March 23, 2021

The Honorable Anne Carney, Senate Chair
The Honorable Thomas 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 Judge Andrew B. Benson to the Maine District 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.

Judge Benson was rated good or excellent by 100 percent of the Maine Bar respondents. The results of his evaluation show that Maine lawyers find him to be wise, judicious, and knowledgeable of evidence and caselaw. He is also described as compassionate, fair, and kind to all who appear before him. Judge Benson is commended for his well-reasoned decisions, and attorneys state that no matter his ruling, they know that all parties were heard. Attorneys also value his ability to run a civil and controlled courtroom. These traits have earned Judge Benson the support and respect of MSBA members. Maine citizens will benefit from his continued service on the Maine District Court.

The Maine State Bar Association urges the Judiciary Committee to give its unanimous support to the nomination of Judge Andrew B. Benson to the Maine District Court.

Sincerely,

Kelly McDonald
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 Daniel Billings 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 Justice Billings’ evaluations, attorneys describe him as an excellent jurist with a sharp legal mind. He is considered to be articulate, professional, well-prepared, and thorough. Maine lawyers also find him very conscientious, patient with all litigants, and good humored. Justice Billings is commended for his strong sense of fairness and justice, and for his treatment of all individuals in his courtroom with respect and dignity. These traits have earned Justice Billings the support and respect of MSBA members. Maine citizens will benefit from his continued service on the Maine Superior Court.

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

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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 Robert E. Mullen 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.

The results of Justice Mullen’s evaluation show that Maine lawyers find him to be compassionate and courteous to all who appear before him. His down-to-earth and approachable demeanor makes lawyers and litigants alike feel welcome in his courtroom. Attorneys also describe Justice Mullen as sharp, insightful, fair, well-prepared, and thoughtful in his decisions. Justice Mullen is commended for his ability to run an efficient and controlled courtroom. These traits have earned Justice Mullen the support and respect of MSBA members, and Maine citizens will benefit from his continued service on the Maine Superior Court.

The Maine State Bar Association urges the Judiciary Committee to give its unanimous support to the nomination of Justice Robert E. Mullen to the Maine Superior Court.

Sincerely,

Kelly McDonald
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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 Barbara L. Raimondi to the Maine District 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.

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

The Maine State Bar Association urges the Judiciary Committee to give its unanimous support to the nomination of Judge Barbara L. Raimondi to the Maine District Court.

Sincerely,

Kelly McDonald
President
March 24, 2021

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The Honorable Thomas 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 Judge Eric J. Walker to the Maine District 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 Walker’s evaluations, attorneys describe him as an excellent jurist who conducts himself with a judicial temperament befitting the dignity of the court. He is known to be understanding of the human element of the matters before him, while still being firm and holding litigants and attorneys accountable. Maine lawyers also describe Judge Walker as intelligent, helpful, good-natured, patient, and fair. He is commended for his knowledge of the law, especially in family-related cases. These traits have earned Judge Walker the support and respect of MSBA members, and Maine citizens will benefit from his continued service on the Maine District Court.

The Maine State Bar Association urges the Judiciary Committee to give its unanimous support to the nomination of Judge Eric J. Walker to the Maine District Court.

Sincerely,

Kelly McDonald  
President