

## **Gaal has vision**

To the editor:

I write in support of Chris Gaal for Monroe County Circuit Court Judge, Seat 2. Chris brings significant legal experience to the bench, having practiced law in Bloomington for more than 20 years. Chris demonstrates the type of integrity, thorough preparation thoughtful consideration of the many aspects of human issues vital to the role of judge.

Beyond his legal practice, Chris is an active leader across a range of issues significant to our community. I had the opportunity to work with Chris in the development of our local sexual assault response team.

Chris initiated this effort and brought together representatives of law enforcement agencies, Middle Way House, IU, and Bloomington Hospital to create a collaborative partnership in response to sexual assault in our community, including developing a sexual assault nurse examiner program. He worked to procure funds for the training of nurses. This program and these professionals, who are truly the backbone of our community resources for victims of sexual assault today, are here because of the vision, work and leadership of Chris Gaal.

We can expect this same leadership and active effort for the improvement of our community from him as judge.

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