

To the Judicial Retention Committee:

I write in strong support of Judge Rainville. I have known Greg Rainville for going on 30 years – long before he was a judge. In the mid-1990s we had a civil case together when he was a sole practitioner in St. Albans. He represented an injured woman and I represented the defendant in a negligence case. Although we were on opposite sides of the case, Attorney Rainville was kind, courteous, civil, and friendly to me. When we were both in West Virginia taking the deposition of his medical expert, he reached out and invited me to have a bite to eat with him when the deposition was over. Years later, as a judge, he presided over a civil case in which I represented the defendant. In that role, he was again courteous, civil, and respectful, to both me and the plaintiff's attorney in that case. And while I do not practice criminal law, I have more recently seen him as a judge in that role, and again observed him to be courteous, civil, and respectful in his courtroom. I am disappointed to see Judge Rainville's character criticized in retention by anonymous commenters. I have never, ever observed him to be "gruff" with anyone, inside his courtroom or outside.

My comments are genuine. I have no axe to grind. I was not solicited by anyone to submit these comments. I do not have any cases pending before Judge Rainville nor do I anticipate having any in the near future. In fact, I was not aware that Judge Rainville was in retention until I read yesterday's article in VT Digger in which I was disappointed to see his reputation being besmirched. [Superior Court judge's 'gruff' style faces Statehouse scrutiny - VTDigger](#). My comments to you are submitted solely in response to reading that article.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,  
-Walter Judge, Esq.