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Re: Matt Robertson

Dear Ms. Slusser:

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 gotten to know him as a family man and committed citizen of Great Falls. Matt is earnest and wants to be a District Court Judge.

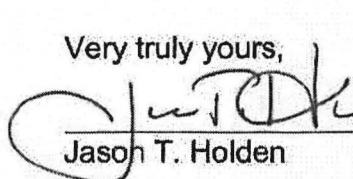
Matt has demonstrated a temperament that makes him an appropriate choice to fill the open Cascade County District Court position. He pushes where necessary, yields where appropriate, and communicates his goals effectively. He understands efficiency but does not allow his desire to have an effective "administration"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

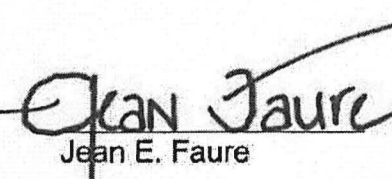
Matt has the requisite legal knowledge and ability to transition from career prosecutor to District Court Judge. He is not afraid to learn new things, and he has the legal knowledge to manage a heavy case docket.

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. This is perhaps the greatest quality that makes Matt an appropriate selection as a District Court Judge.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,


Jason T. Holden


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June 29, 2021

Judicial Nomination Commission
c/o Hannah Slusser
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BY ELECTRONIC MAIL

Re: Matthew Robertson

Dear Commission Members:

I have known Matthew Robertson for several years. Although I do not often practice in criminal law, I know Mr. Robertson has a good reputation for being a diligent and effective prosecutor. After reviewing Mr. Robertson's application last time a judicial position was open, I was surprised to learn that he has a very diverse background, which would help him to excel as a judge.

Recently I had the pleasure of hosting a judicial forum which Mr. Robertson participated in. Mr. Robertson did a very good job of addressing his background in civil litigation and explaining how he would help to keep cases moving in our county. Of course, the majority of work in our county is criminal work, but I have confidence that Mr. Robertson would be well equipped to handle both criminal and civil matters given his experience and ambition.

While I have written letters of support for other applicants as well, I can say with confidence that Mr. Robertson would be a quality judge if selected. I would strongly encourage the board to consider Mr. Robertson's application as he is very familiar with the Cascade County Bar and the legal needs of our community.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any additional questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
SMITH OBLANDER & MEADE, PC

/s/
Matthew T. Meade

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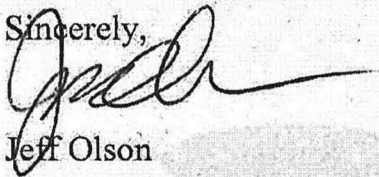
Judicial Advisory Committee,

This letter is in regards to Matthew Robertson's candidacy for District Judge in the Eighth Judicial District, Cascade County. Since 2003, I have been opposing counsel on hundreds of cases in which Matt prosecuted criminal, Youth Court, and dependent neglect proceedings. I also worked for a number of years with Matt on the treatment teams for the various treatment courts in Cascade County, including eight years with the Eighth Judicial District Juvenile Drug Treatment Court.

I have found Matt to be honest, fair-minded, and hard working. He is knowledgeable in multiple areas of the law which comprise a bulk of the district court caseload. I am particularly impressed with Matt's commitment to working for the betterment of youth in our community. Matt was a dedicated, long-time member of the Juvenile Drug Treatment Court team, where he collaborated with a number of professionals to provide resources for troubled kids and their families and improve community safety.

Matt certainly has the knowledge, experience, and integrity to be a fine district court judge. I encourage the committee to give Matt strong consideration for the position.

Sincerely,

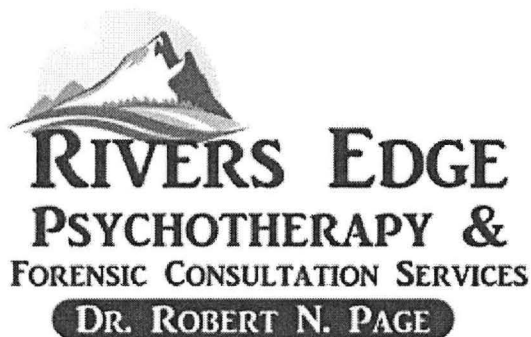


Jeff Olson

Slusser, Hannah

From: docp <docp2008@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 28, 2021 11:48 AM
To: NominateJudges
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Matthew Robertson

Hello Nomination Committee. I would like to encourage the appointment of Matthew Robertson as 8th Judicial District Judge. I have been honored to work with Mr. Robertson for many years and found that he is objective, professional, and balanced. I believe that he would be a valuable asset to the 8th district as well as the state of Montana. He has a diverse set of skills and knowledge including YINC, Juvenile, and general criminal matters. I strongly support him as the new district judge in Cascade County. Thank you so much for your consideration. Dr. Robert Page



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Slusser, Hannah

From: Dariya Mowry <dariyamowry@icloud.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 26, 2021 4:47 PM
To: NominateJudges
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Letter in support of Matthew S. Robertson for new Cascade county judge

This is a letter in support of Matthew Robertson's application for the position of the judge in 8th Judicial Court of Cascade county.

Mr. Robertson dedicated many years of his career to public service as an attorney for Cascade County. His experience in criminal court, juvenile court, and Youth in Need of Care proceedings provide versatile experience and in depth understanding of various aspects of the law. These qualities, as well as commitment to public service, make Mr. Robertson an exceptional candidate for this position. Working with him for the past 12 years gives me full confidence in his abilities to be an excellent judge who will work tirelessly for the good of this community.

Sincerely,
Dariya Mowry

Judicial Nomination Commission
Attention Hannah Slusser
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13 June 2021

Dear Judicial Nomination Commission,

It gives me immense pleasure to recommend Mr. Robertson for the position as a Judge with the Eighth Judicial District. I have known Matt for forty years and know him to be exceptionally articulate and perceptive. I have worked with him and the youth whom he has prosecuted and witnessed to have sound judicial acumen. During his work at the 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 selected 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 drug use and demonstrated his compassion for the juveniles in the program.

He is a dedicated and tireless public servant who displays a passion for justice. His experience as a former Special Assistant Attorney General and Deputy Cascade County Attorney makes him the most experienced candidate for this position and the wisest choice! In addition, I've observed Mr. Robertson's moral character and witnessed his impeccable integrity. I firmly believe he is the most enlightened choice and perfect fit for the Eighth Judicial District position. I recommend Matt Robertson without reservation. The state of Montana and Cascade County would be well served by having him as a district court judge.

Should you need further information, I remain at your disposal. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Chris Hanson
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Slusser, Hannah

From: J HK <jennifer.keith@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 11, 2021 3:39 PM
To: NominateJudges
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Supporting Matt Robertson for district court judge

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 the justice system works 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

Attn: Hannah Slusse,
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Re: *Matthew Robertson, candidate for appointment to 8th Judicial District Court*
Via E-mail: nominatejudges@mt.gov

Dear Governor Gianforte,

I write in support of Matthew Robertson's application for nomination to the vacant judge position with the 8th Judicial District. Matt would be an asset to the 8th Judicial District. He has a wealth of legal knowledge and experience, as well as the temperament that would make him a fair, considerate judge. Matt has a wide range of legal experience that spans almost 30 years. He is one of the most versatile attorneys I have worked with, with an uncanny ability to join the fray in the middle of the action and assist co-counsel in reaching a successful outcome. This important skill of being able to come up to speed quickly and effectively is an incredibly important skill, given the high caseloads of the judges in Cascade County.

I worked directly with Matt for over 4 years. During that time, he never failed to conduct himself as a team player, a fierce advocate, and an effective litigator. Matt is one the foremost experts in juvenile justice in the state, as he helped write the Criminally Convicted Youth Act. Additionally, Matt has a breadth of experience in the area of Youth in Need of Care. These two areas of expertise truly set Matt apart from the other applicants, as any judge in Cascade County must deal with these two areas of law on a regular basis. Cascade County has been crippled by child abuse and neglect, and Matt would be an asset to the bench as a judge who has firsthand experience in dealing with this challenging area of the law. Matt has proven himself to be an effective litigator time and time again in both criminal and civil law. He has taken countless cases to jury trial, another factor that sets him apart from the other applicants.

As a judge, Matt would respectfully and carefully consider both sides and come to a fair decision that serves justice. In my time working with Matt, he had many opportunities to advocate for the more extreme outcome. Instead, he would consistently advocate for justice, whether that involved mercy and compassion, or community protection and incarceration of an offender. I strongly recommend Matt for this position and urge you to consider his application.

Respectfully,

Carolyn Mattingly
Attorney at Law

Slusser, Hannah

From: Maeyhem Violette <maeyhemviolette@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 9, 2021 9:14 AM
To: NominateJudges
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Matthew Robertson

Categories: Green Category

Good morning,

I am writing to express my support of Matthew Robertson. He is knowledgeable, impartial, and an absolute professional. We would be lucky to have him.

Thank you,

Andrea M Alfson

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android [go.onelink.me]

Slusser, Hannah

From: jay jay b <crzycool77@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 8, 2021 9:27 PM
To: NominateJudges
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Letter of confidence for Mr. Matt Robertson for consideration of judge for Cascade County, Montana

Greetings Governor Gianforte and distinguished panel,

I am writing this letter to encourage the commity 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 demonstrsted 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 biding 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 commity would add an outstanding individual that would judge fairly and objectively any case he would oversee.

Thank you for your time
Jim Mowry

Slusser, Hannah

From: TJ Wanken <t_wanken@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 8, 2021 10:59 AM
To: NominateJudges
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Judicial nomination

To whom it may concern,

After reviewing each applicants application for the Eight Judicial District Judge position I believe that Mathew S. Robertson would be the best suited for this judgeship.

Thank You,
TJ Wanken

Slusser, Hannah

From: jason stephenson <jasons8166@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, June 4, 2021 6:37 PM
To: NominateJudges
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Judge nomination 8th district

After looking over each of the applicants, I believe non of them are what Montana needs in our judges. We don't need more criminal lawyers & specially don't need more prosecutors as judges. We need individuals that understand not just the law, but the state & federal constitution, & non of these have that. If we are to protect Montana's individual liberties & the great strides we have made towards that in the last 6 months, then these applicants should not be affirmed. Judges are expected to be impartial, but considering that these individuals have represented the government in it's defense or as it's lawyer representing it in prosecution of citizens, no reasonable person would expect them to be impartial. I believe because of their service in government that there would be a conflict of interest, leaning in favor of the government rather it be in criminal matters or civil matters. It would be more beneficial to the citizens to leave the set open, then to affirm any of these to this high position of power.

Sincerely
Jason Stephenson