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*Via email*

Chief Justice Mike McGrath  
Montana Supreme Court  
215 North Sanders Street  
Helena, MT 59601  
bmclaughlin@mt.gov

RE: Letter of Support – Anna M. Stradley, applicant for Associate Water Judge

Dear Chief Justice McGrath:

This letter is in support of Senior Water Master Anna M. Stradley's second application for the position of Associate Water Judge. I am pleased to file this comment supporting Ms. Stradley as Associate Water Judge. Her eighteen years of water master adjudication at the Water Court are a testament to her fitness and ability to serve as Associate Water Judge.

I became acquainted with Anna as a friend first in 2005, and later as an esteemed colleague in her work with access to justice with the Bozeman Gallatin Legal Assistance Clinic (GLAC) from 2017 through 2020. The GLAC Clinic provided limited legal assistance to low-income family law clients from Gallatin County and beyond.

Our Clinic depended on a loyal roster of attorneys who provided pro bono services to those clients on a monthly basis. Ms. Stradley was one of the few non-family law attorneys who consistently volunteered, even though divorce and parenting plans were far from her area of expertise. Her humility, compassion and perseverance with sometimes challenging clients stood out to me.

I am confident that Ms. Stradley's demonstrated care for her community as well as her technical expertise in water adjudication will make her an outstanding Associate Water Judge. I recommend her without reservation.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Pamela G. Poon