January 18, 2022

The Honorable Anne Carney, Senate Chair
The Honorable Thom Harnett, House Chair
Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary
100 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0100

Dear Senator Carney and Representative Harnett:

On behalf of the Maine State Bar Association and its members, I am pleased to inform you that the Association fully supports the nomination of Justice Thomas D. Warren to the Maine Superior Court as an Active Retired Justice.

The MSBA sends surveys to all practicing lawyers in Maine to evaluate trial court judges in the sixth year of every judge's term. These evaluations are used to determine the Association’s support of or opposition to the nomination of a judge and, in turn, to make recommendations on nomination to the Governor and the Judiciary Committee. The MSBA does not make recommendations on new appointees to the bench.

In Justice Warren’s evaluations, attorneys describe him as an excellent jurist who conducts himself with a judicial temperament befitting the dignity of the court. They find him to be incredibly intelligent, thoroughly prepared, and exceedingly diligent. He is also considered to be fair, decisive, hard-working, and thoughtful in his decisions. Justice Warren is commended for his professionalism and his ability to handle complex cases with integrity, impartiality, and grace. These traits have earned Justice Warren the support and respect of MSBA members. Maine citizens will benefit from his continued service on the Maine Superior Court as an Active Retired Justice.

The Maine State Bar Association urges the Judiciary Committee to give its unanimous support to the nomination of Justice Thomas D. Warren to the Maine Superior Court.

Sincerely,

Frank H. Bishop, Jr.
President
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Dear Senator Carney and Representative Harnett:

On behalf of the Maine State Bar Association and its members, I am pleased to inform you that the Association fully supports the nomination of Justice William R. Stokes to the Maine Superior Court.

The MSBA sends surveys to all practicing lawyers in Maine to evaluate trial court judges in the sixth year of every judge's term. These evaluations are used to determine the Association’s support of or opposition to the nomination of a judge and, in turn, to make recommendations on nomination to the Governor and the Judiciary Committee. The MSBA does not make recommendations on new appointees to the bench.

Justice Stokes was rated good or excellent by over 95 percent of the Maine Bar respondents. The results of his evaluation show that Maine lawyers find him to be courteous, fair, kind, and respectful. He is also described as intelligent, well-prepared, and thorough. Justice Stokes is commended for his knowledge of the law and well-reasoned decisions, and all those that come before him appreciate his balanced approach. Many attorneys stated that it is a pleasure to practice before Justice Stokes because of his excellent judicial temperament. These traits have earned Justice Stokes the support and respect of MSBA members. Maine citizens will benefit from his continued service on Maine Superior Court.

The Maine State Bar Association urges the Judiciary Committee to give its unanimous support to the nomination of Justice William R. Stokes to the Maine Superior Court.

Sincerely,

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Dear Senator Carney and Representative Harnett:

On behalf of the Maine State Bar Association and its members, I am pleased to inform you that the Association fully supports the nomination of Judge Susan E. Oram to the Maine District Court as an Active Retired Judge.

The MSBA sends surveys to all practicing lawyers in Maine to evaluate trial court judges in the sixth year of every judge's term. These evaluations are used to determine the Association’s support of or opposition to the nomination of a judge and, in turn, to make recommendations on nomination to the Governor and the Judiciary Committee. The MSBA does not make recommendations on new appointees to the bench.

Maine lawyers find Judge Oram to be a compassionate, thoughtful, and fair jurist. She is also described as intelligent, attentive, courteous yet firm, and patient. Attorneys believe Judge Oram takes her judicial responsibilities very seriously, resulting in well-reasoned and timely decisions. She is commended for her knowledge of substantive law, especially in family-related cases. These traits have earned her the support and respect of MSBA members. Maine citizens will benefit from Judge Oram’s continued service on the Maine District Court as an Active Retired Judge.

The Maine State Bar Association urges the Judiciary Committee to give its unanimous support to the nomination of Judge Susan E. Oram to the Maine District Court.

Sincerely,

Frank H. Bishop, Jr.
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Dear Senator Carney and Representative Harnett:

On behalf of the Maine State Bar Association and its members, I am pleased to inform you that the Association fully supports the nomination of Judge Bruce A. Jordan to the Maine District Court as an Active Retired Judge.

The MSBA sends surveys to all practicing lawyers in Maine to evaluate trial court judges in the sixth year of every judge's term. These evaluations are used to determine the Association’s support of or opposition to the nomination of a judge and, in turn, to make recommendations on nomination to the Governor and the Judiciary Committee. The MSBA does not make recommendations on new appointees to the bench.

The results of Judge Jordan’s evaluations show that Maine lawyers find him to be intelligent and thoughtful, yet decisive and practical. He is also described as respectful, fair, and always prepared. Judge Jordan is praised for his knowledge of substantive law, and all those that come before him appreciate his balanced approach and experience in the courtroom. Attorneys also value his ability to run a tight, efficient, and controlled courtroom. These traits have earned Judge Jordan the support and respect of MSBA members. Maine citizens will benefit from his continued service on the Maine District Court as an Active Retired Judge.

The Maine State Bar Association urges the Judiciary Committee to give its unanimous support to the nomination of Judge Bruce A. Jordan to the Maine District Court.

Sincerely,

Frank H. Bishop, Jr.  
President
January 18, 2022

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Dear Senator Carney and Representative Harnett:

On behalf of the Maine State Bar Association and its members, I am pleased to inform you that the Association fully supports the nomination of Judge Deborah P. Cashman to the Maine Superior Court.

The MSBA sends surveys to all practicing lawyers in Maine to evaluate trial court judges in the sixth year of every judge's term. These evaluations are used to determine the Association's support of or opposition to the nomination of a judge and, in turn, to make recommendations on nomination to the Governor and the Judiciary Committee. The MSBA does not make recommendations on new appointees to the bench.

In Judge Cashman’s evaluations, attorneys describe her as decisive yet patient and even-tempered. She is also described as thorough, efficient, intelligent, and adept at maintaining control of her courtroom. Judge Cashman is commended for her firm understanding of substantive and case law, and she makes well-reasoned decisions based on this knowledge. These traits have earned Judge Cashman the support and respect of MSBA members. Maine citizens will benefit from her continued service on the bench and her move to the Maine Superior Court.

The Maine State Bar Association urges the Judiciary Committee to give its unanimous support to the nomination of Judge Deborah P. Cashman to the Maine Superior Court.

Sincerely,

Frank H. Bishop, Jr.
President