

## **Gaal best for bench**

To the editor:

In more than 30 years of work in courts, corrections and child welfare, I have not known a more accomplished, fair-minded and progressive candidate for the bench than Chris Gaal. Chris has more than 20 years of diverse legal experience, both as prosecutor and as criminal defense attorney representing private clients and public defender cases. He has also practiced in family law, small claims, civil litigation, and immigration. Chris has conducted high-profile jury trials in serious felony cases, and has served as pro tempore judge.

Chris approaches complex situations with equanimity. He also brings a progressive commitment that has contributed to improved quality of justice in our community. As our prosecutor, Chris has proved what a difference the right person can make in bringing people together to create valuable new community resources, including the Mental Health Court, the Sexual Assault Response Team, Susie's Place Child Advocacy Center, and the Nurse Family Partnership. Please join me in voting for Chris Gaal for judge in Circuit Court 2.

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