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VIA HAND-DELIVERY

Andrew J. McDonald
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State of Connecticut
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Room 2500
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Re: Laura Flynn Baldini

Dear Senator McDonald:

It is with great pleasure that I submit this letter of evaluation for Laura Flynn Baldini for consideration for judicial appointment. As I appear before Superior Court judges on a regular basis, I am certain that Laura will make an excellent jurist. I cannot imagine a person who would better serve the people of the State of Connecticut in this capacity.

Before I delve into my high praise for Laura, I want to share with you the nature of our relationship. I have known Laura for over a decade. I have had the pleasure of hiring her as an associate at Updike, Kelly & Spellacy and continuing a working relationship with her when she started her own firm. In that capacity, I have worked with Laura extensively on various litigation matters. I have had the opportunity to review her written work product, which is uniformly excellent. I have seen her make very persuasive arguments in court. I have witnessed her management of clients and opposing counsel on a daily basis. In every aspect of my dealings with Laura as a litigator, Laura was always well prepared. Laura is also gifted with extraordinary judgment, temperament and intellect. I believe that these are three essential qualities to be an exceptional jurist.

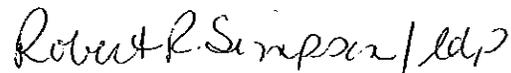
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In addition to working with Laura as a colleague, I have been blessed to work with her on various community projects. Laura has a huge heart. Laura is compassionate. Notwithstanding her family commitments, Laura always makes time to work in her community. Laura and I served as mentors to inner-city youth. Her commitment to creating educational opportunities for all children runs very deep. In particular, Laura is committed to the advancement of Catholic Schools. In this capacity, Laura has spearheaded efforts to find funding for students with minimal resources to allow them the opportunity to attend parochial schools. The passion that she has for all children is an extension of who she is.

When I think about some of the qualities that all judges should possess (integrity, independence, impartiality, diligence and honesty) Laura has each and several more magnificent attributes that make her a spectacular lawyer and a better person. I know several people who have worked with Laura in a professional and civic capacity. Everyone who knows Laura believes she is simply outstanding. Laura would be a great asset to our judiciary.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at anytime. My cell phone is (860) 874-8770.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert R. Simpson / ldp".

Robert R. Simpson

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