

Dear Ms. Delaney--I am sending you a note on behalf of Dickson Corbett, who is to be confirmed by the Senate Judiciary Committee as a judge this coming Wednesday, May 3, 2023. I want to provide some information to the Committee as a defense attorney who has worked with State's Attorney Corbett for many years in the Orange County Courts.

I have known Dickson since he became a DSA in Orange County several years ago. He became the SA when Will Porter retired, and it has since been an education, a pleasure, and privilege to work with him.

He is probably the smartest man I know. His reserve sometimes masks an intellect that makes him not only formidable but fair. He is not out to show everyone that he is the smartest guy in the room, although he is. His brains and his confidence provide him with the capacity to see many sides of an argument and his analyses of his positions and negotiations are well thought out. He always makes sure you know his thinking behind resolutions. He does not use his position to put notches in his belt or humiliate anyone; in my experience he is firm but willing to listen to other arguments and perspectives.

Dickson's wife is an attorney as well so although they do not practice together in a sense they are engaged in a family business. They have two young children. For several years Dickson and I discussed travel plans; my husband loves to plan trips all over the map, and several times he's provided tips and resources to Dickson when he took his family hither and yon. In the years before Covid, Dickson and I spent a lot of time in the Chelsea Courthouse between hearings and we talked a lot. Popular culture, politics, books and just about everything else were topics of discussion. We like food, too. Dickson's a smart guy but also great fun, with a dry sense of humor.

Dickson Corbett is a gentleman. He's a person who I absolutely trust. I am not the only one who thinks so. He'll be a great jurist.

Most Sincerely,
Sandra Nelson