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Kansas Senate Judiciary Committee
Senator Jeff King, Chair
The Statehouse
Hearing Room 346-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

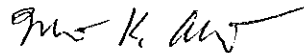
Dear Chairman King and Members of the Committee:

It is a personal honor to appear in support of the Governor's nomination of Kathryn A. Gardner as the next Judge to the Kansas Court of Appeals.

For your consideration, I attach a copy of my letter written in support of Ms. Gardner. I look forward to sharing with you my high regard of Ms. Gardner's legal skills and her personal character. I also will address briefly the valuable experience that she has gained from her legal service to the Honorable Sam A. Crow.

Thank you for the opportunity to appear.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Martin K. Albrecht", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Martin K. Albrecht
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Dear Governor Brownback and Senator King:

There has been only a handful of times when I have deemed myself so uniquely positioned to write an informed letter of recommendation. This is one of those times. From the first day of law school in my small section Contracts class I've known Kathryn Gardner, and our career and family paths have continued to cross for more than thirty years. After law school, we worked as research attorneys on the Kansas Court of Appeals, and worked together as law clerks for the U.S. District Court Judge Sam Crow from 1986 to 1988 and again from 2000 to date. It is from this perspective that I offer the following.

I can write without any reservation that Kathryn Gardner is exceptionally skilled to serve as an appellate court judge. She is a gifted writer who strives for clarity and brevity. Her analytical and research skills are the top-rate product of a keen intellect and her many years as a judicial law clerk. Her diverse and deep knowledge of the law and her extended experience with judicial writing make her a natural fit for the robe.

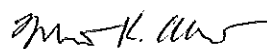
I can write with the same confidence that Kathryn Gardner consistently displays the character traits we need and want from our judges. She has been a wonderful ambassador for the bar and would excel equally as one for the bench. Her professional demeanor instills respect and admiration. Her integrity is unquestionable. Her work for Judge Crow always has demonstrated objectivity, legal foresight, and a passion for justice.

I can write that Kathryn Gardner understands and appreciates all the intangibles that must come together for one to be an exceptional judge. She has sat at the feet of two wonderfully gifted judges, Judge Crow and Judge Swinehart. She knows that a judge cannot take herself too seriously for she is a servant called to humbly execute the duties of her office. She knows that a judge must be a patient and careful listener. She knows that a judge must always interact with the bench and bar with courtesy and concern for all. Most important, she knows the robe is a privilege that entitles her to serve and not a privileged status that entitles her to anything than the respect owed the office.

Finally, I have to write the following though I may struggle to find the right words. I would hope that all of us have a person or persons in our lives whose advice we trust implicitly, because their standards are inspiring, their wisdom is plain, and their compassion is flowing. Kathryn is one of those persons to me.

Because I cannot imagine a person more qualified and suited to be a judge than Kathryn Gardner, I heartily recommend her for the vacancy on the Kansas Court of Appeals.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Martin K. Albrecht".

Martin K. Albrecht
Law Clerk to Hon. Sam A. Crow