



Mayor of Providence

Jorge O. Elorza

February 2, 2015

Honorable Members  
Providence City Council  
City Hall

Dear Honorable Members:

Pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 603 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended and Public Law, Chapter 45-50, Sections 1 through 31 passed in 1987, I am this day appointing Jeffrey Dana of 225 Carpenter Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02903, to the position of City Solicitor, and respectfully submits the same for your approval.

Sincerely,

Jorge O. Elorza  
Mayor

IN CITY COUNCIL  
FEB 19 2015

READ  
WHEREUPON IT IS ORDERED THAT  
THE SAME BE RECEIVED AND APPROVED  
  
CLERK

## Jeffrey Dana

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Providence, RI 02903  
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### Legal Experience

#### The Family Law Center of Rhode Island, Providence and Newport, RI

##### Of Counsel, October 2009 – present

- File consumer bankruptcy cases and affirmative consumer rights litigation; the majority of clients are at risk of losing their homes in foreclosure proceedings and many have been victims of predatory lending practices and/or mortgage servicing abuses
- Provide legal representation on eviction matters for a property management company and two Community Development Corporations
- Consulted with in-house counsel for a national property management company in developing a protocol for compliance with lead hazard mitigation laws
- Consulted with Rhode Island Housing, a quasi-state agency, in preparing the state's application for the federal government's "Hardest Hit Fund" that was awarded to Rhode Island

#### United States Bankruptcy Court, District of Rhode Island, Providence, RI

##### Career Law Clerk to U.S. Bankruptcy Judge, April 2008 – Sept. 2009

- Managed the Court's caseload by monitoring the progress of cases and the filing of pleadings
- Reviewed legal memoranda, oral argument and witness testimony and collaborated with the Judge in the drafting of opinions
- Drafted court orders, responded to motions and assisted the Judge in preparation for Court sessions
- Acted as a liaison with judges and chambers' staff in other jurisdictions
- Managed student interns working in chambers

**Consumer Law Group, Rhode Island Legal Services, Providence, RI**

**Managing Attorney, August 2007 – April 2008**

**Staff Attorney, July 2004 – August 2007**

- Provided legal representation for families and individuals at risk of losing their homes due to predatory lending practices, tax liens and foreclosure proceedings
- Trained and supervised staff attorneys, paralegals and student interns
- Designed and implemented an evaluation process of staff attorneys, paralegals and support staff
- Participated in community-wide anti-predatory lending campaign

**Housing Law Unit, Rhode Island Legal Services, Providence, RI**

**Unit Head, March 2003 – July 2004; Staff Attorney, August 1999 – June 2004**

- Supervised staff attorneys, paralegals, administrative assistants and student interns
- Represented tenants and tenant groups in a variety of housing matters including eviction defense, enforcement of tenants' rights and preservation of subsidized and fair housing
- Advocated for tenants in legislative initiatives and with federal and state administrative agencies

**Domestic Violence Unit, Rhode Island Legal Services, Providence, RI**

**Contract Attorney, June 1999 – August 1999**

- Represented victims of domestic violence seeking restraining orders in Family Court

**Argentinean Law Firms, Buenos Aires, Argentina**

**Legal Consultant, February 1997 – February 1999**

- Drafted memoranda for U.S.-based corporate clients and assisted with translation of legal documents

**Education** **Tulane Law School**, New Orleans, LA

Juris Doctor, Certificate of European Practice, May 1996  
Honors: Certificate of Training in Arbitration, Moot Court Trial Advocacy  
Semifinalist  
Scholarships: Tulane Academic

**Tulane University**, New Orleans, LA

Bachelor of Arts, International Relations, May 1993  
Honors: Dean's List, Honors Program, Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society  
Scholarships: Tulane Academic, Judge Breaux Scholarship, Nathan  
Resnick Memorial Scholar

**University of Essex**, Colchester, England

Tulane Junior Year Abroad Program, Fall 1991 – Summer 1992  
Studies in Government, Economics and History

**Professional  
Affiliations**

**Rhode Island Bar:** Admitted to Practice in 1996

**Federal Bar:** Admitted to Practice in 2002

**American Bankruptcy Institute:** Member

**National Association of Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys:** Member

**Community Action Partnership of Providence:** Board of Directors,  
Chairperson

**Childhood Lead Action Project:** Board of Directors

**Skills**

**Languages:** Spanish fluency

**Computer:** BestCase, Westlaw, LexisNexis, Microsoft Office



# State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPRESENTATIVE K. JOSEPH SHEKARCHI *District 23*

*Committee on Labor*

*Committee on Judiciary*

February 10, 2015

Luis A. Aponte, Council President  
Providence City Council  
25 Dorrance Street – Room 310  
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

**RE: Recommendation for Jeffrey Dana**

Dear Council President Aponte,

I am writing this recommendation in support of Jeffrey Dana for the position of solicitor for the City of Providence. I have known Mr. Dana over five years now and I have always known him to be organized, well prepared, and knowledgeable on all things pertaining to his field of expertise.

Throughout the past five years, I have both worked directly with Mr. Dana, and been opposing counsel against Mr. Dana. Mr. Dana has always proved himself to be respectful, and responsive to every inquiry that came his way. He has always been prompt and prepared. The admiration and trust I developed for his legal work and ethical behavior from these transactions, have led me to refer numerous cases clients to Mr. Dana. Clients feel comfortable around him and recognize from their initial conversations that this is a person they can have confidence in.

I have no reservations in Mr. Dana's ability to be an outstanding solicitor in the City of Providence. He has the ideal temperament and drive that it takes to be successful in this position. His ability to connect with clients and other attorneys to resolve matters quickly and efficiently is bar none.

In conclusion, I believe Mr. Dana will be an exceptional candidate for this position. He is hard working, intelligent, and principled. Please feel free to contact me at (401) 827-0100 or [joe@shekarchilaw.com](mailto:joe@shekarchilaw.com) if I can provide any additional information regarding Mr. Dana's qualifications or credentials.

Very Truly Yours,

Representative K. Joseph Shekarchi, Esq.



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February 9, 2015

Providence City Council  
c/o Lori L. Hagen, City Clerk  
Providence City Hall  
25 Dorrance St.  
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Honorable Members of the City Council,

I am writing in full support of the nomination of Jeffrey Dana as City Solicitor for the great City of Providence.

Serving as Deputy City Solicitor in Providence and now, City Solicitor in Central Falls, I know firsthand the challenges facing the Law Department. A successful City Solicitor needs to be able to solve problems in the most complex legal environments, command the ever-changing dynamics of a courtroom and, most importantly, understand the many challenges facing the low-income and middle-class taxpayers of the City. Jeff possesses these characteristics and many, many more.

I first met Jeff when he was the chairman of the Board of the Childhood Lead Action Project, a tremendous grassroots organization tackling the problems of lead poisoning and affordable housing in Providence. I became further impressed when I saw him in the courtroom as the clerk for Judge Arthur N. Votolato, Jr. of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Rhode Island. It is this rare combination of community engagement and superior legal expertise that led his appointment to the board of the reformed Pro-Cap agency; an appointment that turned into Jeff becoming chair and leading that organization from receivership to recovery with executive director Melissa Husband.

I believe that Jeff will be a tremendous chief legal advisor to the Mayor, the City Council and all of the employees of the City. I also believe that he will continue to grow the Affirmative Litigation program that I was honored to lead: finding new ways to increase revenue through innovative and powerful litigation. And, I believe in his intellect and faith in the future of the Capital City.

Thank you in advance for your support of a great nominee for City Solicitor

Very Truly Yours,

*Matthew T. Jerzyk*



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"I will stand for my client's rights.  
I am a trial lawyer."  
-Ron Motley (1944-2013)

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February 6, 2015

Providence City Council  
City Hall  
25 Dorrance St., Room 310  
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RE: Jeffrey Dana

Dear City Council Members:

I am writing to highly recommend Jeffrey Dana for the position of Providence City Solicitor. I am a partner with the Motley Rice law firm and I have been a practicing attorney and resident of the City of Providence for over 25 years.

I first met Jeff well over a decade ago when he worked for Rhode Island Legal Services. We worked together on issues involving childhood lead poisoning. I was impressed greatly by his legal skills and acumen as well as his obvious compassion for underprivileged children and their families.

I have stayed in touch with Jeff over the years and I know that he is very highly regarded in the Rhode Island legal community. I have also referred Jeff clients of mine for his legal assistance and expertise. He is a first rate lawyer. In addition to his legal skills I also know Jeff to be an extremely forthright and honest individual. This special combination of exceptional character and exceptional legal skills will help Jeff to be a terrific solicitor for the city. I urge you strongly to confirm him to this position.

Very truly yours,

Robert J. McConnell

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Melissa A. Malone, Esq.  
13 Bullock Avenue  
Barrington, RI 02806

February 10, 2015

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Jeff's legal skill, his commitment to his clients and a deep and abiding love of Providence would make him an excellent choice as the city's next Solicitor. I respectfully urge the members of the City Council to support his nomination.

Very truly yours,

Melissa A. Malone



**Rhode Island Housing**  
working together to bring you home

February 6, 2015

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Re: Jeff Dana

Dear Members of the City Council:

I am delighted and honored to write in support of Jeff Dana's nomination to serve as Providence City Solicitor.

I am the director of legal affairs for Rhode Island Housing and have known Jeff for nearly fifteen years. We met during his work with Rhode Island Legal Services when we were both involved in a lawsuit seeking to preserve an affordable housing development. We continued to have professional dealings during his time with the Federal Bankruptcy Court in Providence and his current consumer-focused practice.

Throughout his career Jeff has been involved in public service activities in the truest sense of the word. He has been a passionate advocate for working families and those who sometimes struggle to get by. Jeff has demonstrated a commitment to ensuring that everyone be treated fairly and with respect.

Jeff is a man of integrity, intelligence and judgment. He has the skills, character and temperament to serve as Solicitor of a City as vibrant and diverse as Providence. I am confident that he is more than up to the challenge of this important position.

I enthusiastically recommend Jeff's confirmation as City Solicitor. Please feel free to contact me at 401-457-1173 if I can provide additional information.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Michael V. Milito".

Michael V. Milito  
Deputy Assistant Director

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Providence, RI 02903

Re: Jeffrey Dana, Esq.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

A woman described as having "... vulnerability to financial predators ..." lived in Little Compton and was victimized by two predators from Massachusetts who, in a foreclosure rescue scam, cheated her out of the equity she had in the home her parents left to her. A lawyer in private practice and another lawyer from Rhode Island Legal Services represented this woman in bringing a complaint against the two predators and eventually against one of the lenders who obtained a mortgage on the woman's home. After discovery, depositions, briefs, a trial and further briefs, the Bankruptcy Judge issued a 20-page opinion in which the real estate transfer and fraudulent mortgage were undone, and the two predators were ordered to pay the woman money which they had stolen from her. The Judge found the men who had victimized the woman to be "... predators and classic scam artists ...". The case probably took between 75 and 100 hours of legal work and for the tens of thousands of dollars of legal time spent on the case, the lawyer representing the woman was paid \$500.00. When asked why he took the case, the lawyer responded with words to the effect of, "How could you not take it?".

I write this letter in support of the nomination of Jeffrey Dana, Esq., the lawyer who represented the woman from Little Compton, to be the next Solicitor for the City of Providence.

Just in case there is a question as to the connection between successfully representing an underprivileged woman for little or no pay and being Solicitor for the City of Providence, it is this: respect for the law, doing the right thing because it is the right thing to do, and being a good lawyer.

My principal contacts with Jeff over the last several years have been in my capacity as a bankruptcy trustee, including being trustee in the case referred to above. During the years prior to 2008, Jeff was working as an attorney for Rhode Island Legal Services and represented many clients in the bankruptcy and other courts. I was trustee in several of his cases in Bankruptcy Court and always was able to work with Jeff in a professional manner, and his work on behalf of his clients was always of a superior quality.

Subsequently, during the years 2008 and 2009, Jeff was law clerk to Judge Arthur Votolato in the Bankruptcy Court. Since that time, I have again dealt with Jeff in his capacity as a private attorney working for the Family Law Center of Rhode Island. He has filed many cases under Chapter 13 of the Bankruptcy Code where I was appointed trustee. Again, I always found Jeff's work to be of the highest quality. As or more important than that, during all the years that I have worked with Jeff, I've always been able to rely on statements or representations he made regarding cases. If he said he was going to do something, he unfailingly could be counted upon to follow through with those statements or representations.

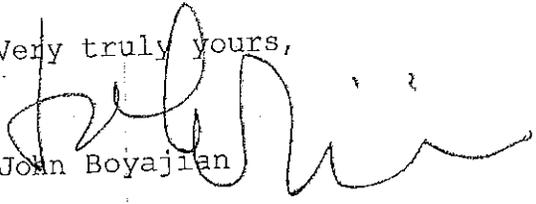
I have been practicing law in the State of Rhode Island for over 42 years. During that period of time, I have dealt with many lawyers, some on a regular basis and some on a less regular basis. During that time you come to know those people upon whom you can rely and trust. In every instance when I have dealt with Jeff, I have found his statements to be his bond. I have no question whatsoever about either his legal abilities or his integrity.

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I urge you to vote favorably upon his nomination to be the next Solicitor for the City of Providence.

I would be pleased to provide you with any further information you would like.

Very truly yours,

  
John Boyajian

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February 10, 2015

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Dear Council President Aponte and Members of the City Council:

I am writing to express my unqualified support of the nomination of Jeffrey Dana, Esq. for the position of City Solicitor of the City of Providence. Mr. Dana has my highest recommendation. He has the character, legal experience, leadership ability and management skill necessary to successfully serve as the next City Solicitor of the City of Providence. I have known Mr. Dana since he joined the Staff of Rhode Island Legal Services, Inc. (RILS) in 1999 to represent victims of domestic violence.

During the time I have known Mr. Dana, he has demonstrated in his professional and private life that he is of the highest ethical and moral character. He is honest, loyal, hardworking and a team player. Mr. Dana will not allow personal feelings and beliefs to influence his judgment. Employees will find him to be fair, yet firm, as the City Solicitor.

Mr. Dana is an experienced and skilled attorney recognized for his expert knowledge in several areas of the law. He is intelligent, articulate and persuasive. Opposing attorneys and parties will find that he is tough, courteous and maintains his composure under pressure. He has a gift for analyzing complex legal issues, a skill that was further honed during the many hours spent reviewing legal memoranda and collaborating in the drafting of opinions as Career Law Clerk for the Honorable Judge Arthur N. Votolato.

In addition to his skills as an attorney, Mr. Dana is an experienced manager serving as Housing Law Unit Head and later as Managing Attorney in the Consumer Law Group at RILS. His leadership skills were further demonstrated as Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Community Action Partnership of Providence.

For the above reasons, as well as his legal accomplishments in the areas of public interest law and a deep personal commitment to community service, I am quite confident Mr. Dana will excel as City Solicitor for the City of Providence and zealously represent the interests of the City. Should you desire to further discuss my recommendation of Mr. Dana, please do not hesitate to contact me at (401) 274-2652, Ext. 121.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Barge, Esq.  
Executive Director



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To: Providence City Council  
From: Roberta Hazen Aaronson, Executive Director  
Childhood Lead Action Project  
Subject: Recommendation of Jeffrey Dana for City Solicitor  
Date: February 6, 2015

On behalf of the Childhood Lead Action Project, I enthusiastically recommend Jeffrey Dana for the position of City Solicitor. As the Executive Director of the Childhood Lead Action Project, I have worked closely with Jeffrey over the years in his capacity as a member of our board of directors. He has demonstrated exemplary leadership having served in many roles including Chair, Vice Chair and as an active member of several board committees. In 2005, Jeff was recognized for his outstanding leadership as Board Chair with our annual "Beyond the Call of Duty" award.

In my over 20 years with the Childhood Lead Action Project, I would say without exaggeration, Jeffrey is one of the most conscientious and reliable board member that we've had. His attention to detail is outstanding and his follow-through on assignments superb! He is resourceful, dependable and extremely supportive of our work and assumed a leadership role in the organization soon after joining the board.

The residents of Providence will be so very fortunate to have Jeffrey Dana as the next City Solicitor. I recommend him most highly!

cc: Jeffrey Dana

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One of Mr. Dana's greatest attributes is his ability to quickly acquire new skills and take on new tasks. When I left RILS, Mr. Dana took over from me responsibility for representation of clients in consumer and foreclosure cases. Although this was not an area of the law he had previously practiced in, he jumped right in and instantly developed expertise in handling these cases. He even took on new challenges, obtaining an important court decision in a matter involving Rhode Island condominium law that had not previously been litigated. I have no doubt that he will have a rapid and seamless transition to the solicitor position.

Due to his great personality and ability to get along with everyone, Mr. Dana is a skilled negotiator that is able to get parties to reach consensus. He has the ability to be forceful when necessary, but more importantly he is able to get parties to avoid unnecessary confrontation and find workable solutions.

I have also been struck by his display of intelligence and creativity in solving clients' legal problems, balanced appropriately by a practical sense of how best to effectively assist clients. In my view, Mr. Dana has distinguished himself as one of the premiere attorneys in Rhode Island.

I strongly recommend Mr. Dana for the position of City Solicitor. His intellectual abilities, personal character, and work habits all make him an outstanding candidate who I have no doubt will fully meet the important objectives of the office. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any additional questions.

Very truly yours,

John Rao  
Staff Attorney

The logo for CAPP (Community Action Partnership of Providence) features the letters 'CAPP' in a bold, sans-serif font. To the right of the text is a stylized graphic consisting of two curved, parallel lines that sweep upwards and to the right, resembling a wing or a path.

Community Action Partnership  
of Providence

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To whom it may concern,

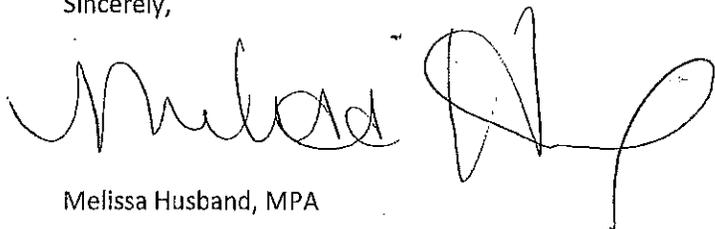
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His assistance in transitioning the agency out of receivership from ProCAP to CAPP was invaluable and his leadership and presence on the board helped in the successful transformation of the agency.

I can attest to Jeff's commitment to Providence, its communities and residents and I believe he will carry the same professionalism, pride and commitment in the City Solicitor position.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at 401.273.2000 ext. 102 or [mhusband@cappri.org](mailto:mhusband@cappri.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Melissa Husband', followed by a large, stylized flourish or initial.

Melissa Husband, MPA

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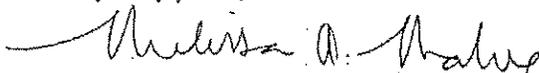
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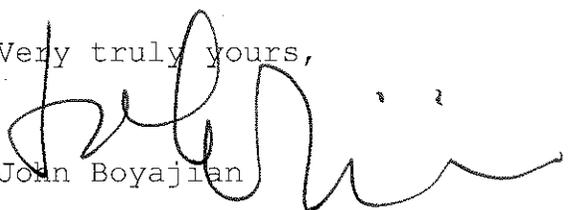
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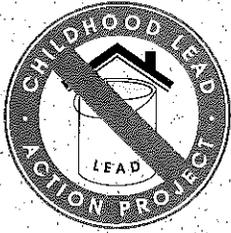
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Subject: Recommendation of Jeffrey Dana for City Solicitor  
Date: February 6, 2015.

On behalf of the Childhood Lead Action Project, I enthusiastically recommend Jeffrey Dana for the position of City Solicitor. As the Executive Director of the Childhood Lead Action Project, I have worked closely with Jeffrey over the years in his capacity as a member of our board of directors. He has demonstrated exemplary leadership having served in many roles including Chair, Vice Chair and as an active member of several board committees. In 2005, Jeff was recognized for his outstanding leadership as Board Chair with our annual "Beyond the Call of Duty" award.

In my over 20 years with the Childhood Lead Action Project, I would say without exaggeration, Jeffrey is one of the most conscientious and reliable board member that we've had. His attention to detail is outstanding and his follow-through on assignments superb! He is resourceful, dependable and extremely supportive of our work and assumed a leadership role in the organization soon after joining the board.

The residents of Providence will be so very fortunate to have Jeffrey Dana as the next City Solicitor. I recommend him most highly!

cc: Jeffrey Dana



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Dear Council President Aponte and Members of the City Council:

I am writing to express my unqualified support of the nomination of Jeffrey Dana, Esq. for the position of City Solicitor of the City of Providence. Mr. Dana has my highest recommendation. He has the character, legal experience, leadership ability and management skill necessary to successfully serve as the next City Solicitor of the City of Providence. I have known Mr. Dana since he joined the Staff of Rhode Island Legal Services, Inc. (RILS) in 1999 to represent victims of domestic violence.

During the time I have known Mr. Dana, he has demonstrated in his professional and private life that he is of the highest ethical and moral character. He is honest, loyal, hardworking and a team player. Mr. Dana will not allow personal feelings and beliefs to influence his judgment. Employees will find him to be fair, yet firm, as the City Solicitor.

Mr. Dana is an experienced and skilled attorney recognized for his expert knowledge in several areas of the law. He is intelligent, articulate and persuasive. Opposing attorneys and parties will find that he is tough, courteous and maintains his composure under pressure. He has a gift for analyzing complex legal issues, a skill that was further honed during the many hours spent reviewing legal memoranda and collaborating in the drafting of opinions as Career Law Clerk for the Honorable Judge Arthur N. Votolato.

In addition to his skills as an attorney, Mr. Dana is an experienced manager serving as Housing Law Unit Head and later as Managing Attorney in the Consumer Law Group at RILS. His leadership skills were further demonstrated as Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Community Action Partnership of Providence.

For the above reasons, as well as his legal accomplishments in the areas of public interest law and a deep personal commitment to community service, I am quite confident Mr. Dana will excel as City Solicitor for the City of Providence and zealously represent the interests of the City. Should you desire to further discuss my recommendation of Mr. Dana, please do not hesitate to contact me at (401) 274-2652, Ext. 121.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Barge, Esq.  
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RE: Jeffrey Dana

Dear City Council Members:

I am writing to highly recommend Jeffrey Dana for the position of Providence City Solicitor. I am a partner with the Motley Rice law firm and I have been a practicing attorney and resident of the City of Providence for over 25 years.

I first met Jeff well over a decade ago when he worked for Rhode Island Legal Services. We worked together on issues involving childhood lead poisoning. I was impressed greatly by his legal skills and acumen as well as his obvious compassion for underprivileged children and their families.

I have stayed in touch with Jeff over the years and I know that he is very highly regarded in the Rhode Island legal community. I have also referred Jeff clients of mine for his legal assistance and expertise. He is a first rate lawyer. In addition to his legal skills I also know Jeff to be an extremely forthright and honest individual. This special combination of exceptional character and exceptional legal skills will help Jeff to be a terrific solicitor for the city. I urge you strongly to confirm him to this position.

Very truly yours,

Robert J, McConnell

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