



Dear Fellow Committee Members,

While political support is important, I deeply value the support of our community. Included below are only some of the many messages of support I have recently received from members of our community. Thank you for taking the time to read them. Although they have given me permission to publish their names, for privilege and privacy reasons, all names have been shortened to initials. Many of these clients are willing to speak with you. Please let me know if you wish to do so.

Respectfully,

Marybeth McCarthy



“Marybeth is the bomb. She was with me every step of the way and fought really hard for me. She is a force to be reckoned with. Marybeth never gave up. I would receive emails from her late at night and she even called me on holidays to check in. She works really hard and would make an amazing judge. Ironically enough, she would make a great judge because she doesn’t

judge anyone. She sees everyone to have value to this world and treats everyone with respect. She won my trial even when the prosecutor was snarky and laughing throughout it. The judge looked at me right before trial and asked if I was sure I didn't want to take the plea deal. I had faith in Marybeth and she showed up for me like no one else has in my life. I keep telling her I owe her my life and she tells me it's her privilege to know me. We need more of her in this world. She also gave me the best hug I ever had in my life after that trial. I think of her every time I see my babies and thank god for her that I am still with them. I still feel bad she left that family barbeque to come help me." ~Arianna Wallace (*explicit permission for photo & quote given*)

"I would like to take this opportunity to say that Marybeth is an amazing public defender and woman. She worked extremely hard on my case at all stages. I have honestly never met someone more caring than her. She does not give up. She fights for what is right no matter what she is up against. Her heart is pure and I thank God every day that she represented me because if it wasn't for her, no one would have seen the truth and I thank her from the bottom of my heart." ~R.N.

"Ms. McCarthy is a straight shooter. You can tell that people know what she's about in the courtroom. Sometimes people try to mess with her and you can tell she doesn't put up with it from anyone. She tells it like it is and is extremely honest with everyone. I didn't always like what she had to tell me, but she was right. She hooked me up with mad programs and got me straight. I am proud to say I have one full time job and one part time job now because of her and I was able to get my own apartment. She had faith in me when no one else did. I thanked the judge for the opportunities and he said not to thank him, to thank Ms. McCarthy and he was right. She is for the people. Ain't no power like the power of the people, because the power of the people don't stop!" ~D.C.

"The Judge told me she didn't think I was going to make it through the program and that I would be headed straight to prison. Marybeth told me I could succeed and that I was the one in charge of my future. She checked in on me and made sure I had connections for the help I needed. I proved that judge wrong and when I graduated the judge told me she was shocked. She didn't congratulate me. I have been clean for 3 years now and I owe that opportunity to the faith Marybeth had in me. She fought so hard." ~E.M.

"Ms. McCarthy is a very strong woman who saved my life. She won my trial and proved my innocence. I was able to get my children back, along with my job and nursing license. She helped me when no one else would. I was treated like an animal in that jail and that courtroom. The only person who saw me as a human was Ms. McCarthy. She made sure I had the right clothes for trial so I didn't have to wear a jumpsuit. She helped wipe my tears one day in court

too when I was handcuffed. One of the deputies told her she don't get paid enough to be wiping people's snot, and she let him know what was up. She belongs on that bench where those judges sit. She sees everyone as worthy. She even gets along with those prosecutors that I don't like. She is respectful to everyone. I don't know how she does it." ~T

"Being a gay man was not easy in that jail. I had people coming after me and McCarthy worked hard to make sure I was okay. McCarthy is the best. She came to see me all of the time when I couldn't make bail. She made sure I knew I had people on my side. When I went to court, she always shook my hand and asked that I be uncuffed for court so I could have some freedom. She gave good advice even when I didn't like it at the time because I wanted to talk a lot but she told me she had me and to let her do the talking. She was right. She worked out a plea for me that let me get out of custody and back to my family and back to work. I haven't been in trouble for years because McCarthy got me always. One time the judge made her go home for the day because she was struggling in court with broken ribs. This woman be working in court with broken ribs. I said McCarthy go home this is crazy and she told me this ain't crazy, it's important. I walked her back to the office that day and carried her bag." CK

"Ms. McCarthy is probably glad she had me as a client. I trust her. A few years after she represented me, I saw her broke down on the side of the road on Joseph Ave. She was standing outside her car and I walked up to her. My boys and I made sure she was safe until help came. She saved me and it was my turn to save her. We even now I think. She is good people." ~JC

"We need Marybeth as a judge in this county. Go watch court some day with her in it. You'd be impressed. She puts a smile on people's faces and brightens the darkest day really. Everyone loves her and she is so nice to everybody, even when I tell her she shouldn't be." ~MRK