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Judicial Nominating Commission for District 7  
c/o Administrative Office of the Courts, Human Resources Dept.  
Maryland Judicial Center  
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RE: Elizabeth Adams, Esquire  
Circuit and District Court for Anne Arundel County Vacancies

Dear Sir/Madam:

Please accept this letter of recommendation on behalf of Elizabeth Adams, Esquire for her nomination to the Circuit and District Court for Anne Arundel County, Maryland

I have known Ms. Adams both professionally and personally since 2000. During her tenure with the State's Attorney's Office I had the pleasure of observing her as both a District and Circuit Court attorney. As we had several cases against one another I found her to be an outstanding trial attorney. She mastered the ability of not only being a zealous litigant but also being fair and reasonable in all circumstances. Since that time she has amassed a superior resume making her a well-rounded member of the legal community.

I would suggest Elizabeth Adams possesses the qualities wanted in a Circuit or District Court Judge. She maintains a superior intellect and knowledge of the law. She is able to express her ideas and finds with fairness and clarity both orally and in writing. Lastly, she is able to maintain the appropriate decorum of professionalism that is mandated in any court.

Please look favorably upon Ms. Adams' application as she would make a wonderful addition to the Anne Arundel County bench. Should you have any questions in this regard, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,

  
Mark S. Chandlee

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**THE SENATE OF MARYLAND**  
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August 18, 2025

Judicial Nominating Commission for District 7  
c/o Administrative Office of the Courts  
Human Resources Division  
Maryland Judicial Center  
187 Harry S. Truman Parkway, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: Letter of Support for Elizabeth Adams  
Judicial Candidate, Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to wholeheartedly endorse Elizabeth Adams for her appointment to the Circuit Court of Anne Arundel County. Elizabeth is more than just a constituent; she is also a respected colleague within the legal community. Our initial introduction occurred approximately ten years ago through our involvement in coordinating a joint event with the Military Spouse JD Network, which I led, and the Anne Arundel County Chapter of the Women's Bar Association, which she was leading.

Over the years, I have had the privilege of getting to know Elizabeth through our shared participation in various community programs. Whether it is volunteering at the Chrysalis House with the Women's Bar Association, dedicating her time to the Anne Arundel County Court Appointed Special Advocates, or contributing to the Women Moving Forward Steering Committee, Elizabeth has consistently demonstrated a profound commitment to public service.

Furthermore, Elizabeth is deeply ingrained in the legal community, serving as Co-Chair of the Community Service Division of the Anne Arundel County Bar Association, the current Section Chair for the State and Local Government Section of the Maryland State Bar Association, and also as a member of the Board of Trustees for the Cawood Inns of Court. Born and raised in Anne Arundel County, she considers her career in public service as a form of stewardship for her community, neighbors, and friends. In short, Elizabeth is a community leader with profound connections and an unparalleled dedication to public service.

What sets Elizabeth apart as an outstanding judicial candidate is not only her extensive community involvement but also her suitability for the role of a judge. She possesses a down-to-earth, practical, and fair demeanor, which ensures that all parties appearing before her will receive a just and impartial hearing or trial. Her decisions will be grounded in well-reasoned judgment based on a comprehensive understanding of the law and the relevant facts.

Elizabeth's exemplary conduct and her role as a mentor within the legal profession make her a shining example. Her extensive professional background, which includes serving as an Assistant State's Attorney, a private criminal defense attorney, and an Assistant Attorney General, has provided her with a rare breadth and depth of experience in both criminal and civil law. This makes her an exceptionally well-qualified and versatile candidate for the position.

I express my highest respect and unwavering belief in Elizabeth's unparalleled competence, making it my sincere privilege to provide this recommendation on her behalf. I have complete confidence that Elizabeth will be a distinguished and consummate asset to the bench, and I strongly urge you to appoint her as an Associate Judge to the Circuit Court of Anne Arundel County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dawn Gile". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Dawn" and the last name "Gile" clearly legible.

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March 14, 2025

Judicial Nominating Commission for District 7  
c/o Administrative Office of the Courts  
Human Resources Division  
Maryland Judicial Center  
187 Harry S. Truman Parkway, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Annapolis, MD 21401

To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great pleasure that I write to you to enthusiastically express my support for the appointment of Elizabeth Adams, Esq. to the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County.

I have known Ms. Adams for many years and can attest to her excellent breadth of knowledge and legal experience. I have great confidence that she would bring unique and principled experience to the Circuit Court bench. It is clear to me that she would resolve cases with fairness, kindness, and an appropriate application of the law.

I have zero doubt that she would serve her community and further serve the judiciary well. I wholeheartedly support her appointment to the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County and hope that you look favorably upon her application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael A. Jackson". The signature is stylized with large loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Michael A. Jackson  
State Senator, District 27

**Michael W. Lord**  
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August 16, 2025

Judicial Nominating Commission for District 7  
c/o Administrative Office of the Courts  
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Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: Candidacy of Elizabeth Adams, Esquire  
Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County

To Whom It May Concern:

I am honored to submit this letter in recommendation of Elizabeth Adams, Esquire for a position on the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County. By way of background, I retired in June 2020 as Executive Director of the State Ethics Commission, a position I held since November 2011. Prior to my employment with the State Ethics Commission, I worked as an Assistant Attorney General in the Maryland Office of Attorney General, Assistant County Attorney in Anne Arundel County, served as Executive Director of a public health association, and completed a twenty-year career in the United States Navy, primarily as a member of the Navy's Judge Advocate General's Corps.

I first met Elizabeth when we both served as litigators in the Anne Arundel County Office of Law, where I worked from 2001-2009. Elizabeth arrived during my final year after serving in the Anne Arundel County Office of State's Attorney. I was immediately impressed with her good nature, legal acumen, and litigation skills. She quickly won the respect of her colleagues and supervisors alike. So impressed was I that when I moved on in 2009 to the Maryland Office of Attorney General ("OAG") to become Tort Litigation Supervisor (a position I held from 2009 through 2011), at the earliest opportunity I offered her a position in my office. I could not have been more thrilled when she accepted the offer.

As Tort Litigation Supervisor, I was charged with overseeing the defense of lawsuits filed against the State of Maryland and its agencies under the Maryland Tort Claims Act. Agency counsel handled many of the cases, doing so under my supervision, but my immediate office also retained direct litigation responsibility for a number of cases. Generally, the cases we handled were of a more complex nature, particularly where the involved agency did not have the experience, or the staffing, to handle it. I never hesitated to assign complex cases to Elizabeth, and I was always confident the cases were in excellent hands. And on occasion I would assign her as co-counsel on cases where I thought her steady hand would be helpful to a less-experienced attorney. I was always impressed with Elizabeth's intelligence, firm grasp of the

Elizabeth Adams

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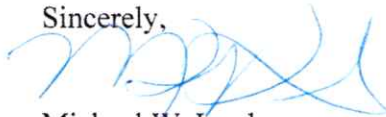
law, and familiarity with even the most minute details of each case. She was also a valuable resource for me when I needed sound advice on issues I was facing in my own cases.

When I left the OAG in 2009, Elizabeth stepped into my position, and from all accounts did an outstanding job. I know from communications I had after leaving the Office that Elizabeth was highly respected by her many colleagues in the OAG, and particularly by those whose work she supervised. She was especially gifted as a mentor to young attorneys, all of whom truly liked and respected her. Elizabeth would be an invaluable colleague in any environment, but the rare combination of skills and qualities she possesses, to include her temperament and intellect, would be especially valuable on the bench.

Without question, Elizabeth has in abundance the knowledge, skill, and experience critical to service on the Circuit Court Bench. Her character is unsurpassed. I have worked with scores of outstanding attorneys in the Navy and civilian life, and I have managed many talented attorneys during my Navy and civilian careers. Elizabeth is clearly among the best and brightest of them. I cannot think of a better choice or a person more capable of enhancing the public's and the bar's view of the Circuit Court than Elizabeth Adams, and I give her my most enthusiastic and unqualified recommendation for a position on the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County.

Thank you for considering this recommendation. I would be delighted to discuss Elizabeth's candidacy in more detail and I invite you to contact me at your convenience. She is simply the best.

Sincerely,



Michael W. Lord

cc: Elizabeth Adams, Esquire

Marot Williamson



October 3, 2025

Judicial Nominating Commission for District 7  
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RE: Letter of Recommendation for Elizabeth Adams

To the Members of the Judicial Nominating Committee,

I am writing in support of Elizabeth Adams to join the bench of Anne Arundel County. I first got to know Elizabeth when she was the president of the Anne Arundel Chapter of the Women's Bar Association of Maryland. Elizabeth is a good leader and was good at including the viewpoints of others when making decisions for the chapter. Elizabeth's friendly demeanor and wide-ranging experience, particularly in civil law, make her well suited to serve as a judge.

Elizabeth's breadth of experience regarding an array of civil matters gives her a unique perspective. In addition, Elizabeth is a very practical person and she would put this attribute to good use when making decisions and rulings.

Elizabeth is very active in the local legal community and she is an active and dependable member of a number of organizations. Elizabeth is not just a member of an organization to say that she is a member, she rolls up her sleeves and gets to work. When I organized lunches for the residents of the Chrysalis House through the Women's Bar Association, Elizabeth was always there with a smile on her face, offering a helping hand. Elizabeth was very helpful to me when I became the president of the Anne Arundel Chapter of the Women's Bar Association. She gave me sound advice and guidance when I was first starting out in the role. I could always count on her to steer me in the right direction.

Elizabeth is also currently the assistant secretary for the James C. Cawood, Jr. American Inn of Court. The few days leading up to and including each monthly meeting are always a flurry of activity, making sure the members have RSVP'd, that the correct meal count is conveyed to the venue, and that check-in goes smoothly. As a fellow member of the board, I can always trust Elizabeth to make sure that this is done. One of my tasks with the Inn was to place members into pupillage groups. I knew that when I placed Elizabeth in a group, she would work hard, be an asset to the group, and be easy to get along with. Elizabeth is a valued member of the Inn and I believe that she will move into another position of leadership in the future. I

Elizabeth has also made a large contribution to the Maryland State Bar Association State and Local Government Section as the chair. Part of her duties in this role is to help plan the yearly section seminar. In this role, she does a great job planning interesting speakers and getting the word for the event.

I am confident that Elizabeth's pleasant demeanor would translate to the bench if she were to be selected as a judge. I know that Elizabeth will treat the people who appear before her with respect and will make considered decisions in order to reach fair results.

Sincerely,

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Marot Williamson