

January 7, 2025

Montana Supreme Court, Chief Justice  
Montana Supreme Court  
215 N. Sanders Street  
Helena, MT 59601

Via email: [rbird@mt.gov](mailto:rbird@mt.gov)

Re: Associate Montana Water Court Judge – Letter of Support for William C. Fanning

Honorable Chief Justice:

We, with our full confidence and pleasure, support William C. Fanning for the position of Associate Judge for the Montana Water Court.

Our family Ranch/Farm was established in July 1901. Currently we operate as Windmill Livestock (1980).


Throughout the generations we have learned the importance and value of protecting our water rights. We have been clients with Bill Fanning for a number of years, both capitalizing on his detailed expertise with our family ranch water rights and our affiliation as a member of our local water supply company.

Bill Fanning has positive work ethics, a calm articulate manner with excellent communication skills. Bill will go the extra mile to understand a clients history of water usage needed for the Montana Adjudication process.

Again we are honored to support the appointment of William C. Fanning to the position of Associate Montana Water Court Judge.

Sincerely,

  
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