

Dear Senator Hashim:

I am a licensed attorney who has practiced in Vermont for more than 45 years. I am writing to urge you to oppose the nominations of Christina Nolan and Michael Drescher to the Vermont Supreme Court.

Neither candidate has sufficient experience practicing in state court to justify an appointment that will put them in charge of the state judiciary.

Christina Nolan lacks judgment, as shown by her attempt to enter a Vermont state courthouse carrying a firearm. If any of my former clients had been caught in such an egregious error, they would in all likelihood still be looking through bars, from the inside out.

I observed Michael Drescher as he prosecuted Rumeysa Ozturk for writing an op-ed in her student newspaper. Mr. Drescher claimed in his testimony before the Senate Judiciary Committee that he had always sought to preserve and protect the Constitution, as indeed he was sworn to do. Yet he made no mention of that portion of the Constitution that guarantees that "No person shall be deprived of liberty without due process". Sadly, Mr. Drescher was actively and flagrantly trying to deprive Ms Ozturk of her right to due process.

I don't take this action lightly. These are not adequate candidates for the incredibly important positions they seek. And, without a doubt, there are much better candidates available. Please oppose both Nolan and Drescher in their efforts to become Justices of the Vermont Supreme Court.

Best personal regards! -- Dan Albert