

Re: (Hon.) Joseph Lorman

March 8, 2021

To the Members of the Joint Committee on Judicial Retention:

I've been practicing family law for almost 20 years and it has always constituted about 80 to 90% of my practice. I've had a lot of experience in front of many different judges and magistrates. Also, I was a judicial clerk when I first graduated law school. In that capacity I served the Hon's. Richard Norton, Nancy Corsones, William Cohen, Francis McCaffrey, Kevin Candon and side judges Marlene Burke and Jean Coloutti. Thus, I have had a rich experience in the judge department, so to speak.

I first met Joe Lorman before he was a judge, when he first started practicing, representing the Office of Child Support. In fact, I was there on his first day in court in that capacity, when he appeared before Judge Nancy Corsones. I was impressed by what a gentleman he was; how he was completely on top of the proceedings, very prepared. Over the course of the next couple of years, we got to know each other in court and I would see him out and about in town as well, Rutland being the small community that it is. He was always somebody I could rely on when it came to questions in child support matters and he was very free in assisting me and others in that way.

When he became a judge, this same competent, compassionate disposition followed him to the bench. I am always surprised when a judge brings a bit of a negative attitude or chastising manner to the bench, the proceedings already being stressful enough for all involved and intimidating for the parties. My experience with Judge Lorman is that he never fails to offer a kind word to diffuse such tensions. His tenure at OCS has served him well because he consistently knows the law better than anyone in the courtroom.

I wholeheartedly endorse Judge Lorman for another term. Rutland has been fortunate to have him.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to follow-up with me either by phone or email.

Sincerely,



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