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An endorsement for Titus in judge race

As a local female attorney for over 20 years in Carroll County, I was disappointed to read Laura Morton's letter to the editor about the upcoming judicial election in which she is challenging the incumbent, Judge Richard Titus. Ms. Morton's suggestion that Judge Titus lacks experience, integrity or qualifications for the job is highly inaccurate and misplaced. I have had the opportunity to practice before Judge Titus on numerous occasions and have found him to be a tough but fair judge to all litigants.

As a prior judicial applicant myself in 2017, I have personally experienced the stringent nominating process and while ultimately, another highly qualified female colleague was appointed to the District Court of Maryland for Carroll County, I still believe in the judicial appointment process. Ms. Morton states that the reappointment of Judge Titus to the bench "overcomes the will of the people" However, this is wholly inaccurate. The last election does not equate to a lack of performance by Judge Titus in any way and it is unfair by Ms. Morton to imply such. I emphatically believe that Judge Titus' reappointment to the bench is a testament to his skills as an impressive judge, so he was most appropriately reappointed to the Circuit Court and that is exactly where he belongs.

Judge Titus has an excellent reputa-

tion and he has twice received the same "highly qualified" rating from the Trial Courts Nominating Commission cited by Ms. Morton. Further, he has 30 years of legal experience and most importantly, he has over 3 years of real judicial experience which is of utmost value. As a result, rather than speculate how one "might" perform on the bench, Judge Titus already has a proven track record. This record has earned him the endorsements of our county's sheriff and state's attorney along with both the county and state bar associations.

Finally, as a female attorney, I agree that diversity on the court is desirable and we now have excellent female judges on both the District and Circuit Courts. When it comes to the office of judge, the best-qualified person should be appointed and elected. Regardless of gender. Judge Titus is that person and I urge Carroll County citizens to vote to keep him on the court.

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