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**Title:** Attorney

**Organization or Agency:** personal testimony

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**Testimony:**

I write this recommendation for Kenneth James Krayeske, Esq. for the CT Correctional Advisory Committee's Correctional Ombudsman position. I trained Ken as his first employer out of law school (the law firm was Brown & Welsh, PC in Meriden, Connecticut). He was able and careful associate who has become an exceptional lawyer.

He first became interested in prisoner cases because of his own case involving his arrest for "harassing" Gov. Rell during her inaugural parade when he was taking photographs. Not only was the charge unjust, but the arrest was political (although such things are obviously hard to prove and documents disappeared during the course of the trial). At the time, he was the Green Party candidate for CT governor who just lost the election. I helped him bring a 28 USC §1983 action on those grounds in Federal Court.

The case as tried to a jury and Ken lost. Instead of discouraging him, this awoke his passion for protecting prisoners. A large part of his practice has become prisoner related litigation (such as failure to medically treat prisoners who would have had a good chance of survival if they had early medical treatment but died as a result of their medical condition because they either didn't get treatment or did not get timely treatment). He has proven quite capable in that area.

Ken is competent and dedicated. I believe he will perform admirably in this job.