

From: [Mari Brant](#)
To: [NominateJudges](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Letter of support
Date: Saturday, December 28, 2024 9:26:13 PM

Greetings:

This letter is being written in support of Charity Sue McLarty, in her quest to be appointed as the Seventh Judicial District Judge.

As a former colleague of Ms. McLarty, I can attest to her commitment of conduct, professionalism, and adherence to her passion as an attorney.

Ms. McLarty was the epitome of leadership in her private practice. She was not only was above board and unbiased with her clients, she took the time to mentor and instruct me on office protocol and court decorum.

As the Richland County Attorney, She is a team player within the legal community as well as respectful and respected with and by her law enforcement associates.

I maintain, with no hesitation, that Charity would be an asset within Eastern Montana as the Seventh Judicial District Judge.

Sincerely submitted,

Mari C. Brant

Glendive, MT 59330

From: [Frank Wright](#)
To: [NominateJudges](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL]
Date: Tuesday, January 7, 2025 6:27:44 AM

I am writing in support of Charity Sue McLarty. After much research, she is the person best qualified for the job. We need court back in the courtroom, not over zoom, and she is the person to do this.

Frank Wright

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"Breaking Up Shouldn't Break The Bank"

January 6, 2025

Greg Gianforte, Governor of Montana

PO Box 200801,

Helena, MT 59620-0801

Dear Governor Gianforte,

I am writing today to express my strong support for Mr. Brett Irigoin, Ms. Charity McLarty, and Mr. John Hrubes for the 7th Judicial District Judgeship. During my tenure as Law Clerk for Judge Simonton and Judge Rieger from 2016 to 2021 in Glendive, I had the distinct privilege of observing Mr. Irigoin, Ms. McLarty, and Mr. Hrubes in court.

All three candidates consistently demonstrated exceptional qualities, including thorough preparation, humility, patience, kindness, ethical integrity, and a tireless work ethic. They possess the requisite experience, legal knowledge, intelligence, research skills, attention to detail, and judicial temperament necessary to excel in this important role. Additionally, their deep connection to the local community and its support underscores their ability to maintain the trust of the people they serve and to be re-elected in the future.

I am confident that any of these three individuals would understand the importance of managing an efficient docket and serving the people of the 7th Judicial District with distinction. I have no doubt that they would bring honor, dignity, and fairness to the bench, making a meaningful and positive impact on the judiciary.

In contrast, I am unable to provide a recommendation for Mr. Herring. During my eight years of service with the Judicial Branch, I have not met Mr. Herring or observed him in court. Additionally, the writing samples he submitted—dated 1994, 1995, and 2017—do not reflect recent or relevant engagement with District Court work. By comparison, Mr. Irigoin, Ms. McLarty, and Mr. Hrubes have demonstrated far more substantial and timely experience in this arena.

Thank you for considering my perspective as you make this important appointment. Should you require any additional information or insights, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Nathalia G. Collins, Esq.

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing this letter on behalf of Ms. Charity McLarty. I have worked closely with Ms. McLarty for the past 8 years on both a professional and personal level. Honesty, communication, integrity, good communication, fairness, and passion are a few qualities that come to mind when I think of Charity. I have witnessed firsthand her commitment to fairness and dedication to upholding the rule of the law. I am confident that Charity would make a remarkable addition to the judiciary system and serve the public with dignity, fairness, and distinction.

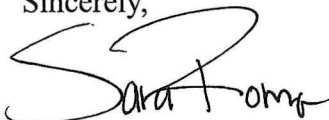
In my capacity as a school administrator, I have had the privilege of collaborating with Ms. McLarty on numerous legal matters. Throughout our professional relationship, Charity consistently demonstrates professionalism and an understanding of the legal system that goes well beyond her years. She is fair and consistent and remains calm in stressful situations. She is thoughtful in her decisions while communicating clearly to all parties involved. Her analytical skills, integrity, and professionalism are what make her rise above all others.

I have also used Charity on a personal level. No matter the capacity she is in, her passion for justice is what makes her unique. She has a wealth of knowledge about the law, and this shows her demonstration and commitment to improving access to justice for everyone. She is very level headed with her decision-making and isn't afraid to have hard conversations. Charity's guidance and dedication to the judiciary systems makes her above all others.

In conclusion, I have no doubt that Charity will excel in the role of District Judge. Her integrity, work ethic, and passion for justice are just a few of the qualities that will make her an asset in any court. I strongly recommend her for the position of District Judge. I am confident that she will make a lasting impression on any jurisdiction that she is part of.

Thank you for your consideration. If you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sara Romo". The signature is stylized with a large, looping "S" and a cursive "R".

Sara Romo

Central School Principal - 406-433-4080

Dear Governor Gianforte,

I am pleased to write this letter in support of Charity McLarty for the position of District Judge for Richland County in Sidney, MT. I have had the privilege of knowing Charity for the past six years, and during that time, I have come to know her well and hold her in high regard.

Charity has served as County Attorney in Sidney since June 2022. She is a quick learner, diligent, and consistently reliable. She values honesty, integrity, and demonstrates a strong commitment to public service. Charity is known for her fairness, humility, and tireless work ethic. She is not afraid to tackle challenges head-on, and she ensures that every case she prosecutes is handled with fairness and dedication, always striving to see that justice is served.

While Charity is not originally from Montana, she has dedicated her career to practicing Montana law for the past 13 years. Her passion for the state is evident in her efforts to make it a better place to live and work. I firmly believe that Charity would be an invaluable asset to the judicial system and would serve Richland County with distinction.

I strongly encourage you to consider Charity McLarty for the position of District Judge and am confident she will make a significant and positive impact.

Sincerely,

Michelle Lane

Owner at Little Bugs Preschool/Jitterbugs Preschool and Daycare

Michelle_byer_33@hotmail.com

406-480-2502

January 7, 2025

Dear Governor Gianforte,

My name is Savannah Hanson, I am the Clerk of District Court in McCone County. McCone County is part of Department Two along with Richland County within the Seventh Judicial District. I am writing to express my concerns, opinions, and recommendation for the upcoming Judge appointment.

There are four candidates who are seeking the position. Two of the four candidates live in Dawson County, and two live in Richland County. In my professional and personal opinion, it would be beneficial if the appointed Judge lived in Richland County since that is where the majority of the workload will take place.

The citizens, taxpayers, and parties in Court proceedings along with myself would like a Judge that will be in person for hearings and bring back courtroom etiquette and professionalism. McCone County has not had a Judge in person for a hearing since January of 2020. I realize the Covid pandemic played a part of that for a while, but it is time to get back into the Courtroom.

The appointment should be made to the candidate who has experience in all aspects of the multiple types of cases including jury trial experience. The Clerk of Court's Office has been implemented with Full Court Enterprise, which is the program used by Clerks, Attorneys and Judges for filing cases and it would be highly beneficial if the candidate has experience and knowledge of this program. This program is an important key to the daily operations of the Clerk of Court's Office. I noticed not one candidate expressed that they have experience or use of this program. However, I do know that at least two of the candidates are using Full Court Enterprise. Those two candidates are Brett Irigoin and Charity McLarty.

Several candidates have received letters of recommendation from citizens in Dawson County. Although Dawson County is in the Seventh Judicial District, this appointment is for the Judge position in Department two that would mainly handle cases in Richland and McCone County. Financially it would be smart if the Judge did not have to travel from Dawson County to Richland County daily and if they aren't planning on driving daily, then I would assume they would appear by zoom, which is not what the people want. I understand in certain circumstances where zoom would be beneficial but for most hearings, I feel the Judge should be present in the Courtroom.

As the Clerk of District Court in McCone County, I have had the privilege of working with most of the candidates and have had firsthand knowledge of their work ethic, experience, and professionalism. I have nothing personally against any of the applicants but, professionally, I feel that the best candidate for the position at this time would be Charity McLarty. I would hope that you would take Charity McLarty as a serious consideration to fill the vacancy in Department Two for the Seventh Judicial District.

Charity McLarty is professional, hardworking, honest, has experience with Full Court Enterprise, different areas of law and cases, courtroom experience, jury trials, and would be an asset to our

department. I have no doubt that Charity would be impartial, fair, and excel as the Judge for the Seventh Judicial District and it would be an honor to work with her.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at 406-939-0119.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Savannah Hanson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Savannah Hanson
Clerk of District Court
McCone County



January 13, 2025

Office of the Governor
ATTN: Hannah Slusser
PO Box 200801
Helena, MT 59620

Dear Governor Gianforte,

It is my sincere pleasure to write this letter in support of Ms. Charity McLarty for Seventh Judicial District Judgeship. I have witnessed first-hand Charity's exemplary and extensive knowledge of the law. She is professional to all she associates with, works with, and represents. Charity is honest and fair and treats everyone with the utmost respect and compassion. Her passion for law, her hard work ethic and her well-rounded knowledge of case law makes her a great candidate to fill this vacancy.

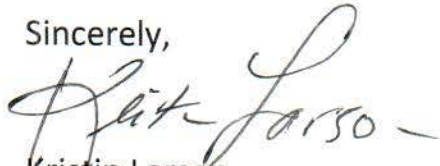
Charity has worked on both sides as a prosecuting and defense attorney. This has provided her with valuable experience, experience that will make her an exceptionally good judge. Charity has the integrity and work ethic to take on a very heavy workload with preciseness, thoroughness, and attention to detail. Her genuine personality, her commonsense approach, and her ability to stay calm in tough situations make her a great candidate.

Charity makes her home in Sidney Montana and is active in the community. She works tirelessly as our District Attorney to provide justice for the residents of Richland County.

I highly recommend Charity for this Judgeship. Charity is dedicated to the values of impartiality and justice, and embodies the qualities we seek in a judge.

Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me with any further questions.

Sincerely,

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Kristin Larson

Prewitt & Company LLC

Sidney, MT

406-480-5139

January 10, 2025

Letter of Support for Attorney Charity McLarty

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my support for Attorney Charity McLarty in her candidacy for the Seventh Judicial District Judgeship. As someone that has had the privilege of knowing Ms. McLarty personally and professionally, I am confident that she is not only qualified but uniquely equipped to serve our community with fairness, integrity, and compassion.

Ms. McLarty is a devoted mother, a cornerstone of our community, and a proven leader. Her ability to balance the demands of family life while remaining deeply integrated into the fabric of our community is a testament to her resilience, empathy, and strong moral compass. These qualities are not just admirable—they are essential in a judge who must weigh complex issues and deliver impartial decisions that impact lives.

Over the years, Ms. McLarty has demonstrated her commitment to serving our community through legal advocacy, serving as county attorney and treatment court prosecutor. As an educator, I have had the privilege of observing Ms. McLarty's unwavering advocacy for students on cases where she championed their well-being. Her dedication to ensuring that every child's needs are met with fairness and compassion has been both inspiring and impactful. Her unwavering dedication to justice, coupled with her ability to connect with people from all walks of life, makes her the kind of leader we need on the bench.

What sets Ms. McLarty apart is her deep understanding of the challenges and triumphs faced by families and individuals in our community. She brings a unique perspective that ensures all voices are heard and respected in her courtroom. With her extensive legal experience and proven track record of advocating for the vulnerable, she is undoubtedly the most electable and qualified candidate for this role. I wholeheartedly believe that Ms. McLarty will bring honor, wisdom, and compassion to the judiciary.

Sincerely,

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Jordanne Huffman

Sidney MT, 59270

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January 10, 2025

Dear Governor Gianforte,

I am writing to express my support for Charity McLarty's application for the position of 7th Judicial District Court Judge. Over the past four years, I have worked closely with Ms. McLarty and have observed her professionalism, dedication, and thoughtful approach to her work.

In my role as Chief Juvenile Probation Officer, I have collaborated with Ms. McLarty on several community-based teams. She consistently demonstrates a willingness to contribute, helping team members develop effective plans to address challenging cases and achieve positive outcomes for our community. Her ability to navigate complex situations with fairness and integrity stands out.

I believe Ms. McLarty has the experience, sound judgment, and commitment to fairness necessary to succeed as a 7th Judicial District Court Judge. I am confident that she will approach this role with the same dedication and thoughtfulness that she has consistently shown in her work.

Very Respectfully,

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Lauren Weiland

To Governor Greg Gianforte

1-12-25

I want to thank you for a great job the last 4 years. I believe you and the Att Gen Knutson are helping all of us. We have had a corrupt governor, Att Gen Fox and fudge in Montana. I had two cases in the Supreme Court and won.

I am writing to you about nominating Charity Sue McLarty to the 7th district as fudge. She is honest, caring and true to the rule of law. She will serve the public with honor and conviction. Charity won't be bought or bend for power. She will renew the trust in the system. And not violate our rights. I can't say that about anyone else. She is the Best.

Now we have the Best Governor and Att General. And the Best Sheriff and his deputies, the Best County Commissioners, and the Best Super Hardcore doctor Council. We need the Best fudge. Charity Sue McLarty.

Please nominate her so we have the Best in Montana that money or power can't buy.

Thank you!

Laurie

Please Fax this to 406-444-4151

From: [Amanda Olson](#)
To: [NominateJudges](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Charity Sue McLarty for Seventh Judicial District Judge
Date: Thursday, January 16, 2025 4:39:38 PM

Charity Sue McLarty for Seventh Judicial District Judge

I have known Ms. McClarty for well over ten years. I know her as an attorney as well as an individual. She is hard working, trustworthy, respectful, and fair. Her expansive knowledge of the law is widespread; from criminal defense and prosecution, to parenting plans, to civil cases, she is well versed in the law. Not only is she dedicated to the law and to justice, she has a vast enthusiasm and passion for it. She represents her community, and has represented all of Eastern Montana, extremely well. Her experience and qualifications, as well as her remarkable professional and personal reputation, make her the best for Seventh Judicial District Judge.

Sincerely,

Amanda Olson

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From: [Shandor Badaruddin](#)
To: [NominateJudges](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Seventh Judicial District Applications
Date: Tuesday, January 14, 2025 3:51:23 PM

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to recommend Charity McLarty for the position she has applied, District Judge for Montana's Seventh Judicial District.

In her capacity of County Attorney, Ms. McLarty prosecutes persons for crimes for which a Judge has found sufficient evidence for a case to proceed against them. I have found Ms. McLarty to be both tenacious and compassionate depending on what the case requires of her office. She is also knowledgeable of the law and possesses a strong command of all relevant facts. She manages her staff effectively and she has staffed her positions with persons who always made the best impression on the persons like me who must conduct business with the Office of the County Attorney. I am confident she can do the same with the Office of District Court Judge.

Ms. McLarty also meets the higher standard of ethics and professionalism that Montana Rule of Professionalism Rule 3.8 imposes upon prosecutors. In my experience, Ms. McLarty has been both an advocate for the Government's position as well as worked to make sure that justice is served.

I am confident she would make an effective and dependable district court judge and she would work hard to complete the Court's business in a timely and efficient manner.

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From: [Mr. nobody](#)
To: [NominateJudges](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Charity McLarty for Seventh Judicial District Judge
Date: Thursday, January 16, 2025 2:10:06 PM

Office of the Governor
ATTN: Hannah Slusser
P.O. Box 200801
Helena, MT 59620

Dear Governor Gianforte,

It is with the utmost pleasure that I write this letter in support of Ms. Charity McLarty for the Seventh Judicial District Judgeship. I have known Charity for the years she has been in Eastern Montana and have become well acquainted with her both on a personal and a professional level.

Personally, I am a retired teacher of 38 years. My husband, Gene, taught at the high school here in Glendive for 32 years. Now, we are local business owners. We got to know Charity as a friend of the family to begin with. That was when we first began to realize Charity was an honest, genuine, fair, and compassionate person.

On a professional level, I also have been able to observe Charity. For a period of time, I worked for Ms. McLarty as an Assistant Witness Interviewer. I was able to see how thorough Charity was in her preparations. Also, she was always calm and fair with her questioning. Charity has a very high work ethic and uses common sense when needed.

I also had an opportunity to observe Charity in a courtroom setting as a defense attorney. I served on a jury where she was defending a client. She was sensitive and calm during the trial, especially when the subject matter was difficult. I admired her devotion to her client and the effort she put forth.

I know that Charity is the best choice for this position. She would work diligently, impartially, and she would follow the letter of the law.

Sincerely,
Christine Fixmer
Glendive, MT

January 14, 2025

Greg Gianforte, Governor of Montana
PO Box 20081
Helena, MT 59620

Re: Charity Sue McLarty

Dear Governor Gianforte,

The Richland County Republican Central Committee recommends you appoint Charity Sue McLarty for the Seventh Judicial District Judgeship.

Ms. McLarty has been the Richland County Attorney since 2022. During that time, she has served the community with honesty, fairness, respectfulness and compassion.

Charity McLarty's knowledge of law is impressive. She is well rounded in handling cases. Ms. McLarty worked as a defense attorney when she was a State Public Defender. She had a private practice handling family and civil cases, and currently is prosecuting criminal cases as the Richland County Attorney.

As district judge she will be a constitutional judge, following the law while maintaining impartiality in the courtroom.

The residents of the Seventh Judicial District in Richland County have voiced concern regarding court proceedings returning to the court room rather than their district judge being present mainly via zoom. If Charity McLarty is appointed as our district judge, the public can be confident proceedings will return to the court room.

The Richland County Republican Central Committee supports Charity Sue McLarty's application. We hope you will consider Ms. McLarty and her qualifications for the Seventh Judicial District Judgeship.



Jacklyn Young
Secretary/Treasurer
Richland County Republican Central Committee