

From: [Stephen Pohl](#)
To: [Bird, Rob](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Application of William Fanning for Associate Water Judge
Date: Thursday, January 9, 2025 4:48:21 PM

Dear Mr. Bird:

It is with great pleasure that I submit this comment in support of the application of William C. Fanning for the position of Associate Water Judge at the Montana Water Court.

I first became acquainted with Bill shortly before he graduated from law school in 2014 while I was handling a legal matter for his spouse. He often shared his experiences with me while he worked as a Water Master at the Water Court in Bozeman in the year following his graduation, and after he left that position and started a private water law practice, I had the pleasure of working with him and his then partner on some of their cases over a period of several months.

Although brief, that experience and my observations of Bill's diligent representation of his clients and his work product, as well as discussions we have had about his work since that time, have confirmed my opinion that Bill is a highly qualified, skilled and ethical attorney, and the best candidate of all those who have applied for the Water Master position.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

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