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Re: Madeleine Weisz's Application for Associate Water Court Judge

Your Honor,

I write in support of Maddy Weisz's application for Associate Water Court Judge. I first met Maddy when she applied to be a student associate for my law firm in the summer of 2012. I wasn't necessarily looking to hire anyone for the summer, but Maddy's enthusiasm, energy, and intellect stood out immediately and I offered her the position.

Maddy worked with me on a variety of cases and gained experience working on landlord/tenant disputes, real property issues, and criminal matters, among other things. During her time with my office, she had the opportunity to attend a jury trial, participate in site inspections, sit in on mediations, and draft multiple court filings.

Even after only a year of law school, Maddy was already an exceptional legal thinker. She had a knack for being able to see the bigger picture and to conceptualize complex legal questions in a way that helped clarify the issues. We spent many afternoons debating the best way to formulate an argument in support of our clients, and I appreciated her candor and her ability to hold her own in those discussions.

What always impressed me most about Maddy is her ability to write in a way that is clear and easy to understand, while seamlessly incorporating the relevant facts and law. It was because of her writing skills that I asked her to continue to work with me once she returned to law school after the close of the summer. She worked for me off and on until she graduated in 2014, highlighting her ability to juggle multiple responsibilities, producing quality work while maintaining a full course load.

It is without hesitation that I recommend Maddy for the position of Associate Water Court Judge. She is disciplined, intelligent, compassionate, and driven. She would be an asset to the Judiciary and the people of Montana.

Sincerely,
Rhett Nemelka

