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Dear Voter,

I write this letter seeking your support in becoming your next Monroe County Family Court Judge. There are other candidates seeking the party designation; however, I am the most qualified. I have the legal skills, courtroom experience, and life experience necessary to act on behalf of the citizens of Monroe County as your public servant on the bench.

Many ask me, why are you running for this position and what makes you the best candidate? My answer is this: we have a large segment of the population that feels disenfranchised by the court system. They feel the judges don't listen and the system is broken. I am the judge that will listen to the disenfranchised. I am the judge that will use all of the tools at their disposal, in combination with common sense and life experience, in pursuit of what is in the best interests of the child and our community families. Family court matters can be complex but simple when you are willing to look at the totality of a case and listen to the parties before you. I will be that judge.

For those that do not know me, I am an Ecuadorian American who immigrated to the United States in 1988 with two older brothers and two hard working parents. I have lived in Monroe County since 2010 and currently reside in the City of Rochester with my spouse and two children who attend Francis Parker School No. 23. My story mirrors many within the immigrant community, and I have worked diligently to become an example of what contributions public servants can make to our country.

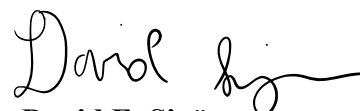
I served as a Monroe County Assistant District Attorney from 2010 to 2018 where I litigated thousands of cases, which included assignments as a sex crimes prosecutor and domestic violence prosecutor, advocating for victims.

I left the District Attorney's Office in 2018 and joined the City of Rochester Corporation Counsel's office. I was integral to the forming of the Rochester Traffic Violations Agency. We created a traffic agency that, for the very first time, provided City motorists the same opportunities motorists in Monroe County suburbs receive, which includes an ability to conference a matter with an attorney, plea down to lesser offenses, and an opportunity to litigate their traffic case under the same standards followed in Monroe County suburbs. After establishing a solid foundation for the traffic agency, I sought an expanded role with the City Law Department as a general municipal attorney. I drafted contracts, provided legal and practical advice to various city departments, drafted city council legislation, and defended the City against lawsuits.

In 2020 I was appointed as a Monroe County Family Court Support Magistrate. I proudly served in this capacity hearing child support and paternity matters until 2022. Many asked why I left such a prestigious position, and I tell them it was difficult but I felt I was not able to do enough. Family Court involves many interwoven issues and the role of a Support Magistrate only remedies a small (although very important) part of the puzzle so I felt my hands were tied in what I could do.

Since leaving my Family Court position as a Support Magistrate in 2022, I have advocated for parents in supreme and family court as well as defended the accused in criminal proceedings. I work day and night to give litigants a voice in the process and promise to use my life and legal experience to serve the citizens of Monroe County as your next family court judge.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David E. Sigüenza". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David E. Sigüenza
Candidate for Monroe County
Family Court Judge 2024

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LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Law Office of David E. Sigüenza

Owner

February 2023 – Present

I advocate for clients in all types of matters pending in Family Court (including Article 10 petitions, custody / visitation, child support, and family offense petitions) and defend the accused against criminal allegations pending in village courts, County Court, and Supreme Court. I strive to find the best resolution possible for my client either through negotiation or litigation.

Wesley, Clark, and Peshkin LLP

Senior Associate

November 2022 – February 2023

I represented firm clients on matters pending in Family Court and Supreme Court related to custody/visitation, child support, divorce, and other family law related matters.

Monroe County Family Court

Support Magistrate

April 16, 2020 - June 8, 2022

I was appointed to a quasi-judicial position in Family Court where I presided over legal actions related to child support and paternity petitions. I presided over hundreds of cases, which included holding conferences, deciding motions, deciding evidentiary issues, and rendering trial decisions.

City of Rochester – Law Department

Municipal Attorney

April 1, 2018 – April 15, 2020

General Attorney: I represented the city of Rochester on a wide range of legal matters. My role included drafting legislation for city council, preparing legal documents, advising City departments on legal and practical matters, and general civil litigation.

Traffic Prosecutor: I served as the first Traffic Prosecutor for the City of Rochester Traffic Violations Agency (RTVA). I conducted hundreds of pre-trial conferences and hundreds of bench trials.

Monroe County District Attorney's Office

Senior Assistant District Attorney

June 21, 2010 – March 30, 2018

Vehicular Crimes Unit: For three years I handled vehicular manslaughters, vehicular assaults, leaving the scene of fatalities, and felony driving while intoxicated cases. I prosecuted well over 160 felony cases a year. This assignment included, on average three grand jury presentations a week, victim/witness meetings, pre-trial motions, pre-trial hearings, bench and jury trials. My cases included complex litigation involving motor vehicle crash reconstruction as well as expert forensic toxicology testimony.

Special Victims Trial Division: For two years I prosecuted cases involving sexual assault, domestic violence, burglary, and weapon possession. My trials included single witness rape offenses, technical DNA evidence, trace evidence, and weapon operability testimony.

