

# Circuit Court for Charles County

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Dear Judicial Review Committee,

I am writing this letter in regards to the upcoming Judicial Review Hearing for Judge Robert C. Nalley. I have worked with the Honorable Robert C. Nalley for approximately 30 years through various duty assignments within the District and Circuit Court, and have always found Judge Nalley to be a man of Honor.

Throughout these 30 years, I have found Judge Nalley to be very dedicated to the Bench, as well as providing all litigants equal and fair process. I have learned how much Judge Nalley loves the law, and the respect he has for his position. Due to the backlog of cases, Judge Nalley would frequently sacrifice his time and work late into the evening hours, in order to provide due process for matters before the Court.

I have had the opportunity to witness Judge Nalley be firm when passing sentences, and on many occasions defendants have appeared or wrote letters to thank him for the sanctions imposed. I am aware of several parents who have tried to arrange meetings with the Judge, in order to thank him for taking the time and consideration of placing their child in a treatment facility.

My respect for Judge Nalley is strengthened by my knowledge of the humanity and assistance that he has provided to Defendants, who were being release for time served, with no place to go, by calling Catholic Charities, and providing a few dollars of his own money, so the defendant could have a meal.

Citizens in the political arena have approached me regarding the difficult and unfortunate situation of this matter. Most people have been dismayed by the fact that the press has severely punished this man and his family. The consensus that I have repeatedly heard is that Judge Nalley is a good and honorable man, and good people do and will make mistakes. I truly believe that the community at large is familiar with the service and commitment that Judge Nalley has provided. I have discussed this matter with Judge Nalley, and I know that he understands the nature of the incident, and I would have no reason to believe that similar actions would occur.

My own commitment and dedication to the Court was established from the mentoring and teaching of Judge Nalley, as well as his teaching of others throughout the Judiciary.

I would respectfully request that the Honorable Robert C. Nalley continue to serve the public in the utmost fashion of the commitment and dedication to the citizens, from my familiarity of his service of the last 30 years.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Sharon L. Hancock