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The Honorable Senator Andrew J. McDonald, Co-Chair
The Honorable Representative Michael P. Lawlor, Co-Chair
Judiciary Committee, State of Connecticut General Assembly
210 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106

RE: RHB No. 7428: An Act Concerning the Norwich Courthouse and State Marshals and Sheriffs

Dear Senator McDonald, Representative Lawlor, and the Members of the Judiciary Committee:

I am writing to express my strong support for Section 1 of the Bill referenced above, which, if passed, will name the courthouse of the Superior Court at 1 Courthouse Square in Norwich as the "Milton L. Jacobson Courthouse."

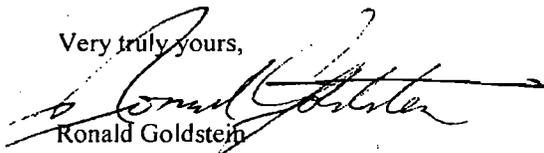
"Mr. Jacobson," as he will always be known to me, is, by any measure, a legend within the New London County bar and perhaps within the entire State. His legal prowess and negotiating tactics commanded respect from friend and foe alike. Mr. Jacobson truly loved the law and the legal process – no doubt this is what kept him in practice well beyond what many would consider "normal" retirement.

Just as significant as his legal skills, Mr. Jacobson was a true civic leader. As a founding member of the Norwich Community Development Corporation ("NCDC"), Mr. Jacobson helped formalize what has become a model for successful economic development through public-private partnerships. In fact, Mr. Jacobson's work for the NCDC was instrumental in bringing the very courthouse that may soon bear his name to Norwich. The list of civic organizations, chambers of commerce, religious groups and other national, state and local associations that were impacted by Mr. Jacobson is too long to include here. Even in sports, Mr. Jacobson left his mark – he was instrumental in the construction of Dodd Stadium and bringing what were then the "Norwich Navigators" to Connecticut.

But beyond all of these professional traits and public service accomplishments, for me and no doubt many others, Mr. Jacobson was a mentor -- a role model, if you will -- for what it meant to be a true lawyer and public servant. Mr. Jacobson had a passion – for his family, for the law, for his hometown, for his clients – that I believe can only be emulated, never duplicated.

To name the courthouse – a symbol of the profession that Mr. Jacobson loved – that is situated in the city that he loved – Norwich – and which he helped to put there – I can think of no more fitting tribute.

Very truly yours,


Ronald Goldstein