound that Mr. Robertson practices the foundations of law to the utmost through his extraordinary standards and overall knowledge of the criminal justice system. Mr. Robertson can easily comprehend all facets of the criminal justice system and has a sophisticated background regarding the law when dealing with either an adult or a youth in need.

Mr. Robertson is an individual who understands that the laws regarding the great State of Montana, are laws that are written in order to protect the life, limb, and property of those who reside within and visit this great state. Even though Mr. Robertson holds the individual, group, or entity to their actions and makes them accountable, Mr. Robertson is a down to earth gentleman who is not only passionate about the law but the overall wellbeing of those he serves and those that are involved within the criminal justice system.

I recommend Mr. Robertson for the position of Eighth Judicial District Court Judge. Mr. Robertson has proven himself and his capabilities throughout his years of practicing law and as a Deputy County Attorney for Cascade County. Mr. Robertson is more than ready and competent for the next endeavor regarding the court of law

Respectfully

Shawn Baker

From: [Menzies, Lois](#)
To: [Cook, Kevin](#)
Subject: Public Comment -- Robertson
Date: Monday, August 24, 2020 9:03:38 PM

From: Kathy McLane <kmacinmt@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 20, 2020 6:31 PM
To: MT Supreme Court,
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Matt Robertson

August 20, 2020

Office of Court Administrator
C/o Lois Menzees
PO Box 203005
Helena, MT 59620-3005

It has been brought to my attention that Matt Robertson has submitted his application for the District Court Judge position vacated by Judge Pinski. I proudly submit this letter of endorsement and support for Matt.

I find Matt to have a solid, working knowledge of the law and I believe that he exercises good judgement after due diligence, consideration and solid thought on all matters brought before him. Matt has a solid moral code that he lives by. He is truly worthy of consideration for this judgeship position.

Sincerely,

Kathy McLane
377 FAS 254
Glendive, MT 59330
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Great Falls Police
Phone (406) 455-8501



112 1st Street South
Great Falls, MT 59401

Monday, August 17, 2020

MEMORANDUM FOR MONTANA JUDICIAL NOMINATION COMMISSION

FROM: DETECTIVE ADAM PRICE #274

SUBJECT: Recommendation Letter for Deputy County Attorney Matt Robertson

I would like to take this opportunity to recommend Deputy County Attorney Matt Robertson for the honorable position of Eighth Judicial District Court Judge.

I have known Matt Robertson since my first year as a police officer in 2008. During this time, I have noted he is one of the more experienced prosecutors I've worked with. He has extensive knowledge and experience on criminal prosecution of offenders (all types of crimes) including juveniles. I believe it is important for any judge to have criminal justice experience, which Mr. Robertson possesses as a former defense attorney and current prosecutor. He is up to date on the major issues affecting this community such as drugs, violent crime, and child abuse (physical, sexual, neglect, drug-endangered, etc).

As a Special Victims Unit Detective, I have worked extensively with Mr. Robertson on many complex cases involving child abuse. Mr. Robertson has helped provide me with constructive guidance on case preparation and court room testimony which have led to successful convictions and outcomes for victims in our cases/trials with heavy sentences for the convicted offenders he's prosecuted. Furthermore, he takes these difficult cases seriously, and has always worked diligently to see that they reach the best possible outcome in the interest of justice. Mr. Robertson is fair and impartial while dealing compassionately with victims in cases I've investigated. Additionally, he has always made himself available when discussing cases, answering questions, or providing advice on Search Warrants as well as other legal matters.

In conclusion, I believe Matt Robertson would make a fine judge for the eighth district. His experience, work ethic, and drive make him a solid choice for this honorable position. I humbly ask that you consider Mr. Robertson for District Court Judge. Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "ADP 274".

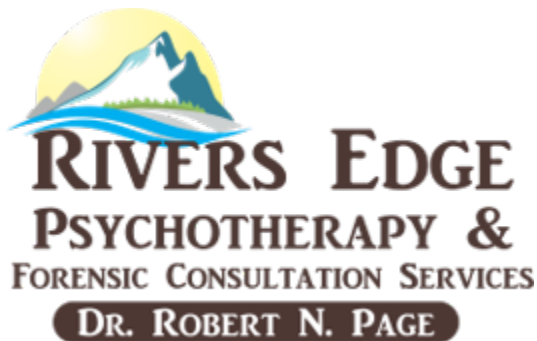
Adam D. Price Badge #274
Detective
Special Victims Unit, GFPD

Cook, Kevin

From: Menzies, Lois
Sent: Tuesday, August 25, 2020 7:56 PM
To: Cook, Kevin
Subject: Public Comment -- Robertson

From: docp <docp2008@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 25, 2020 11:39 AM
To: MT Supreme Court,; Robertson, Matt
Subject: [EXTERNAL] ATTN: Lois Menzies regarding letter of support for Matt Robertson.

Hello Ms. Menzies. Please accept this letter of support for Matthew Robertson as a District Court Judge in Cascade County and/or anywhere in Montana. I have worked with Mr. Robertson for many years providing forensic evaluations and consultations involving a wide variety of cases. His insights and compassion shine through in even the most difficult cases. His sensitivity in YINC and DN cases demonstrate that he truly cares about justice and is not taken in by people's occasional attempts at deception. He knows the law. He utilizes that knowledge and experience and has taught me a lot in our work together over the years. While Judge Pinski leaves big shoes to fill, I believe that Mr. Robertson is an excellent choice to do so. He is honorable and savvy and will make an exceptional District Court Judge. Thank you for your consideration. Bob Page



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This email is **private and confidential**. If you are not the intended recipient, please delete and inform our office immediately.

August 24, 2020

Judicial Nomination Commission

c/o Lois Menzies

Office of Court Administrator

P.O Box 203005

Helena, MT 59620-3005

Re: Letter of recommendation for Matthew Stuart Robertson for District Court Judge

Dear Ms. Menzies,

Matthew Robertson is my father, and has been a very wonderful and very present parent all my life. At 18 years old I can say that Matthew has a unique sense of humor that sets him apart. He uses it to illustrate a point, and to relieve tense situations. He demonstrates both at work and at home, that he can tackle and solve many things, from small family issues, to complex legal cases. He has an old-fashioned work ethic, and always takes time to do the right thing, even if it may prove to be difficult.

During my six months as a criminal receptionist at the Cascade County Attorney's Office, I have seen his professional side on a daily basis. He shows that his years of experience as a Deputy County Attorney gives him an insight to the workings of a defendant's mind. As well as what a judge thinks and how a judge would respond to arguments from both sides of the aisle. He always takes time and consideration to answer questions, as well as solicitations for insight from fellow attorneys.

I believe that Matthew has the experience, wisdom, and patience to be a District Court Judge. Please consider my recommendation and put him forward on the list of candidates to Governor Bullock. Thank you for your Consideration.

Sincerely,



Rhiana L. Robertson

August 26, 2020

Judicial Nomination Commission
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Helena, MT 59620-3005

Re: Letter of Recommendation for Matthew Robertson for the Montana 8th Judicial
District Court Judge

Dear Judicial Nomination Commission:

I am writing this letter of recommendation to the Judicial Nomination Commission for Matthew Robertson for the Montana 8th Judicial District Court Judge. I am a detective with the Great Falls Police Department and have worked with Mr. Robertson over the past eight years. Mr. Robertson would be a fine District Court Judge and one the Cascade County community would be proud to have on the bench.

Mr. Robertson is an exceptional attorney and is very fair and committed to the administration of justice. He is dedicated to working with victims, witnesses, defendants, defense counsel, and law enforcement, and treats each person with respect. I have also gone to trial with Mr. Robertson and he has always been prepared, has good legal strategies, and is very poised.

Based on my experiences with Mr. Robertson, I believe he would be an exceptional judge for our community. Please feel free to contact me with any further question or information. Thank you for considering Mr. Robertson for this position.

Sincerely,



Detective Travis Burrow
GFPD, Badge# 275

August 20, 2020

Montana Supreme Court
Office of Court Administrator
c/o Lois Menzies
P.O. Box 203005
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To the Judicial Nomination Commission:

I wish to add my voice to the individuals in support of nominating Matthew Robertson to fill the District Judge position soon to be vacated by Mr. Pinski.

I have known Matt Robertson for fifteen years, and I know his passion for the law and his compassion for the people he serves. Matt has been a dedicated public servant through a legal career spanning decades. His experience in all aspects of the law, as a defense attorney, in private practice and his service as an Assistant District Attorney across a range of different courts makes him especially qualified to move into a position as District Court Judge.

I heartily endorse Matt Robertson to the District Court judgeship currently open.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey J. LaRock
1715 16th Avenue South
Great Falls, MT 59405

TO: OFFICE OF COURT ADMINISTRATOR
FROM: DAVID ROSSI MHP-194 RETIRED
DATE: AUG 28 2020

SUBJECT: LETTER OF MY SINCERE
SUPPORT FOR MATT ROBERTSON -
CASARE COUNTY 4 - FOR DISTRICT JUDGE

MATT ROBERTSON - IS VERY KNOWLEDGEABLE
OF THE LAW HE'S VERY KIND

TRUSTWORTHY - HONEST AND HAS
COMMISSION AND COURT SENSE -
MY PERSONAL BACKGROUND IS MY
ASSOCIATION AND VERY CLOSE RELATIONSHIPS
WITH RUSSELL McDONOUGH WHO WAS
NEXT DOOR TO ME FOR 15 YEARS
WONDERFUL MAN - JUDGE RICHARD SIMMONS
WHO WAS LIKE A BROTHER TO ME

NO JUDGE LESUE GULBRANDSON THAT
I TRULY RESPECTED DEEDLY -

I CAPTURED 4 MORE IDEAS FOR
REMEMBER - AS CAMP COMMANDER
MATT ROBERTSON - IS AN EXCELLENT
EXAMPLE OF A DISTRICT COURT JUDGE
THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME

DAVID ROSSI -

10 20 2020

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MATT ROBERTSON WILL REPLY
DISTRICT COURT IN YOUR OFFICE FROM

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL ACADEMY



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1988



M.H.P.



Mercedes Oxford Kemp, J.D., LL.M.
License No. 42851180
4244 Central Ave #1
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September 2nd, 2020

Office of the Court Administrator
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mtsupremecourt@mt.gov

Dear Office of the Court Administrator:

Matthew Robertson is a tribute to the legal profession. He is the type of person who reminds us that there are good people in this world. I highly recommend him to become the new District Court Judge in the 8th Judicial District.

I have had the privilege of working with Mr. Robertson since August of 2018. From day one he was so kind and professional. No matter the question, no matter the time, no matter the situation, he was always there for me whenever I needed help. I could always count on him.

In the nearly thirty years since Mr. Robertson has become licensed as an attorney, he has dedicated his legal career to helping people. His experience, his passion, and his professionalism set him apart from other applicants. Our community and our legal profession would benefit tremendously by having Mr. Robertson wear the robe and become a judge.

Sincerely,

Mercedes Oxford Kemp

Mercedes Oxford Kemp, J.D., LL.M.

Cook, Kevin

From: Menzies, Lois
Sent: Friday, September 4, 2020 11:53 AM
To: Cook, Kevin
Subject: Public Comment -- Robertson

From: William Overstreet <luirru@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 3, 2020 10:54 AM
To: MT Supreme Court,
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Judicial nomination commission recommendation

I would like to nominate Matt Robertson for the judicial position to replace Judge Pinski. I have lived in Montana since 2006 when I met him at a local comic store (Action Cards and Comics, now Kelley's Komix). He is an upstanding judge in our gaming community, extremely fair and by the book, not letting personal bias or gain away his rulings.

I know him from the work he did on Malmstrom to help us find the truth of matters and put people in court to determine their guilt or innocence. He is a truth enthusiast and I have never known him to let his personal feelings get in the way of uncovering evidence and getting to the root of the situation.

I find myself lucky that I have not been put across the court from Matt as his work ethic is second to none. Yet he also has time to spend with his friends and family, walking the careful balance with the ease of a true professional. He listens fairly and impressively to people with other opinions and is non partisan, having friends from every political aisle.

I know I would feel much better with a man like Matt as a judge. I cannot recommend him enough for any position we would be lucky enough for him to pursue.

Cook, Kevin

From: Menzies, Lois
Sent: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 9:20 PM
To: Cook, Kevin
Subject: Public Comment -- Robertson

From: Jennifer K <jennifer.keith@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 7, 2020 3:22 PM
To: MT Supreme Court,
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Supporting Matt Robertson for position being vacated

Hello,

I am writing this in support of Matt Robertson being appointed as a district court judge. I believe he will do a good job in that position and know he can be a fair and impartial judge in all cases.

He has impressed me in his work with juvenile offenders and the Youth Court system. Matt is extremely knowledgeable about how justice systems work for the youth of Montana and can be counted on to continue to work towards better laws and better clarifications of existing laws when necessary.

I know him through his work with the Great Falls Gaming Rendezvous and have found him to be pleasant to work with as well as dependable. Matt's work with this group is very appreciated and he has been integral towards GFGR becoming a public charitable organization.

Thank you for your time,

Jennifer Hillmar-Keith
PO Box 16193
Missoula, MT 59808

From: [Menzies, Lois](#)
To: [Cook, Kevin](#)
Subject: Public Comment -- Robertson
Date: Sunday, September 13, 2020 9:57:47 PM

From: KellysComics <kellyskomix@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 13, 2020 7:51 PM
To: MT Supreme Court,
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Matthew Robertson

Office of Court Administrator
c/o Lois Menzies

I am giving my support for the nomination of Matthew Robertson appointment to district judge.

As a retired 20 year USAF veteran I have worked with & know many people who made decisions that affect the United States of America. I consider Mr Robertson a man of high integrity & honor, especially when it comes to the law. I admire how his personal feelings & politics are not a consideration when it comes to administering the law and justice.

Brooks M. Kelly
(406) 453-0588

September 16th, 2020


It is an honor to endorse Matthew S. Robertson as a judicial candidate for Montana's Eighth Judicial District. He has served the public faithfully since 1998 with both local and state governments.

He is the best candidate for the Eighth Judicial District. As a lifelong resident of Cascade County, he understands how decisions of law affect the community. Through his time as an attorney, he has gained a great deal of trial experience and familiarity with the issues that his community faces. He understands crime not only in a legal sense but also its more significant effect on the social fabric of the community.

He has always demonstrated fervor in his duties as a Deputy County Attorney and done everything in his power to seek justice. He has consistently shown a high degree of motivation in his work and a commitment to those victimized by crime; his ethical standards are beyond reproach and will significantly benefit the community as Eighth Judicial District Court Judge.

I am proud to support Matthew S. Robertson's candidacy to serve his community as an Eighth Judicial District Court Judge.

Sincerely,



Gary E. Arno

From: [Menzies, Lois](#)
To: [Cook, Kevin](#)
Subject: Public Comment -- Robertson
Date: Wednesday, September 16, 2020 5:25:21 PM

From: quidveritas <quidveritas@hughes.net>
Sent: Wednesday, September 16, 2020 7:11 AM
To: MT Supreme Court,
Subject: [EXTERNAL] In support of Matt Robertson

To whom it may concern:

Matt Robertson is my cousin. I have never seen him in any kind of a court room setting or acting in any kind of official capacity.

I am a defense attorney practicing in Washington State.

I have known Matt, quite literally all his life. I have had an opportunity to discuss cases in the public sphere (nothing on going, or anything to do with my practice) with him on several occasions. I have been impressed with Matt's knowledge of the Federal law relating to criminal defense and prosecutions as well as his personal dedication to seeing the rights of the accused being observed to the letter. It is often said that a judge is a "generalist" and that a judge depends on the arguments of counsel to reach a reasoned decision. That is all well and fine in a court room but a judge has duties that go beyond the court room on occasion -- such as ruling on search warrants. It takes more than a "generalist" to make a fine judge.

I think Matt's experience, knowledge and dedication to the principles of justice would make him a fine judicial candidate. It is also my impression that this particular seat on the court is located in an area where Matt has a great deal of personal knowledge of local conditions, personalities and budgets. All in all, I think you should give him some strong consideration. I am proud to give him my unqualified endorsement for the position currently under consideration.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions or if I can be of any further help in this matter.

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Michael J. Clinton
(509) 323 1111

From: [Menzies, Lois](#)
To: [Cook, Kevin](#)
Subject: Public Comment -- Robertson
Date: Sunday, September 20, 2020 4:18:33 PM

From: William Overstreet <luirru@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 18, 2020 10:37 AM
To: MT Supreme Court,
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Judicial nomination commission recommendation

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From: [Menzies, Lois](#)
To: [Cook, Kevin](#)
Subject: Public Comment -- Robertson
Date: Sunday, September 20, 2020 4:19:07 PM

From: Greg Eitzen <nerikoashke@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 18, 2020 11:19 AM
To: MT Supreme Court,
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Matt Robertson Judge Application

Your honors:

Matthew Robertson, current deputy attorney for Cascade County, is an accomplished litigator. He strives, always, to see justice carried.

I believe he is the best choice to succeed Judge Greg Pinsky on the bench. He will decide cases on their merits and I believe justice will be better served with him presiding. I urge you to consider him when making your decision.

Sincerely,

Gregory Eitzen
Cascade County resident

From: [Menzies, Lois](#)
To: [Cook, Kevin](#)
Subject: Public Comment -- Robertson
Date: Sunday, September 20, 2020 4:19:40 PM

From: Bud Robertson <pausanias2@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 18, 2020 11:42 AM
To: MT Supreme Court,
Subject: [EXTERNAL] district court judge appointment for Gt. Falls, Montana

To Whom it May Concern:

This is a letter of support for Matt Robertson for district judge in Cascade County. I am Matt's dad, a retired history teacher at CMR. Matt was born in Montana and raised in Great Falls since his first birthday. He attended Whittier School, North Middle School and C.M. Russell High School. He graduated from the University of Montana, as I did and all of his brothers and sisters. He graduated from the University of Law School and passed the Bar exam on his first try. He worked for the Department of Corrections in Helena for a few years before accepting a position as a Deputy County Attorney in Cascade County. He has had a variety of experiences, from private practice, to corrections to Deputy County attorney. He is an expert in juvenile law and has extensive knowledge and training in not only juvenile law but also youth in need of care. He has a strong sense of right and wrong, listens to both sides before making decisions. He does his best to enforce the laws of Montana.

On the personal side, he has reached out to be there for us. Fourteen years ago, we built a home that we share. We helped with care for his children and he took on the responsibilities of home repairs and designing our part of the house for us as we aged. Now I have stage 4 cancer and he has been there for me every step of the way, from going to dr. appointments when he could to helping me get up after many falls. We share a special relationship as we both hold degrees in History and share our love of military history, painting lead soldiers from many historical periods and engaging in wargames at Kelly's Komix.

Matt's knowledge of law, his work experiences and his dedication to upholding the laws of Montana would make him an excellent candidate for the position of district judge.

Thank you from Richard M. Robertson

From: [Menzies, Lois](#)
To: [Cook, Kevin](#)
Subject: Public Comment -- Robertson
Date: Sunday, September 20, 2020 4:22:45 PM

From: Jennifer Hahn <jennifer.hahn8432@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 19, 2020 10:40 PM
To: MT Supreme Court,
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Matt Robertson

To who it may concern,

I think Matt would make a great judge. I have know him over 10 years. He is a caring, king and family man. He takes his job seriously. He is fair when it comes to what the person has done and how to punish them. He has put his heart into his work.

He would be an asset to the community and also the veterans court. He help start the program. He already know what goes on and can keep that going strong.

I trust him with my life. I really hope you consider him for this.

Thank you
Jennifer Schuler
406-781-2496

September 18, 2020

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Valoree Althoff, RDH, MHA, PRP, CP
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Judicial Nomination Committee:

I am writing in reference for your consideration of Matt Robertson for filling the district court judge vacancy left by Judge Pinski. Matt and I have known each other for decades. Matt holds personal attributes that I consider imperative for the position of district court judge.

For anyone that knows Matt, they would all agree that his sense of precision and heart are overwhelming qualities he holds. Matt has an eye for seeing what others do not see. This is a quality that cannot be taught, but honed throughout life. His hobbies even include precision detail. Having a precise eye for details can be an exemplary quality for a judge because these people are taking in details that others may not see, perhaps a sense a remorse from the defendant, or guilt. It is the purview of a judge to be fair and these qualities make for a great judge.

In addition, Matt's heart is an important quality to mention. If you did not know, Matt is a father in a blended family. If there is any better way to train for being a judge, I would like to know. Matt walks the fine line of discipline and fairness every day and still finds a means to create a happy and healthy home.

These are only a few of the reasons I would like you to consider Matt Robertson for district court judge. As both a Professional Registered and Certified Parliamentarian myself, I know that it is important to maintain an unbiased rapport. I am confident Mr. Robertson will be an amazing judge for my home state of Montana.

Valoree Althoff, RDH, MHA, PRP, CP

September 19, 2020

Office of Court Administration

C/o Lois Menzies

P.O Box 203005

Helena MT 59620-3005

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to a letter of support for Matthew Robertson as Judicial Court District Judge.

I have known Matt for almost a decade. In the time that I have known him he has shown himself to be of incredible work ethic and morale quality, he is able to bring together a range of people with widely ranging opinions.

Matt has mentored many in the community, including the author of this letter, and I can say without any doubt that the lives Matt has touched both in his personal life and in the court room are changed more often than not for the better.

I believe that Matt is the best candidate for the Cascade County Judgeship.

Sincerely

Ryan. A.F. Neumann

September 18th, 2020

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

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am pleased to write this letter of recommendation in support of Matt Robertson's application for Judgeship in the Eighth Judicial District in Cascade County. I am currently a Coordinator with Native participants in both the Veteran's Treatment Court and the Adult Drug Treatment Courts here in Great Falls.

I have personally worked with Matt when I worked as a Child Protection Specialist with the State of Montana. I believe Matt's approach to case, his style in execution, and attention to detail would make him a great choice as a Judge in the Eighth Judicial District.

Please give him the utmost consideration.

Sincerely yours,



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September 18, 2020

Dear Sir/Madam,

This letter is being written in support of Matt Robertson, for District Court Judge. I have known Matt and his family for several years and found him to be an honest man, dedicated to his job and his family. Matt is current on issues and has great attention to detail. Matt has a good grasp of common sense, and his pleasures revolve around family and work.

I had an opportunity to spend several days with Matt, while he attended a convention in San Antonio from August 21 through 26, 2018. We toured the city and found common interests which involved family based hobbies, interesting tourist locations, while discussing common sense issues.

Matt is a dedicated family man, is committed to his work and has a common sense manner when dealing with issues. Without hesitation, I recommend Matt Robertson for District Judge.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Raleigh E. Meade', written in a cursive style.

Raleigh E. Meade

September 17, 2020

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to submit to you my wholehearted support for Matthew Robertson as Eighth Judicial Court District Judge.

I have had the pleasure of knowing Matt for many years. In that time, I have seen that Matt actively throws one hundred percent of himself into every project he takes on. He also has the ability to bring together a diverse group of people with a variety of different backgrounds and opinions. On the occasion that conflict arises, I have seen Matt navigate and subdue the conflict with amazing levity and tact. He manages to stay lighthearted even in very serious situations, and he radiates a passionate enthusiasm that inspires others. As judge, I believe Matt would preside with dedication, zeal, and impartiality as these are all elements of his character that I have witnessed in the time I have known him. I could not imagine a better candidate for the Cascade County Judgeship than Matthew Robertson.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sydne Frohberg". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Sydne" being more prominent than the last name "Frohberg".

Sydne Frohberg

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September 18, 2020

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To Whom it May Concern:

Please accept this *Letter of Recommendation* for Deputy County Attorney, Matthew Robertson, for Judge of the 8th Judicial District Court of Montana, in Cascade County.

During the time I have known and worked with Mr. Robertson, he has always been dedicated to the legal process. He displays professionalism in all avenues of his career and is a pleasure to work with. He is an avid writer and mentor. Whenever his colleagues have questions, whether regarding legal writing, or trial experiences, he is always willing to take the time to mentor and share his wealth of experience.

Mr. Robertson has always displayed a fair and equitable approach to prosecution. He knows when there are circumstances that make cases different and explores ways to resolve them with appropriate remedies, which involve on-going communications with opposing counsel and clients, and thinking outside the box.

Mr. Robertson is a well-rounded and a seasoned attorney. He has been involved in administrative processes with the State of Montana, he has worked private practice, and has many years working in the criminal field, youth of need of care, and youth court. These experiences make him a qualified and exceptional applicant for the Judge position. If Mr. Robertson has the opportunity to take this position, there is no doubt he would be off to a strong start with his background and knowledge. He is already familiar with the Court and the majority of attorney who appear before it.

Mr. Robertson would bring a tremendous amount of professionalism and dedication to the 8th Judicial District.

Sincerely,



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From: [Menzies, Lois](#)
To: [Cook, Kevin](#)
Subject: Public Comment -- Robertson
Date: Monday, September 21, 2020 9:48:01 PM

From: jay jay b <crzycool77@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 20, 2020 8:05 PM
To: MT Supreme Court,
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Letter of support for Matt Robertson for selection of Judge

Good evening,

I am writing this letter to encourage the community to select Mr. Robertson for the vacant spot for judge in Cascade County. Mr. Robertson has an outstanding record for each case he has been working on and demonstrated great deal of competency in each case regardless of how complex it was. His dedication has helped bring to justice several individuals that have not been law abiding citizens. Knowing Mr. Robertson, I can see his determination to complete any task he is given. He has a fair outlook on life, and is a dedicated father and a family man with strong values. Mr. Robertson enjoys all that life has to offer. The community would add an outstanding individual that would judge fairly and objectively any case he would oversee.

Thank you for your time
Jim Mowry

From: [Menzies, Lois](#)
To: [Cook, Kevin](#)
Subject: Public Comment -- Robertson
Date: Monday, September 21, 2020 9:49:27 PM

From: Dariya Mowry <dariyamowry@icloud.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 20, 2020 8:34 PM
To: MT Supreme Court,
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Letter of support for Mr. Matthew Robertson's application for the district court judge position

This is a letter to support Mr. Robertson in his pursuit of the position of the district court judge of Cascade county. Through over 10 years of close work with Mr. Robertson, he demonstrated deep knowledge and understanding of various aspects of law and it's practical application. He is dedicated to public service and safety of this community, which he demonstrated through years of service to residents of Cascade county in his current position. His attention to details, analytical skills, ability to be firm yet compassionate and thoughtful makes him a great candidate in addition to resume that outlines his education and professional qualifications that well exceed requirements for this position. I have no doubts that Mr. Robertson would make a competent and unbiased judge who will be able to carry a large caseload in a timely and organized manner if given an opportunity to serve his community in this new capacity.

Sincerely,
Dariya Mowry

From: [Menzies, Lois](#)
To: [Cook, Kevin](#)
Subject: Public Comment -- Robertson
Date: Monday, September 21, 2020 9:50:00 PM

From: Rodriguez, Randilynn <rrodriguez@cascadecountymt.gov>
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 9:50 AM
To: MT Supreme Court,
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Office of Court

To the office of Court Administrator,

Hope you are well during the current state (hopeful end) of the pandemic. My name is Randilynn Rodriguez, currently legal secretary for Cascade County where I work with attorney Matthew Robinson. I'm emailing for recommendation of Mr. Robertson's judicial position as Judge in the Eight Judicial District Court Circuit for Cascade County. Mr. Robertson has worked prior in the department of corrections as a correctional officer, while entering his work field with prosecutor at Cascade County Attorney office in 2003. Mr. Robertson (Matt) is well diverse in Adult Felony, Juvenile Justice, and Youth in Need of Care; His philosophy in juvenile cases has created a safety for offender, victim, and safety of Great Falls community. His philosophy of treatment for juvenile/adult offenders before incarceration allows opportunity for the offender to create a stable foundation and life skills to reenter the community with a broaden horizon for future jobs, goals, and accomplishments.(In some cases treatment is not always the case and the need for incarceration needs to be established, Mr. Robertson looks at all details and establishes his case with respect to the court, families, community, victims, etc.)

Getting to know Mr. Robertson as a lawyer and college he mentors with good moral character, reliable, and his laugh is contagious with a cheerful outlook. The time and effort Matt puts into answering questions from work related issues to being a source for the interns that are seeking research facts, I believe Mr. Robertson will create opportunities with good moral and high regards to the Eighth Judicial Courts of Cascade County and I look forward to his future endeavors!

Thank you for your time and efforts in all you do for the State of Montana.

Be Safe and Enjoy your fresh start of the week,

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From: [Menzies, Lois](#)
To: [Cook, Kevin](#)
Subject: Public Comment -- Robertson
Date: Monday, September 21, 2020 9:50:34 PM

From: Mathew wink <zekk_darklighter@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 7:04 PM
To: MT Supreme Court,
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Letter of support for Matt Robertson for District Judge

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21 September 2020

To whom it may concern,

I am sending this letter of support for Matt Robertson for the 8th District Court Judge. I have known Matt for the last 10 years, solely outside of the workplace. Therefore my letter will be based on a character reference and observed behavior on his free time.

In all the time I have known Matt Robertson, he has always been fair and impartial to everyone he meets, even helping opponents (in gaming) to keep the battles fair, even putting himself at risk of loss doing so. It is this honorable behavior that makes me feel he would be an excellent judge, not letting his own opinions or 'personal agendas' to interfere in the application of legal proceedings. His openness to all persons no matter their heritage or upbringing is a testament to his character. He has shown himself to me to be a kind and caring man who is honorable even when he thinks no one is watching, proving to me when placed on the spot he would only step up his already excellent character.

I apologize if this letter is rambling and possibly confusing, I am not used to typing these kinds of letters. The fact that I took this time to even try hopefully shows how much I have faith in Matt Robertson and his ability to hold the position of 8th District Court Judge.

Sincerely,

Matt Winkle

From: [Menzies, Lois](#)
To: [Cook, Kevin](#)
Subject: Public Comment -- Robertson
Date: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 10:06:58 PM

From: Jarred Whitehorn <jarreditis@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 8:04 PM
To: MT Supreme Court,
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Matt Robertson Support

To those in care of our hallowed justice system,

My name is Jarred Allen Whitehorn, it has come to my attention that a man of caliber, moral stature, and true experience is needed for the position of District Judge. Thus, it is my joy and moral

obligation to send this letter in support of Matt Robertson, a man personifying all three of the prior

listed requirements. I have known him for over 15 years, I have seen his works in the courtroom, I have

seen him as an acting pillar of the community, and I have seen him as an outstanding father and

husband to his family, a finer example of the good in humanity would be hard to find.

Now to merely list off compliments and sing the praises of a man does not entirely justify

raising someone to so high a position as District Judge, instead one should look to what merits and

accomplishments they have achieved. Many of those achievements can be easily found in his many

years as a lawyer in the courtroom, helping to assure that justice is carried out swiftly,

methodically, and without bias. I myself, when called in for jury duty, on 2 separate occasions did

witness his method put to the test in the selection process, truly it was a fair and understandable

process, even for those involved who showed great discomfort and confusion at the beginning of the

process. Should there anyone deserving of the position in question, I am certain Matt Robertson is at

the top of the list.

Thus, in conclusion, I thank you for your time and consideration, I do hope my words have contributed to the decision process. Thank you and God bless.

-Jarred Whitehorn

From: [Menzies, Lois](#)
To: [Cook, Kevin](#)
Subject: Public Comment -- Robertson
Date: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 10:07:51 PM

From: Kevin Eckhardt <eckhardtfamily6@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 8:50 PM
To: MT Supreme Court,
Subject: [EXTERNAL] District Judge - Matthew Robertson

Dear Judicial Nomination Commission

I would like to recommend Matt Robertson for the position of District Judge.

I have personally known Matt for the past 17 years. As an attorney for Cascade County, Matt has great passion for his work. He has never taken his job lightly and is compassionate about helping the youth in the community. As a former Boy Scout Scoutmaster, I often asked Matt to come speak with the boys in my troop. Matt was always willing to volunteer in any way he could.

Matt is active in the community and I have often seen him volunteering his time to help one of the local non-profits.

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

Sincerely,

Kevin Eckhardt
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From: [Menzies, Lois](#)
To: [Cook, Kevin](#)
Subject: Public Comment -- Robertson
Date: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 10:06:25 PM

From: Allen Lanning <allenplanninglaw@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 1:04 PM
To: MT Supreme Court,
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Judicial Nomination Commission c/o Lois Menzies re Matthew Robertson

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

Re: Application of Matthew S. Robertson

Dear Commission Members:

Matt Robertson is a longtime friend and colleague of mine.

We share a hobby and occasionally socialize. He is a man of integrity, and his personal character strongly aligns toward helping others.

In his role as Deputy County Attorney for Cascade County, I have practiced in the courtroom with him for almost a decade, primarily in the context of Dependent/Neglect cases, where I represent the children or parents, and Youth Court, where I represent the youths. Matt is always prepared, even though he spends even more time in the courtroom than I do. He is a strong advocate for the interests of the state, but he also understands the people - children, teens, and adults - who are involved in his cases and works tirelessly within his role within the judicial system to get to the best outcome for everyone involved, and to reach outcomes which can move troubled offenders into a better place in society, reducing recidivism.

Much of Matt's practice experience will translate well to judicial action. Matt's on the spot exercise of prosecutorial discretion that I have witnessed speaks well of his ability to make decisions under pressure taking into the totality of the circumstances, even where the just outcome may not be the intuitive one. He has drafted many proposed orders for the Court over the years. I believe he would adapt well to the role of judge.

I believe Deputy County Attorney Matthew Robestson is qualified to serve as a district court judge and would be an asset to the 8th Judicial District if he were appointed to that position, I urge you to pass on his name to Governor Bullock for final consideration. Thank you.

Allen

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September 22, 2020

Dear Judicial Nomination Commission,

It is my privilege to recommend Matthew Robertson for the 8th Judicial District seat being vacated by Judge Pinski. I had the opportunity to work closely with Matt from May 2014 through March 2019 while I was a Child Protection Specialist for DPHHS/CFSD. He was a pleasure to work with, and his knowledge and understanding of the law is impressive.

Matt is detail oriented and very thorough. One thing I always respected about Matt is he puts as much time and energy into Youth Court and Youth in Need of Care cases as he does full-fledged trials. He is an excellent attorney, and I believe whole-heartedly he would make a fantastic addition to the bench of the 8th Judicial District!

Matt has decades of experience practicing law. He knows the law inside and out. I believe Matt's experience and knowledge make him an excellent judicial nominee. Matt has twice before sought a seat on the bench. This is his time; I highly encourage the Judicial Nomination Commission to consider Matthew Robertson for the 8th Judicial District seat.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Grant A. Van Vranken". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping initial "G".

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RE: Public Comment on 8th Judicial District Judge Applicants

To the Judicial Nomination Commission:

My name is Trevor Carlson, and I have been practicing law in Central Montana since 2013. I have a solo practice in Great Falls, Montana, that provides services for criminal defense, family law, landlord-tenant law, and civil litigation. I routinely appear in about a dozen counties around the area.

I am writing this letter in support of Matthew Stuart Robertson for the Eighth Judicial District Court Judge position.

I have known Mr. Robertson since 2016, when I began representing clients adverse to him on criminal, Youth Court, and Youth in Need of Care cases in Cascade County. Mr. Robertson has always been a very friendly and approachable prosecutor. He is pragmatic and willing to listen and discuss resolution of cases, even when my client's proposed offer is a little unusual. He is also honest and straightforward. He frankly discusses the State's position on contested matters without being rude, caustic, or condescending. He does not play "gotcha" or misrepresent his position. When he has made an oral promise to me on a case, he has always been good for his word.

That is not to say he is a pushover. Mr. Robertson and I have seriously disagreed on several cases, and he did not waiver or backdown. The fact that I am willing to write this letter on his behalf despite these disagreements is a testament to his character.

Mr. Robertson is very knowledgeable about criminal, Youth Court, and Youth in Need of Care law. From time to time, I have encountered procedural matters in these cases that I am unfamiliar with. Mr. Robertson has patiently and politely explained any unknown nuances to me, and when I have checked his representations against applicable law, I have always found he accurately conveyed the law to me in our discussions. I enjoy working with prosecutors, such as Mr. Robertson, who can leave the "argument" in the courtroom and be personable with defense attorneys when off the record.

I believe Mr. Robertson has the requisite demeanor and knowledge to be a district court judge. I believe he would be fair and impartial and would take his duties very seriously. It is my opinion that he would be an excellent addition to the bench in Cascade County.

Sincerely,

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Trevor Carlson
Carlson Law, PLLC

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Judicial Nomination Commission Members,

I am writing in support of Matt Robertson for the appointment of the next 8th Judicial District Court Judge.

I first encountered Mr. Robertson as a juror sitting on a trial here in Cascade County. I later met him through his wife.

When I first met Matt, it was very clear to me that he was passionate about his work. More recently, I have had the opportunity to see Matt in a different light with my friendship with his wife, and there is not a doubt in my mind that my first impression was spot on. He works tirelessly to serve our community.

Having the opportunity to watch Matt work in his capacity of a deputy county attorney, I hope that I can offer a different perspective as an unbiased juror. The case that he was presenting was not an easy one, and he did a great job of being fair in every possible way, while also protecting the victim and ultimately getting the defendant convicted of his crime. Sitting in the gallery of the courtroom is a very different viewpoint, in comparison to sitting in the juror's seats. I learned a lot in a very short amount of time, and I came out of that experience understanding that Matt does this day in, day out, and we have been very fortunate to have him.

While it would be a huge loss to Cascade County, Matt's passion for fairness in our legal system, his dedication, and integrity should be taken to the next level. The 8th District deserves to have someone of Matt's caliber in this position.

I hope that you will find Matt to be the best candidate for this judgeship.

Sincerely,

Krista L. Smith
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September 23, 2020

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Re: Matt Robertson

Dear Judicial Nomination Commission:

Our firm has known and worked with Matt Robertson for nearly twenty (20) years. During that time we have come to know him as a fair, practical, and aggressive advocate. We have followed his personal life and gotten to know him as a father, son, and committed citizen of Great Falls.

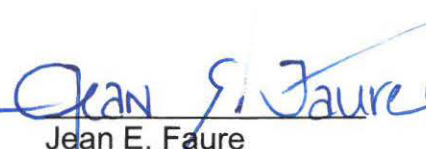
Matt has demonstrated a temperament that makes him an appropriate choice to fill the District Court position vacated by Judge Pinski. He pushes where necessary, yields where appropriate, and communicates his goals effectively. He understands efficiency but does not allow his desire to have an effective "administration" of cases overcome his search for justice.

Matt has the requisite legal knowledge and ability to transition from career prosecutor to District Court Judge. He is not afraid to learn new things, and he has the legal knowledge to manage a heavy civil docket.

Perhaps most striking is Matt's honesty. We need a judge who can honestly assess himself or herself before they are asked to pass judgment on others. Matt has the ability to disarm those in front of him by his honest assessment of the situation they all face, and this is perhaps the greatest quality that makes Matt an appropriate selection as a District Court Judge.

Very truly yours,


Jason T. Holden


Jean E. Faure


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September 23, 2020

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To whom it may concern:

I am writing this letter in support for Matt Robertson for the position of District Court Judge. My name is Kingston Small. I'm an attorney licensed in both Montana and Washington. I was formerly a public defender in Montana for several years.

I have known Mr. Robertson for nearly 20 years at this point. In that time, he has been a mentor, friend, confidant, and opponent. Outside the courtroom, he is an imaginative person who has interest in a wide array of topics. He is capable of making intelligent connections between unlike ideas that most people cannot. He is a family oriented man both in reality of his actual family as well as creating family like communities amongst the people he meets that share interests. He has been someone that I feel I could speak with on any subject and get a supportive and honest assessment.

Inside the courtroom, Mr. Robertson has been frustratingly efficient. Allow me to clarify my meaning. As a public defender, he was my direct opponent in cases. A defense attorney is constantly looking for weaknesses in the opponent's case or procedures. He had few weaknesses if any, which was consistently frustrating. Mr. Robertson would acknowledge an area where the state had less than perfect case and come up with potential resolutions to present to my clients even before I could find those same issues. So when I say frustratingly efficient, I mean such with the highest respect and awe with how he handled his cases.

Mr. Robertson would do well on the bench. I believe so, not because he is my friend, but because of how he approaches conflict resolution. He always knows his rules. He has clear and quick recognition of which rules have some wiggle room and which do not. He comes up with intelligent and often imaginative resolutions that fit clearly within both the rules as written and what the intentions of the rule creators are. He approaches conflict resolution as a constructive and inclusive process. He will make sure that each involved has their say and contributes to the ultimate product.

I would want to live in a city where Mr. Robertson is District Court Judge.

Thank you for your time,
Kingston Small

September 21, 2020

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to recommend the appointment of Matthew Robertson to the Eighth Judicial District Judge Seat. I have known Matt for many years personally and have worked with him for approximately fifteen. In my professional opinion, he has an outstanding knowledge of the law and works tirelessly for the victims of crimes in Cascade County.

As a Deputy Sheriff, Matt was unbelievably helpful in my investigations of cases ranging from homicides to misdemeanor thefts and all points in between. He worked tirelessly for the victims of crimes and was always empathetic toward those who were victimized.

As a former member of the 8th Judicial District Juvenile Drug Court and as a Deputy Juvenile Probation Officer I have personally observed Matt advocate for juveniles who are involved in the criminal justice system. He understands that although many of these juveniles have committed crimes there are many times, underlying issues that need to be addressed so that an outcome can be reached which benefits the child.

The above attributes cannot be taught in a school. They can only be learned inside the courtroom and by meeting with individuals in need, whether they be defendant or victim.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Matthew W. Darlington', is written over the typed name.

Matthew W. Darlington, MS
Deputy Juvenile Probation Officer, 8th Judicial District
Teton County Deputy Sheriff, Retired

Cook, Kevin

From: Menzies, Lois
Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2020 10:21 PM
To: Cook, Kevin
Subject: Public Comment -- Robertson

From: Matthew Doane <matthewjdoane@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2020 1:07 PM
To: MT Supreme Court,
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Letter of Support for Matt Robertson for District Judge

To whom it may concern,

I support Matthew Robertson in becoming a District Judge. Over the year I have known him I have witnessed his ability as an attorney. I have found that he is intelligent, knows the law, is hard working, and maintains a high ethical standard. These same characteristics are what I believe will make him a fine choice for a District Judge.

Sincerely,

Matthew Doane

Cook, Kevin

From: Menzies, Lois
Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2020 10:21 PM
To: Cook, Kevin
Subject: Public Comment -- Robertson

From: Jason Dieter <jasonadieter1971@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2020 10:16 AM
To: MT Supreme Court,
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Matt Robertson recommendation

I just wanted to voice my support for Matt Robertson taking over the rest of Judge Pinski's term. Matt was one of the first people I met when I moved to Great Falls three years ago. Having spent time with him and his family I think he would be a perfect fit as a judge. I am a fourth generation police officer and have seen my share of judges both good and bad. Matt is really grounded and listens well. Even if we differ on opinions he respects and will listen to mine. A rare trait these days. Having met his family and parents I can see where he got many of his great traits and respect for people. He is a very modest man and very good father for his kids. He really is a warm, friendly, gracious, generous friend to me. I appreciate all he does as a prosecutor and think he would be a perfect fit as a judge. Thank you for your time. If you have any more questions please feel free to contact me anytime:

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Sent from my iPhone

Cook, Kevin

From: Menzies, Lois
Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2020 10:20 PM
To: Cook, Kevin
Subject: Public Comment -- Robertson

From: Chris Walker <cwalker172@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 10:46 PM
To: MT Supreme Court,
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Letter of recommendation for Matt Robertson

To whom it may concern:

I have known Matt Robertson for about 3 years in both volunteer and personal settings.

We worked together as volunteers in the Great Falls' volunteer housing program, Neighborworks. During that time, I witnessed Matt Robertson working in a logical, organized fashion as part of a team, and also leading and directing that team on the job site fairly and reasonably.

In my personal life, I have known him as a friend that has helped organize and run several state-wide gaming events and taken part in both games and conversation with him. I often seek him out for his ability to focus on what the key issues are behind a question and for his ability to discuss and understand both sides of the issue. We even had the opportunity for Matt Robertson to inform us about actual court cases' precedence during a board game that asked the players to play as jury members in court cases (ex: a court case that dealt with land being created at a beach due to shifting tidal patterns depositing sand and creating additional real estate for multiple parties). Overall, I think that Matt Robertson would be very well suited to the position of District Judge due to all the reasons above.

Christopher Walker

9/23/20

To whom it may concern:

I would like to endorse Matthew Robertson for the judicial vacancy out of the 8th judicial district. I have worked professionally with Matt for the last 8 years. Matt has always displayed the even and fair temperament that is required of a judge but has also shown his extensive knowledge of the law relating to all sectors of it. What I believe sets him apart from other applicant's is his unwavering passion for legal system and his continued desire to serve a district court judge and not being dissuaded by previous attempts. Matt Robertson has not only served his community as a prosecutor for many years but has also been heavily involved with our local business'. I hope the judicial committee and governor can give Matt Robertson sincere consideration for this position.

Thank you,

Amanda Ball

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Via Email (mtsupremecourt@mt.gov)

Judicial Nomination Commission

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Office of Court Administrator

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Re: Letter of Recommendation for Matthew S. Robertson, Esq.
For the position of district court judge, Eighth Judicial District (Cascade County)

Dear Sir or Ma'am:

I am a Trial Attorney for the U.S. Department of the Air Force, Commercial Litigation Field Support Center (AF/JACQ). I have over a decade's worth of experience with Defense procurement, from source selections and contract administration to bid protest and contract dispute adjudication. I have been representing the U.S. Department of the Air Force in bid protests and contract disputes since June 2017. Prior to that, I was a Staff Attorney at the Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals (ASBCA) for nearly four years. As a Presidential Management Fellow, I served as an Air Force contract specialist at the Space and Missile Systems Center at Los Angeles Air Force Base, CA. I am honored and delighted to submit this letter of recommendation for my good friend and esteemed colleague, Mr. Matthew Robertson.

I have known Mr. Robertson for over 15 years. When I first met him, I was not a lawyer. I was an Air Force officer, regularly responsible for the command and control of more than four billion dollars in nuclear weapon systems assets across the entire Malmstrom Air Force Base missile complex. I came to know Mr. Robertson through our mutual interest in tabletop miniature wargaming; we were both members of the same social wargaming club in Great Falls. I came to love wargaming as a cadet at the United States Air Force Academy, where I was my class's top graduate in Military Strategic Studies. Mr. Robertson was taught to appreciate strategy, and the value of wargaming to teach as well as to play, from his father, a history teacher. I quickly came to value Mr. Robertson's charming wit and clever, friendly banter, and I learned to respect his astute ability to identify issues, locate the pertinent rule (in a voluminous and oftentimes ambiguous, and even contradictory, set of rules). During one such vigorous rules debate, Mr. Robertson, acting in the role of rules judge for a tournament attended by Montanans from all over the state, not only identified the contentious rule but interpreted it clearly for both parties – and in the process encouraged me to go to law school, myself.

Mr. Robertson clearly possesses all of the most desirable traits of a good judge, particularly at the trial level. As an ASBCA Staff Attorney, I worked hand-in-hand with ASBCA judges to draft decisions involving the entire spectrum of public procurement issues, including services contracting, contingency contracting, and construction contracting. Working with these administrative judges, each a brilliant jurist and subject matter expert, I came to understand that a good judge is able to discern the key facts and applicable law in order to reach a result that is not only correct as a matter of law, but as a matter of fairness and equity. Mr. Robertson understands this, and with his broad range of experience – from contracts to

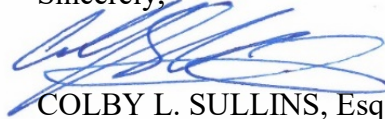
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criminal law – he would be able to hear the full range of cases and decide the matters fairly.

Mr. Robertson is the ideal choice for this position. I am excited to recommend him with my very highest recommendation. Please feel free to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure (1):

1. Resume, Colby L. Sullins, Autumn 2020.