

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

as submitted to The Beacon News and the Kane County Chronicle

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“Morelli well-qualified to be Kane judge”

I am writing to express my support of Fred M. Morelli, Jr. for Circuit Judge in the 1st Subcircuit of the 16th Judicial Circuit. I have known Fred Morelli for the past 35 years. I first met Fred when he was serving in the Kane County Public Defender's Office and I was still a practicing lawyer. When I became a Circuit Judge in the 16th Judicial Circuit, I observed Fred extensively when he would appear in my courtrooms for both jury and bench trials in Kane and DeKalb County. While serving as a Second District Appellate Judge, he also had cases in my courtroom. Most impressive is the fact that he argued cases in the Illinois Supreme Court while I was sitting on that court as well.

Fred Morelli has earned an excellent reputation amongst the judges and the lawyers not only in Illinois, but throughout the United States. One can always rely on Fred to be well prepared to represent his clients vigorously, yet always within the framework of the rules. I have been fortunate to stay in touch with Fred since retiring from the Illinois Supreme Court and I know that he still maintains an extremely busy courtroom practice.

The Circuit Court needs judges with the extensive courtroom experience, proven legal ability and solid work ethic like those of Fred Morelli. It is indeed my honor and privilege to give my highest recommendation and endorsement of Fred Morelli for the Circuit Judge in the upcoming General Election on November 4, 2008.

JOHN L. NICKELS

JUSTICE ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT – RET

MAPLE PARK

Appeared in The Beacon News on Friday, October 24, 2008

“Morelli the Best Candidate”

Having been a sitting judge in Kane County for more than 23 years, I have had the privilege to observe many excellent attorneys. My experience and knowledge of the qualifications that are necessary for the election of a competent judge prompts this letter.

I sincerely believe that Fred M. Morelli Jr. is the best candidate for the vacancy of the first sub-circuit district of the Judicial Circuit of Kane County.

Fred served as an associate judge in the 1970s with distinction and honor. He was fair and unbiased and followed the law.

As a very busy practicing attorney, Fred has appeared in all levels of the court system - trial, appellate and supreme. He has a vast amount of trial experience representing the very poor and the very rich with the same professional zeal and integrity. I always enjoyed having someone of Fred's class in my court.

The Circuit Court would be well served by the election of exceptionally qualified and experienced Fred M. Morelli Jr. and I would ask that you support him with your vote on Nov. 4.

GENE NOTTOLINI
KANE COUNTY CIRCUIT JUDGE – RET
ELGIN

Appeared in The Kane County Chronicle on Friday, October 24, 2008

“Morelli for Circuit Judge”

I cannot think of a better candidate for Judge than Fred Morelli. He was a judge for five years plus he has been a full-time trial lawyer for more than 36 years.

I first met when we hired him to represent my husband. When Fred learned that I needed to supplement my income, he hired me to clean both his office on Galena Boulevard and his apartment on Chestnut in Aurora.

I have been cleaning his office on Sunday nights for more than three years, where I have often see Fred meeting with clients. Since Fred spends most of his day in court, he has office hours several nights a week. I have firsthand experience with Fred's reputation as a lawyer. He is highly knowledgeable about the law and can “break it down” for anyone to understand. He treats his clients with dignity, compassion and respect. He has always treated my family this way and I also see this when he is with other clients.

When you combine his 41-plus years experience in the courtroom with his longstanding reputation as a fair, compassionate and honest man, you have a clear choice – Fred Morelli for circuit judge.

LYNETTE E. KLIMAS

NORTH AURORA

Appeared in The Kane County Chronicle on Friday, October 24, 2008

“Morelli has right attributes to be outstanding judge”

I cannot think of a better candidate for judge than Fred Morelli. He was a judge for five years, plus he has been a full-time trial lawyer for over 36 years.

I first met him over three years ago when we hired him to represent my husband. Although he was not part of the original trial, he spent many hours reviewing my husband's case and treated us compassionately, fairly and with great integrity. Surprisingly, he did not charge us for most of that time. When he learned that I needed to supplement my income, he hired me to clean both his office at 403 W. Galena Blvd. and his apartment at 20½ Chestnut in Aurora.

I have been cleaning his office on Sunday nights for over three years now, where I have often see him meeting with clients.

Since he spends most of his days in court and the fact that he represents working people, he has had office hours several nights a week for many years. I have firsthand experience with his reputation as a lawyer. He is highly knowledgeable about the law and can "break it down" for anyone to understand. He treats his clients with dignity, compassion and respect. He has always treated me and my family this way, and I also see this when he is with other clients.

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LYNETTE E. KLIMAS

NORTH AURORA

Appeared in The Beacon News on Tuesday, October 21, 2008

“Personal connections to judicial candidate”

I am writing to share my background with Fred Morelli, candidate for 16th Judicial Circuit judge. My grandmother was Mr. Morelli's very first client (nothing bad) when he first set up his law office in Aurora in 1967. My family came to know Fred very well. Times were hard for my family back then so he helped us out by hiring my mother to help around the house. I fondly recall many times Mr. Morelli would take my siblings out for the afternoon while my mother was busy working.

Over the 40-plus years that my family has known him, we have always had a great deal of admiration for him. He has always treated each member of my family with respect and compassion, a trait he shares with everyone. Mr. Morelli is the person we turn to for honest advice and counsel. He is a brilliant man with a caring heart who I am proud to call my friend.

He has been a lawyer in our community for over 40 years and served five years as a judge. I will be voting for Fred Morelli for judge on Nov. 4 because he has the background and experience.

**KEITH SMITH
AURORA**

Appeared in The Kane County Chronicle on Friday, October 24, 2008

The following letters were provided to the Morelli campaign, but have not yet been published by the newspapers as of Tuesday, October 28, 2008.

Dear Editor:

We are recommending Fred Morelli for Circuit Judge in Aurora Sub-circuit of Kane County this November.

Our family wants to share our experiences to show the personal characteristics of Mr. Morelli making him the ideal candidate. A lawyer friend recommended Mr. Morelli because of his expertise. We found him to be very experienced, honest, caring, and hard working with good work ethics.

Fred shines as the candidate with the most experience. He is a former Associate Circuit Judge and has been actively representing clients for more than 36 years in both civil and criminal cases at all levels of the court system, both State and Federal. He's a former Kane County Public Defender and a Cook County Assistant State's Attorney giving him a wide range of expertise.

Considering Mr. Morelli's opponent has very limited "hands on" experience court cases of varying natures like Fred, the choice of candidate is obvious. The choice isn't Democrat or Republican, its experience that gives justice.

**DENNIS & DIANE HAYES
MONTGOMERY**

Dear Editor:

As a practicing lawyer for over forty years, I have known Fred Morelli for almost all of that period of time. He is running for Judge of the 16th Judicial Circuit, Aurora sub circuit. During that time, I have had the privilege of working with Fred as a Lawyer and coming before Fred during the five years he was a Judge. As a Judge, Fred administered his courtroom with efficiency and dispensed justice with integrity and compassion.

Fred's credentials are the most extensive of almost any Judge now sitting in Kane County. He has practiced in almost every court in the Northern part of the state, including Federal, State, and Local.

As a judge, he would continue to be fair and consistent in his rulings. Most importantly, Fred Morelli still feels passionately about the law and he holds firmly to the belief of "Justice for All". I highly recommend you vote for Fred Morelli for Judge.

**THOMAS D. CHASE
ELGIN**

I am writing in support of Fred Morelli, candidate for Aurora Circuit Judge. Fred's legal ability and his 40 year commitment to justice are well known in the community.

Personally, I have gotten to know Fred Morelli over the past 10 years that he has been my neighbor on Chestnut Street here in Aurora. I have seen Fred selflessly drop what he was doing to help those in need who stop by his home seeking help.

I have seen Fred talking to people with no money, working people, and poor people. Fred never changes; everyone is respected.

I believe my experience with my neighbor Fred shows why Aurora will be proud to have Fred Morelli as Circuit Judge.

GEORGE WEBER
AURORA