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The appointment of Court Judges in Ct is done with a pandering eye by Judicial-Legislators of the Ct General Assembly. The deference given is born out of a modern aristocracy, a legal profession whose influence is apparent throughout all branches of Ct government. They are elected by public employees, legislative bosses and a flattering local media. Look at Senator Donald Williams, an attorney serving his class, he was even employed for some time by the Ct Bar Association while a legislator.

Article Third, Section 11 Ct Constitution forbids any member of the legislative body from holding a position in the Judicial department of state government. Lawbreaking has never been so easy for 8 members of the Assembly's Judiciary Committee. You see, they are also sworn officers of the Judicial Branch.

Connecticut Bar Associations (CBA) members include:

Rep. Cecelia Buck-Taylor (67-New Milford), Rep. Tom O'Dea (125-New Canaan) and Rep. Stephen Walko (151-Greenwich). Rep. Matt Ritter (1-Hartford) as vice chair and Rep. Rosa Reimbass (70-Naugatuck) as ranking member. Sen. Kevin Kelly (21-Monroe, Shelton), Sen. Anthony Musto (22-Trumbull), and Rep. Dan Fox (148- Stamford)

On to the issue at hand. The appointment of Andrew McDonald to the Ct Supreme Court. Is this to be the 2013 General Assembly's best performance at fawning over a fellow lawbreaker. While a member of the Judiciary Committee in 2009 he and his sidekick, another Judicial-Legislator Representative Mike Lawlor, attempted to pass a bill #1098 singling out the Catholic Church for government restriction. The bill was so unlawful that it was pulled prior to making it out of committee. Some, including Sen McLachlan thought this initiative was a payback for the Church's political opposition to same-sex marriage legislation supported by McDonald and Lawlor. I agree!

Does Attorney McDonald have any judicial experience? None known of. Does he have a 20 year relationship with Governor Malloy? Most Certainly! Did he exhibit a lack of public integrity by submitting a bill meant to attack and undermine the Catholic Church? Most observers would say yes. Under honest scrutiny, it must be said that he was a political figure representing a very narrow interest, the Homosexual and Lesbian community. His self-identification as a member activist should not insulate him from questions regarding his prior actions taken as a public official. Can the Catholic community in Ct be assured by thier representatives that McDonald and his allies will not impinge on thier lives by further Judicial and Legislative misconduct? I doubt it!

I summize the attorney elites in the General Assembly, the Judicial-Legislators will permit and facilitate an unqualified nominee to be appointed without responsible and diligent accountability to the citizens of Connecticut.