

Gaal will make great Circuit Court judge

To the editor:

I met Chris Gaal when he was serving on city council and working in private law practice. During the more than 15 years I have known Chris, he has consistently demonstrated a strong commitment to this community, to progressive values and to serving vulnerable populations.

As prosecutor, Chris transformed what justice means in this community by focusing on prevention, education and rehabilitation. Knowing that lasting change comes through broad community engagement and collaboration, Chris built alliances to address difficult issues. He helped establish a mental health court, a sexual assault response team and a child advocacy center, to name a few of his accomplishments.

The transformation of the prosecutor's office started by Chris will be enduring, improving justice in this community. Prior to being prosecutor, Chris worked as a defense attorney representing clients in criminal and civil cases.

He is ready to take this unique combination of experience and apply it to being a Monroe County Circuit Court judge. Based on my knowledge of Chris, as judge, he will be fair, impartial and treat everyone with respect. A vote for Chris Gaal for judge is a vote for a community that values all citizens and works toward a more just society.

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