

Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee

Judge Maureen M. Keegan

Judicial Review Council

Good Day Senator Duff, Representative Janowski, Senator Kane, Representative Buck-Taylor and members of the Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee. My name is Maureen M. Keegan and it is an honor and a privilege to be nominated as a Superior Court judge alternate to the Judicial Review Council by Governor Dannel P. Malloy.

My sincere thanks to this committee for the opportunity to appear before you today.

I am a Connecticut native, married to Michael E. Thomann for 28 years. We are the proud parents of two sons, Daniel and William, who have graduated college and are working. My family has lived in Cheshire for over 26 years. My husband and I are active in our church, and had been quite active in our sons' athletic and extracurricular activities while growing up.

My entire adult life has been spent working in the law: as a legal secretary for two years before entering law school, as an Appellate Court law clerk for the Hon. John J. Daly, as a prosecutor for 17 years and as a Superior Court judge for the last 10 years. I am presently assigned as a trial judge in the New Britain Part A criminal division. Prior to this assignment I was the presiding judge of the New Haven Part B criminal court for three years.

During my 10 years as a judge, I have been involved in every aspect of a criminal proceeding – arraignment, pretrial and trial. Every person who appears before the court in a criminal case must be treated fairly and with respect. That includes both the defendants appearing before the court, as well as the victims, who have needs and rights that must be respected. Fairness, respect and neutrality are the hallmark of our court system. Those values, consistently applied demonstrate to

all the integrity of our judicial system. I will bring my experience of treating individuals with neutrality and fairness to the Judicial Review Council.

Thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today. I appreciate the Committee's consideration of my nomination and I am pleased to answer any questions that you may have for me.