April 12, 2023

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

Dear Senator Carney and Representative Moonen:

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 Jennifer A. Archer 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 current 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. However, the MSBA also evaluates all judges in the second year of each judge’s first term to provide feedback to the judge. Judge Archer was evaluated in 2022 after serving two years on the District Court. The Board of Governors is making this recommendation in support of Judge Archer’s nomination to the Superior Court based on her second-year evaluation. The MSBA does not make recommendations on new appointees to the bench.

Judge Archer received a rating of good or excellent from 100% of the attorneys who evaluated her. She is described as one of the most prepared judges on the bench, well-organized, and hard-working. It is apparent to lawyers and their clients that Judge Archer has compassion for everyone who appears before her, and she approaches each case with curiosity and willingness to listen to all sides. She is also praised for her intelligence, knowledge of case law and statutes, command of her courtroom, patience, kindness, humility, and professionalism. These traits have earned Judge Archer the support and respect of MSBA members.

The Maine State Bar Association urges the Judiciary Committee to give its unanimous support to the nomination of Judge Jennifer A. Archer to the Maine Superior Court.

Sincerely,

Stacy O. Stitham
President
April 12, 2023

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Dear Senator Carney and Representative Moonen:

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 Gregory A. Campbell 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.

In their evaluation of Judge Campbell, Maine lawyers find him to possess excellent judicial temperament. He is described as patient, professional, thoughtful, and respectful. Attorneys also praise his fairness to all litigants and his sincere concern for all who come before him. Judge Campbell is commended for his criminal rules and procedures knowledge, and his ability to run an efficient courtroom. These traits have earned him the support and respect of MSBA members, and Maine citizens will benefit from Judge Campbell's service on the Bench as an Active Retired Judge.

The Maine State Bar Association urges the Judiciary Committee to give its unanimous support to the nomination of Judge Gregory A. Campbell to the Maine District Court as an Active Retired Judge.

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Dear Senator Carney and Representative Moonen:

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 Keith A. Powers 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 Powers’ evaluation show that Maine lawyers find him to have a deep understanding of process, procedures, rules of evidence, and substantive case law. They are thankful for his years of experience on the bench and are happy he continues to preside as an active retired judge. Judge Powers is described as patient, fair, intelligent, decisive, and respectful. Lawyers and litigants enjoy his commonsense approach and know that they are being treated fairly in his courtroom. These traits have earned Judge Powers the support and respect of MSBA members, and Maine citizens will benefit from his continued service on the Bench as an Active Retired Judge.

The Maine State Bar Association urges the Judiciary Committee to give its unanimous support to the nomination of Judge Keith A. Powers to the Maine District Court as an Active Retired Judge.

Sincerely,

Stacy O. Stitham
President
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Dear Senator Carney and Representative Moonen:

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 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 Justice Stokes’ evaluation show that Maine lawyers find him to have complete command of the facts and issues in the courtroom. He is commended for his professionalism, excellent legal knowledge, and integrity. Justice Stokes is also described as thoughtful, kind, compassionate, fair, and a true gentleman. These traits have earned him the support and respect of MSBA members, and Maine citizens will benefit from Justice Stokes’ continued service on the Bench as an Active Retired Judge.

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 as an Active Retired Judge.

Sincerely,

Stacy O. Stitham
President