

MONTANA WATER COURT



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To: Judicial Nomination Commission
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Re: Associate Water Judge Candidate

Dear Members of the Judicial Nomination Commission:

I am writing to recommend reappointment of Steve Brown as Associate Water Judge. I have known Steve for many years and request you nominate him again for that position.

Steve has been a strong addition to the court. He is conscientious, works hard, and the crew at the court respect him. His broad experience enables him to write thoughtful decisions. Steve and I have a collaborative, enjoyable relationship. He is an asset to the court in many ways and I am grateful to have him as a colleague.

I realize Steve does not have competition but wanted you to know he has my full support.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Russ McElyea".

Russ McElyea
Chief Water Judge