March 30, 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 Wayne R. Douglas 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 Douglas’ evaluations, attorneys describe him as a model jurist who is highly respected in the legal community. They find him to be intelligent, well-prepared, and hard working. He is also considered to be fair, decisive, efficient, and thoughtful in his decisions. Justice Douglas is commended for his professional and compassionate judicial temperament, and attorneys feel fortunate to have Justice Douglas serving on the bench. These traits have earned Justice Douglas 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 Wayne R. Douglas 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 Bruce C. Mallonee to the Maine Superior Court.

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Maine lawyers find Justice Mallonee to be an absolute credit to Maine’s bench. He is described as an incredibly compassionate, thoughtful, and fair jurist. He is also considered to be hard working, well-prepared, intelligent, polite yet decisive, and respectful to everyone in the courtroom. Attorneys believe Justice Mallonee is one of the most professional members of Maine’s legal community and a true gentleman. He is commended for his knowledge of substantive law, and his ability to run a controlled and dignified courtroom. These traits have earned him the support and respect of MSBA members. Maine citizens will benefit from Justice Mallonee’s 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 Bruce C. Mallonee 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 M. Michaela Murphy 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 Murphy’s evaluations show that Maine lawyers find her to be intelligent and thoughtful, yet decisive and practical. She is also described as patient, compassionate, creative, and fair. Justice Murphy is praised for her willingness to consider different legal theories while remaining highly attentive to the importance of precedent and the limits of her jurisdiction. Attorneys also value her ability to run an efficient and controlled courtroom. These traits have earned Justice Murphy the support and respect of MSBA members. Maine citizens will benefit from her 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 M. Michaela Murphy to the Maine Superior Court.

Sincerely,

Frank H. Bishop, Jr.
President