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Re: *Written Testimony of Moy N. Ogilvie for Judiciary Committee Public Hearing April 10, 2015 Regarding Reappointment of Chief Justice Chase Rogers*

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To the Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee:

My name is Moy Ogilvie. I am an attorney at McCarter & English in Hartford, Connecticut. Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in support of the reappointment of Chief Justice Chase Rogers.

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I have been fortunate to know Chief Justice Rogers for almost twenty years. We first met when I was a summer associate in the Stamford office of Cummings and Lockwood and she was a partner in the Litigation group. I was eventually hired as a litigation associate and worked in Cummings' Hartford office for approximately 8 years.

In 2007, shortly after the Chief Justice was appointed, she reached out to me and other attorneys in the minority bar associations to let us know she wanted to work on issues related to diversity on the bench and in the courts and accessibility to the courts (ensuring that all members of the general public feel welcome and adequately serviced by our court system). She let us know that she wished to hear from diverse attorneys on these and other issues.

Initially, she attended a meet and greet type of reception organized by the minority bar organizations. It was a seemingly small act, but this act of outreach to the minority bar organizations was significant and, perhaps, unprecedented.

Since 2007, the Chief Justice and others in the Judicial Department have met with leaders of the minority bar associations on a yearly basis to discuss issues and come up with possible ideas. Under the Chief Justice's leadership, the minority

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bar associations have worked with the Judicial Department on various initiatives and issues. There are many examples, but I will mention just a few.

- She encouraged the minority bar associations to organize events that would educate their members and others about the process of becoming a judge in Connecticut. Initially, the Judicial Department connected us to the appropriate individuals within the Governor's Office and Judicial Selection Commission. The bar organizations have hosted at least four panel sessions since then.
- She encouraged the minority bar associations to organize events for law students who may be interested in careers within the Judicial Branch. She and the Judicial Department connected us with the individuals who lead the hiring efforts for the Supreme and Appellate Courts, Temporary Assistant Clerks and the Legal Research Group. The bar organizations have hosted several panels for law students.
- The Public Service and Trust Commission, under her leadership, ensured that the minority bars were notified of, and participated in, the focus groups related to access to justice and the judicial system generally.
- She and the Judicial Department sought our advice regarding translation of key areas of the Judicial Branch website for non-English speakers.

These are a few examples of ways in which the Chief Justice and others following her lead are working to constantly improve our system of justice and to ensure our legal community is one that is truly inclusive. I am sure there are many other examples of which I am not aware.

I have no doubt, that if she is reappointed, the Chief Justice will continue with efforts such as those I have mentioned.

Thank you again for the opportunity to submit written testimony concerning the reappointment of Chief Justice Chase Rogers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Moy Ogilvie". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Moy N. Ogilvie