



Democratic Committee Member,

I am writing to ask for your support of my candidacy for Monroe County Family Court Judge. As a life-long resident of Monroe County, I bring over two decades of dedicated legal service and commitment to helping our community. I believe that I have the experience and perseverance to win in November and be your next Family Court Judge.

As a former Assistant District Attorney in Monroe County in the Child Abuse Bureau, and as an Attorney for the Child, I have been the voice for thousands of children in both criminal and family courts. Serving as a Deputy County Attorney in the Child Services Unit, I passionately championed the rights of abused and neglected children and advocated for the most vulnerable in our community. For nearly a decade, I also represented parents, guardians, and grandparents which provided a comprehensive and well-rounded understanding of all perspectives in family court.

My understanding of family dynamics extends beyond the courtroom. As a single mother of three boys, I have lived through many of the same challenges that families in court face as they navigate new family structures and separate households. It is these shared personal experiences that provide me with a unique insight into the real-life struggles families encounter at home and within the legal system and fuels my passion for such service.

I believe service to our community is an important catalyst for change. As a former Vice-Chair and board member of Cameron Community Ministries, I supported children and families through after school programs, preparing meals for those in need and empowering the community in the greater Lyell-Otis neighborhood. As a past board member of Assisting Children through Transition (ACT), my dedication to educating families as they navigate the complexities of divorce demonstrates my continued commitment to helping those in our community. As a current member of the Permanent Judicial Commission of the Presbytery of Genesee Valley, I serve on the "law court" investigating and overseeing hearings regarding allegations of abuse in our local Presbyterian Churches helping to further protect those most vulnerable.

I believe my extensive background in child advocacy, coupled with my personal experience and a nuanced understanding of all sides in family court matters, positions me as the strongest candidate for the Democratic Party's endorsement for Family Court Judge. As your prior candidate for Supreme Court in 2015, I am eager to continue contributing my skills and dedication to the Party's commitment to a compassionate and equitable legal system.

Thank you for considering my candidacy and I look forward to your support. I am eager to meet you to discuss how my experience aligns with the Democratic Party's vision for a fair and supportive family court system and how my candidacy will serve to strengthen the foundation for our local families and our community.

Sincerely,


Ella Marshall