

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF CONNECTICUT
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Dear Chairmen and Members of the Judiciary Committee:

I am writing to you in support of John A. Danaher, III, who is under consideration for a judgeship on the Connecticut Superior Court. I have known John for at least 30 years, and he has appeared before me, I am sure, well over a hundred times from his early days in private practice and throughout his remarkable career in public service.

I cannot overstate how well qualified I believe this gentleman is to serve as a judge. He is extraordinarily intelligent and intellectually capable of handling the toughest cases that will arise before him. His work ethic is legendary among those who know him or have litigated cases with him. His temperament could not be better. I have never known him to be impatient with anyone, be it a witness, opposing counsel, court house personnel, or the exasperating circumstances that we all encounter in our profession. I do not personally know any judge who is more calm and respectful to others than John Danaher is. He is of the highest integrity.

The matters in which he appeared before me were many and varied. No matter the type of case, I have never found him to be unprepared. To the contrary, in each instance he demonstrated intimate familiarity with the facts and with the law. He is accustomed to "heavy lifting" and, because of this ability, the cases he worked on were, more often than not, difficult, complex, and sensitive. He has extensive experience as both a trial lawyer and an appellate advocate. He is respected and admired by every judge I know. He has a deep sense of justice and fairness. I endorse him without reservation.

Sincerely,



Thomas P. Smith
U.S. Magistrate Judge