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Good Afternoon, Chairman McDonald, Chairman Lawlor and members of the Judiciary Committee.

It is clearly an honor to be before you today to discuss my nomination to serve as a Superior Court Judge. I am extremely grateful to Governor Rell for nominating me to the position as Judge of Superior Court.

Clearly, due to the wide variety of matters that are addressed in our court system a Judge should have both the legal and life experiences to draw upon while hearing evidence and arriving at decisions. I graduated from Wagner College in 1968 with a degree in Psychology and then graduated from Indiana University in 1970 with a Master's Degree in College Student Personnel Administration. From 1970 to 1972 I was employed as an Assistant Dean of Students at Morningside College in Sioux City, Iowa. While at Morningside College my position involved student residential life and student disciplinary hearings. I was graduated from New England School of Law in 1975 and a member of the Law Review. From 1970 to 1975 I served in the United States Army Reserve and National Guard. My father was a medical

physician who believed that we continuously learn from our interactions with others. My Dad worked seven days a week, treating patients at his office, at the hospital, and making house calls. Thus, a work ethic was instilled in me by the first hand experience of seeing my father who worked twelve hours a day. The medical treatment he provided his patients was the same treatment he gave to his family. A sense of community and responsibility to that community has been very important to me and I have served on numerous community agencies such as the Catholic Family Services, Milford Family & Child Guidance Clinic (now Bridges), and as a past president of both Milford United Way and of the Milford Rotary Club. I reside in Milford and have three adult children and two grandchildren.

After graduation from law school I commenced work as a temporary assistant clerk for the Superior Court in Bridgeport. This position provided me with a wealth of experiences in both the Civil and Family court which entailed the observation and participation in the judicial system. I have practiced law in

the State of Connecticut since 1975 and have had John Coughlin as my law partner since 1979. During my career in the general practice of law, I have appeared before our court system in criminal, civil and family matters. Our firm primarily represents plaintiffs in personal injury matters and claimants in workers compensation matters. I have represented entire families be it a Will for the grandparents, a divorce for a child or a residential closing for a grandchild.

The general practice of law has afforded me with experience in real estate, zoning, the formation of business entities, bankruptcy, appearances before various administrative agencies, workers' compensation matters and probate court. I have appeared and argued matters before our Appellate Court and assisted on a brief for the Supreme Court of Connecticut. In recent years most of my court experience has been in the Family Courts. It is in the Family Court that the general practice of law has been of tremendous value. It has been said that arriving at a dissolution of marriage decision is akin to creating a mosaic.

It is important that the Court grasp all the nuances of a family's assets, liabilities, property ownership and needs to properly arrive at a decision. It is my belief that my varied background will be an asset in the matters that come before a Court. The attorneys and judges with whom I have appeared before and have argued matters with would attest to my even disposition and calm demeanor.

I welcome any inquiries you may have of me.