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From: Bill Jawitz [mailto:bill@jawitz.com]
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To: Senator McDonald; MLawlor99@juno.com
Subject: On behalf of David Sheridan

Dear Chairman McDonald, Chairman Lawlor and other members of the Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing to offer my wholehearted support of David Sheridan's nomination for a Superior Court judgeship.

I have known Dave for over 15 years, first in my capacity as a Manchester High School teacher, and then as a consultant in the field of legal practice development.

Dave was a Town Director during my tenure as the advisor to the MHS student newspaper, The Harbinger. My students tackled substantive issues ranging from discrimination based on race and sexual orientation to the routine violation of copyright laws by teachers. We were fortunate to have the backing of both town officials such as Dave, as well as the Board of Education when controversy arose. Dave's support of the first amendment rights of students was notable, and helped solidify what became an award-winning journalism program.

When, in 1998, I decided to launch CT's first public charter school (Odyssey Community School), Dave was there to support me – and the kids and families of Manchester and the surrounding communities– once again. He was part of a group of town leaders who stood up for educational innovation.

Finally, I have worked personally with Dave as a legal practice coach and consultant. Dave hired me in 2003 to help him grow his municipal law practice at Levy & Drone. I got to know Dave very well and was – and am – impressed by his unflinching integrity, his intelligence, his ability to communicate with exceptional clarity, and his determination to learn and apply new skills.

I have worked personally with hundreds of attorneys in the last 8 years, I can say without reservation that David Sheridan is cream of the crop. He is an outstanding role model, and will perform admirably on the bench from day one.

Thank you for your consideration and support of his nomination.

Bill Jawitz
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