

Gaal reflects community values

To the editor:

Chris Gaal's work in all aspects of our criminal justice system is one of the reasons I am proud to live in Bloomington. I have known Chris for decades, and his values and career reflect the progressive values of our community. He has dedicated his career to public service as a community leader and is running for judge to continue that commitment.

Chris has been a major influence in shaping the unique progressive culture in the Monroe County justice system. His work has focused on prevention/education, rehabilitation, problem solving resources (drug and alcohol addictions/mental health treatment). Chris worked and collaborated to form a sexual assault response team, strengthen support for victims of domestic violence, create the sexual assault nurse examiner program, and improve adult protective services. His support helped create Susie's Place, a child advocacy center. Chris is a big part of what makes Bloomington the model community we love. He has improved the quality of life for the most vulnerable among us.

As a member of the board of judges, Chris Gaal will continue his work to make us all proud of the quality of justice in our community.

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