



Dear Leader and Committee Members:

My name is Rashondra Martin, I am writing to ask for your support of my candidacy for Monroe County Family Court Judge. As a life-long Democrat who currently serves as a Support Magistrate in Monroe County Family Court, I am uniquely qualified to win in November and to be your next Monroe County Family Court Judge.

Currently, I serve as the coordinator for the 7th Judicial District's JUST LAW program. JUST LAW is an essay contest sponsored by the court system, and other stakeholders, for city students to discuss what justice means to them. Students often provide harsh critiques of the courts. Their critiques inform my approach as a jurist. As one student remarked to me, "you taking the time to listen to me gives me hope for the judicial system." Likewise, as a Family Court Judge, I would commit to giving the parties the time needed to hear their matters and provide timely decisions.

As a Support Magistrate in Monroe County Family Court, I have presided over hundreds of support and paternity matters. I have over 20 years of legal experience with a strong commitment to serving children and families. Additionally, I have worked at Rochester City School District as an Associate Counsel and Buffalo Public Schools as the General Counsel. These roles provided me with a distinct perspective to know how important Family Court is to the lives of children and families.

My personal life experiences provide me with the level of compassion to serve as a judge. My parents have been married for over 45 years and provided me with a strong foundation to understand the importance of family. Their example of dedication and service to our community inspired our family motto of "serve with compassion." As I began my family, I recognized my greatest roles are wife to my husband of 12 years and mother to our amazing triplets (two with special needs or differently abled).

Currently, when I hear support and paternity matters, I reflect on my family motto, my experiences as a parent and my varied legal roles and will embody Serving All Families with Compassion and Justice. If given the opportunity to serve as a Monroe County Family Court Judge I pledge to continue to treat everyone who appears before me with respect, dignity, and evaluate every case fairly. I look forward to meeting with you and earning your support.

Very truly yours,

Rashondra Martin