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Case Number: PR 20-0072



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Via email clerkofsupremecourt@mt.gov

To Whom It May Concern:

I have known the Honorably Ashley Harada for about 10 years. She was a contract attorney for the Office of Public Defender while I was staff attorney there. We had frequent contact in our professional roles, and we also had contact outside the office as our children attended the Billings Catholic Schools. She is a good person, a good mother, and a good attorney.

Judge Harada is an extremely ethical, upstanding member of the bench. I have practiced in front of her, and she treats everyone with respect. She is very knowledgeable about the rules of evidence and easily makes fact based rulings from the bench. Judge Harada is honest, compassionate, and impartial. She started a pilot program with another judge so that children in dependent and neglect cases can be processed through the system faster.

Judge Harada puts on her robe every day and handles herself with grace and dignity. She is the epitome of what a judge should be. The citizens of Montana need Judge Harada on the bench.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Moira Murphy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Moira Murphy