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To Whom It May Concern:

It is my absolute pleasure to recommend Kelly E. Morton for the position of Eaton County District Court Judge. I have worked with Kelly over the last 10 years while I have been an assistant prosecuting attorney with the Eaton County Prosecutor's Office. I have always found her to be honest, hardworking, and knowledgeable. Beyond that Kelly is an incredible mentor and leader who is able to teach and guide in a constructive way, whether it be regarding a charging decision, trial strategy or a sentencing issue.

In my experience, Kelly Morton also truly values victims' rights. For at least the 10 years that I have worked with Kelly, she has specialized in criminal sexual conduct cases with both child and adult victims. I have seen countless times where she has empowered victims who have gone through some of the most heartbreaking and traumatic events. She has always been forthright and open with victims about the process and listened to their concerns and fears. Kelly takes pride in fighting for justice for these victims but is also always fair and thoughtful of the defendant's rights as well.

Along with her undeniable talent as a prosecuting attorney, Kelly Morton is also very active as a community leader. Kelly is on the board for SIREN Eaton Shelter here in Charlotte and was previously elected as the President and Vice President of the Eaton County Bar Association. She is a true team player and does her very best to foster strong and positive relationships with other members of the bar and the community. Not only is she always professional and courteous but she is also willing to listen and share ideas to make our community and legal community better.

Without a doubt, I confidently recommend Kelly Morton to be the new District Court Judge for Eaton County. As a dedicated and knowledgeable attorney, as well as a wonderful person, I know that she will be the leader Eaton County is looking for to continue its service of excellence. Please feel free to contact me at (989) 330-0890 if you would like to discuss Kelly Morton's qualifications further.

Sincerely,

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