Good morning/afternoon Senator McDonald, Representative Lawlor and members of the Judiciary Committee.

My name is Kathleen McNamara, and I would like to thank Governor Rell for this nomination. I am both honored and humbled by this nomination. And I am humbled and honored to be before you for this nomination as a Superior Court Judge.

I am a lifelong resident of East Hartford, attending East Hartford schools. I graduated from East Catholic High School in 1971. I graduated from Manchester Community College, Manchester Connecticut in 1974 with an Associate in Science degree in Law Enforcement. I then worked for approximately two years as a complaint writer for the East Hartford Police Department. In 1976, I continued my college education at Northeastern University, Boston, Massachusetts. I graduated in 1978 with a Bachelor of Science degree. I returned to East Hartford and began working a Police Officer for the Town of East Hartford in 1979. I was, at the time, one of three female officers. In 1984 I was promoted to Sergeant. In 1985 I began law school at Western New England School of Law, Springfield, Massachusetts while I continued as a sergeant on the midnight shift. I graduated in 1989 with my Juris Doctorate. I was admitted to the Connecticut Bar in December 1989.

I have been married for almost 20 years to Richard Brazalovich.

In 1990, I began my legal career in the State's Attorney office. I have experience working in Geographical Area courts, Part A courts, the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit and the Gang Unit. I have tried every classification of crime including difficult financial crimes cases as well as cases involving the State's Corrupt Organizations and Racketeering Act (CORA). I have tried over 50 cases to verdict as the solo trial counsel.

During the last seven years of my career, I have been assigned to work in the Geographical Area court in New Britain. I am in court on a daily basis working with pro se defendants, defense attorneys, victims of crime and courtroom staff. I have the ability to resolve criminal cases that is satisfactory to all parties involved-the state, the defense, the victims and the law enforcement agencies.

I have been a strong advocate for the State of Connecticut and at the same time treating all defendants, defense counsel, and victims with respect and courtesy. I have earned both the respect and trust of the legal community in which I practice law.

I have spent my entire working career of thirty years in public service- in the streets of East Hartford and the courtrooms for the State of Connecticut. I seek judicial appointment because I believe that my legal knowledge and experience, my common sense and my personal temperament would contribute to the administration of justice in our state.

I look forward to your questions and want to thank you for your time and consideration.