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To the Editor:

I am a former Syracuse City Court Judge, having retired in 2010 after twenty-four years of service. I submit this letter in support of Christie DeJoseph's candidacy for Onondaga County Family Court Judge.

I have known Ms. DeJoseph for virtually all her life. I first met her when she was a preschooler, during one of her many visits to her father's (Hon. Brian DeJoseph) chambers when he and I were colleagues in City Court. I took an instant liking to Christie. I was impressed with the savvy manner in which she presented herself.

Over the years, I watched her blossom into a poised adult who was seriously considering embarking on a career as a lawyer. Our meetings in chambers morphed into a number of meaningful give-and-take mentoring conversations about our life experiences and the myriad ways in which these experiences informed our core values, beliefs and ideologies, and ambitions.

An integral part of who she is is her intolerance for the existence of any injustice within the sphere of her influence.

Ms. DeJoseph is a decent, caring person, a good mother and an outstanding lawyer. She appreciates all the virtues that flow from a career of public service. She has a deep cognizance of the impact of the rule of law and its rightful place in the true administration of justice.

I believe that her ideals, poise, and legal talent amply equip her with all the character and fitness necessary to become an outstanding member of the Family Court bench.