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Members of the Joint Committee on Judiciary
Room 2500, Legislative Office Building
Hartford, CT 06106

Re: Nomination of Laura Flynn Baldini for the position of Judge of the Superior Court

Dear Chairman McDonald, Chairman Lawlor and other members:

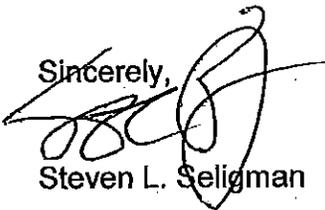
As a member of the Connecticut bar for more than 30 years—and as one who has a profound interest in our state having outstanding judges—I write in support of Attorney Laura Flynn Baldini's nomination to serve as a judge of the Superior Court.

I met Laura when she was a 15 year-old national-quality tennis player. Immediately I was struck by apparently contradictory traits: she was fiercely competitive yet the epitome of sportsmanship, who exhibited a respect for the sport—and her adversaries—that was far beyond her years. As much as Laura wanted to win, if her opponent's shot was "in," she called it "in," even if it cost her an important point (an honesty unfortunately lacking in many of her age group).

Laura's character has not changed (nor has her competitive ferocity diminished): she continues to respect "the rules," in whatever endeavor she finds herself. This respect for law—and for the people whom the law protects—has been one of the forces that led her to an outstanding legal career, accomplishing more than her older colleagues.

Laura is suited by temperament, intellect, and diligence to be a judge of the Superior Court. Her commitment to justice, equality, and the rule of law will benefit the citizens of Connecticut. Her service on the bench will reflect well upon your committee.

Sincerely,


Steven L. Seligman