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Mark Ober for State Attorney, 13th Circuit

I have known current State Attorney Mark Ober for more than 30 years. I consider him a personal friend and a professional colleague. I have personally observed Mark as a defense attorney and as a prosecutor as he tried high-profile cases and death penalty cases. No matter which side of the aisle he was on, he was professional and demonstrated a high-level of legal acumen.

As the Public Defender for the 13<sup>th</sup> Circuit, I have worked with Mr. Ober as the State Attorney for sixteen years. We have worked together to develop programs and implement policies that benefit our clients, improve the operations of the courts, and improve public safety on a larger scale. We successfully implemented efficiencies in technology, such as e-filing and e-service, which benefit the court system as whole. We have also worked together on programs to address local issues, such as developing interventions and alternatives to incarceration for adults and juveniles. These efforts, especially as they relate to juveniles, will ultimately improve public safety while positively impacting the youth of our county and benefitting our entire community.

We certainly encounter issues where we have difference of opinion regarding interpretation or application of laws or principles. Mr. Ober handles these situations with respect, courtesy, and professionalism.

I am supporting Mark Ober for State Attorney, 13<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, based on my knowledge of his legal acumen and professionalism as well as the accomplishments his office has made under his leadership.

Julianne M. Holt Public Defender

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