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Endorsing Titus for Circuit Court judge

I've been an attorney for 25 years, practicing in mostly Carroll and Baltimore counties. I have tried many cases in front of Judge Titus, as well as had cases against the other candidates and observed them practice for many years.

When Richard Titus was appointed to the Carroll County Circuit Court bench by Gov. Hogan in 2016, I was apprehensive about how he would be on the bench, as I didn't know him. Fear of the unknown I would call it. Would he be fair, just, and impartial? Would he be patient? Would he have good judicial temperament? These are all the components that run through attorneys' heads when a new judge is appointed to the bench.

It didn't take long to figure out the answers to these questions. After just a few weeks on the bench, it was easy to tell that the answers were yes, yes, and yes. Judge Titus is all of those things and more. He is fair, just, impartial and he does have good judicial temperament. Judge Titus listens patiently during pleas, motions and trials. He shows respect to lawyers, litigants, and court personnel. He makes sure that everyone treats each other with respect while in his courtroom. He applies both the law and common sense in his rulings.

During the three-plus years he has presided on the bench in Carroll County, Judge Titus has gained a reputation for being quite knowledgeable in all areas of the law, incredibly intelligent, and efficient with court time. He has listened attentively, taken notes, and given well thought out rulings explaining why he has reached the decision he has made.

Judge Titus has shown his dedication to the law, the court system, and the judicial process; going through the tough process of both nomination by the governor and the election process. Gov. Hogan re-appointed Judge Titus to the bench last year. He has once again been presiding on the Carroll County bench serving justice in a fair and impartial manner. I believe that Judge Titus' high ethical standards and morals make him the best candidate (man or woman) for the job. The citizens of Carroll County would be greatly served by his election to the bench. I urge everyone to vote for him. It would be my pleasure to appear before him to litigate cases in the future.

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