

Connecticut General Assembly

**Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee
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Testimony of Martin B. Burke, Esq.

For Nomination as an Alternate Attorney to the Judicial Review Council

Good Afternoon, Senator Looney and Representative Janowski and members of the Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee. It is a pleasure and an honor to appear before you concerning my nomination, and I wish to briefly acquaint you with my background and experience relevant to the Judicial Review Council.

I am a graduate of the Albany Law School, a member of the New York, Connecticut and Maine Bars and have practiced for 44 years, primarily and most recently in the areas of Estate Planning, Elder Law, Probate, Municipal Law, Real Estate and Veterans Benefits. Also, I have had substantial trial and appellate experience. I am also admitted to practice before the State and Federal Courts in Connecticut and New York and the State Courts in Maine.

My prior grievance experience is as a Member and Chairman of the Tolland County Grievance Committee, a member of the Grievance Panel for the Hartford/New Britain Judicial District, and the Statewide Grievance Committee.

I have also served as a fact-finder and arbitrator and as an attorney-trial referee for the Judicial Districts of Tolland and Windham.

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My prior and present governmental services include serving as a member and for 3 years as the Chairman of the Connecticut Law Revision Commission from 1977 through 1993, as State Representative of the 5th District from 1975 through 1977 where I was acting House Chairman for the Committee on Governmental and Administrative Policy and a Member of the Judiciary Committee. In 2006, I was a member of the Governor's Commission on Judicial Reform.

My municipal law experience spans a period of thirty-seven years from serving as Town Attorney in the Towns of Vernon and Ellington, as well as Assistant Town Attorney in the Town of Vernon from 1995 to the present time.

I feel I have the requisite experience and training to serve as an alternate attorney on the Judicial Review Council. I appreciate your attention and welcome the opportunity to answer any question you may have for me.

Thank you.