

**STATEMENT OF OWEN P. EAGAN BEFORE THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE**

Senator Looney, Representative Janowski, Members of the Committee:

My name is Owen Eagan and I am honored to be nominated by Governor Rell, to the Freedom of Information Commission. I am also honored to appear before you.

I understand you have received a copy of my résumé and a copy of my application so I will be brief.

I am a resident of West Hartford, where I live with my wife Judy and my three children.

I'm a graduate of Georgetown University Law School in Washington, DC and Wesleyan University in Middletown, Connecticut.

I also served on the West Hartford Town Counsel for two terms. During my second term I served as Deputy Mayor and Chairman of the Public Safety Commission.

After graduating from law school I came back the Connecticut to begin my career as a lawyer. I have practiced law in the State of Connecticut, for approximately twenty three years, twenty of which have been in West Hartford. I am a trial lawyer and a general practitioner. I do both criminal and civil work and represent both plaintiffs and defendants in civil matters. I have appeared on behalf of many clients in the State Superior Court, the State Appellate Court, the Federal District Court and the Second Circuit Court in New York. I have also acted as an arbitrator in various civil matters.

On occasion I have also appeared on behalf of various clients before different administrative bodies in the State of Connecticut, including the Freedom of Information Commission.

Having been before the Commission on behalf of various clients, I understand and appreciate the Freedom of Information Act and the importance of the Freedom of Information Commission. I also understand that each Commissioner must be fair, just and impartial and apply the law to the facts. If appointed to the Commission, I believe that my education, training, knowledge and experience as a lawyer, arbitrator and town councilman will help me perform those functions in a fair, just and impartial manner.

If appointed, I will be proud to serve the State of Connecticut as a Commissioner on the Freedom of Information Commission.

Thank you and I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.