

Hello former colleagues - I'm writing this email in case you didn't get my phone message today. I understand that Judge Jennifer Barrett is being considered for confirmation as Superior Court Judge. As some of you know, I ran for Windham County Assistant Judge, won the election, and then was appointed by the governor to the vacant seat.

For the last two months, I have been serving by Judge Barrett's side hearing Relief From Abuse cases. I have not only been deeply impressed with her knowledge of the law, which one would expect of a person with her extensive experience, but also with her patience, understanding, and kindness, especially toward those litigants who are representing themselves. She takes time to carefully explain the process, what their choices are, and what those choices will mean going forward. Judge Barrett then makes sure to clarify that it has been understood by the litigants. At the same time, she is firm about maintaining appropriate behavior and decorum in the courtroom so that the proceedings are accurately recorded and that justice can be done.

As someone who has served with her closely, I would highly recommend her confirmation. It would be a terrible loss to the judicial system and Vermonters if she was not. If you have any questions, you can contact me by replying to this email or at carolyn.partridge@vermont.gov. You may also call me at home (802-874-4182) or on my mobile (802-258-7047). I will be home tomorrow and at a judicial training session in Montpelier all day Friday. If it is appropriate for me to testify, I would be happy to do that.

Thanks for the opportunity to share my experience with you regarding my strong support for Judge Barrett's confirmation. Sincerely, Carolyn Partridge

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