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Jack McEneny
former Assemblyman

Join me in supporting Sue Kushner for Family Court Judge. We in Albany County have a proud tradition of strengthening families in a progressive, supportive way . . . No candidate exemplifies that tradition better than Sue Kushner.

Patricia Fahy,
NYS Assemblywoman
for the 109th District

Sue and I have worked together on school issues . . . and she's a friend. Her professional work in Child Protective Services, and now as Public Defender in Family Court, makes her the smart choice for Family Court Judge. She cares, she's fair and she understands the challenges our families face. So please join me in voting for Sue Kushner for Family Court.

Phil Steck
NYS Assemblyman
for the 110th District

It's important we have a fair-minded, compassionate family court judge who understands the issues our families face. Sue Kushner has that experience. Sue is a public defender in family court and has worked with Child Protective Services. Sue is my choice for Family Court Judge.

Barbara Smith,
Albany Common Council
4th Ward

I know Sue – besides raising three wonderful children, she's a fierce advocate for family and for community. Sue is someone who really cares. She is a mentor and a role model. We need a Judge like her in Family Court. My choice is clear – Sue Kushner for Family Court Judge. I hope you'll join me.

James Gaughan, Mayor
Village of Altamont

Sue's well-rounded experience – from school board to private attorney to public defender in Family Court – makes her the best choice. Her ability to listen, her commitment to fairness and making the court accessible is what we need in our next Family Court Judge.

John Clarkson
Bethlehem Supervisor

Sue Kushner has the knowledge, background and compassion to be a great family court judge.

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EDITORIAL

Family Court: Kushner

A Rensselaer County Democratic voters on primary day will have a choice between two candidates for Family Court with excellent – but very different – resumes. The ballot will feature one candidate with long experience in the court itself, and another with broad experience representing people who come before the court, and sometimes prosecuting them.

It's the first broader experience and our endorsement in that race, that we endorse Susan Kushner in the primary.

Ms. Kushner's opponent, Rika Murray, is currently a Municipal Court judge, who has been, she is also, very good at it. Ms. Murray has been on the Family Court panel for 18 years, most of it as a confidential law clerk to various judges. Since 2008, she has sat on the bench herself as a support magistrate, presiding over neglect and abuse cases involving paternity, child and spousal support, and violations of court orders – much of the work, in short, that a full-

THE ISSUE:

Two candidates bring very good but different resumes to the Albany County Family Court race.

THE STAKES:

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In addition, Kushner has worked in the Albany County Legislature, as an assistant Albany County attorney and as a litigator in private practice. Murray's experience is as a judge and as a lawyer for the Department of Social Services' Child Protective Unit. She has also been a private practice lawyer and worked in the Albany County Legislature.

Outside her legal work, she's primarily known in Albany's circles for serving Albany's mayor as a Senate member of the board of Albany Housing Authority, and for her work in the Albany County Family Court system.

Both candidates strike many of the same themes – she cited the need for a court system that, for all people who come before the court to be treated with dignity, and for the court to run efficiently.

But while Ms. Murray has a valuable perspective from the bench, Ms. Kushner has a breadth of experience that can only be gained in the trenches.

Finally, we are also troubled by Ms. Murray's assignment of the Crimes' endorsement. While voters should not be candidates for elective office in Albany County, we do believe that the County's political endorsements, Family Court is a place where it is vital that people who have a judge approaches the job without preconceptions about who may be the traditional relationships. This court hears a wide variety of cases, not just those involving moms and dads, but minor neglect, dads, and dads, and unmarried couples as well.

While we don't want politics to serve as the court's sole function to serve, we do believe that a judge who comes before it, here or elsewhere, by a party as hostile to the divisiveness by party gives up points, fully the right to do Mr. Kushner.

"Our opinion: A Family Court judge should have a broad perspective, and an unquestioned open mind.

We endorse Susan Kushner in the primary.

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to make her the first choice for Family Court.

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