

**Frank J. Johnson
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Dear Chairman McDonald, Chairman Lawlor and members of the Judiciary Committee:

I am writing in support of the nomination of Attorney David Sheridan to a Superior Court judgeship.

In my capacity as the chairman of the Bristol Downtown Development Corporation, we hired Levy & Droney to serve as our General Counsel. The fact that Attorney Sheridan would be the lead counsel in representing us was a factor in the decision to hire Levy & Droney.

Attorney Sheridan has extensive knowledge on matters relating to municipal development from both his personal and professional lives. He has been an ally, a friend and a supporter of our project. He has maintained an intimate knowledge of the details of our development corporation while guiding us through meetings with DECD, dealing with FOIA issues and keeping us advised on our legal and fiduciary responsibilities.

We have found Attorney Sheridan to be thoughtful, professional and detail oriented. His demeanor in dealing with municipal officials, state officials and the public has been remarkable. His research on all issues large and small has convinced me that Attorney Sheridan has the background, demeanor and respect for the law that are imperative qualities in a Superior Court judge.

His ability to analyze complex issues and explain them to his audience in layman's terms demonstrates the intelligence and thoughtfulness that are requisite in a judge.

In the three years that I have worked with Attorney David Sheridan I have always been comfortable that he would perform in a professional and deliberative manner; examining all of the facts and laws that were applicable, and that he would lead us in the proper direction.

Based on his education, his experience, his intelligence, his composure in all situations, his patience and his ability to advance the cause, I have trusted and relied upon his judgments and his opinions. I am convinced that Attorney David Sheridan exemplifies the qualities that are requisite in an articulate, thorough and thoughtful jurist.

I highly recommend that he be confirmed.

If I can answer any questions or provide further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Frank J. Johnson, Chairman
Bristol Downtown Development Corporation