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From: Kenneth H. Antin [mailto:kha@daquilalaw.com]
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To: Senator McDonald
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Dear Senator McDonald,

I write on behalf of David Sheridan. In 2007-2008 I represented parties who sued the Town of Portland's public works director and building inspector over defects in a home they purchased. David Sheridan represented the town officials. The case went through depositions, summary judgment, and a court trial, so I had ample opportunity to appreciate Mr. Sheridan's skills both as an advocate and a professional.

Mr. Sheridan knew the law, rules of evidence, and court procedure to a fault. That in itself is becoming increasingly uncommon. What really impressed me, however, was his ability to mix great courtesy to his opponents with zealous advocacy on behalf of his clients. At one point in the trial, for example, Mr. Sheridan came to court with a display that required the use of a technology far beyond the capacity of my office or my clients. When I commented favorably on the display and how it contained information I could use in my client's case, Mr. Sheridan offered me the display for whatever use I wished to make of it. He invariably fought hard and capably for his clients on material issues; he just as invariably refused to get into fights over immaterial matters of procedure such as scheduling and extension requests.

I would be remiss if I did not comment favorably on Mr. Sheridan's sense of humor, generally directed at himself. I doubt Dav he would be one of those judges who upon elevation to the bench forgets what it was like to be a practicing attorney.

I am aware of the budget constraints under which the legislature labors, However, it would be a shame if those budget constraints prevented the appointment of Mr. Sheridan to the bench. He would make an outstanding judge.

Thank you for your consideration.

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