

JUSTIN CLARK

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Good afternoon, Senator Looney, Representative Janowski, Members of the Committee. I am honored to have been nominated by the Governor to serve on the Judicial Review Council. I currently serve as a Governor's interim appointee in that position and have found it to be a rewarding experience, which I hope to continue.

In addition, to my current service on the Council, I believe that my work as a lawyer in the public and private sectors, qualifies me for this position.

By way of background, I am a graduate of the University of Connecticut School of Law where I was the Managing Editor of the Connecticut Insurance Law Journal. After law school, I worked as an associate for the Boston law firm of Sullivan and Worcester. I returned to Connecticut to clerk for the Honorable Peter T. Zarella of the Connecticut Supreme Court and then spent a year as an associate with the law firm of Robinson & Cole.

I am currently an associate with the law firm of Pepe & Hazard LLP, where I practice primarily in the areas of construction law and appellate advocacy. I also serve as special counsel for the Town of Newington's Charter Revision Commission.

Based on my brief service thus far, I believe that the Judicial Review Council is an incredibly important agency, which has a critical function of evaluating and investigating complaints against state judges, family support magistrates, and workers compensation commissioners, and imposing discipline on those found to have violated applicable rules.

If confirmed, I can guarantee hard and thorough work, and a commitment to maintain public confidence in Connecticut's judges. I would now be happy to answer any questions.