

From: Peter Stanton <pws.ktn.ak@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 13, 2019 8:35 PM
Subject: Re: Shaw Appointment to Commission on Judicial Conduct

To whom it may concern:

I'm writing to express my shock and objection to the news that Governor Dunleavy wishes to appoint Trevor Shaw to the Alaska Commission on Judicial Conduct.

I have known Trevor Shaw for several years, and I have no reason to believe that he has any expertise, experience, or perspective that would be relevant or helpful to the Commission.


Trevor Shaw does in fact have expertise and relevant experience in education, as he did serve on the Ketchikan Gateway Borough School Board for several years, including a stint as school board president. Shaw's tenure on the school board was marred by repeated instances of disrespectful behavior directed toward teachers, parents, and other members of the public. Shaw demonstrated a clear lack of judgment in making decisions that ignored and disrespected public input. Ultimately, Shaw resigned from the school board after a petition was filed to recall him from office. Nevertheless, it would not have shocked me if Governor Dunleavy had decided to select Trevor Shaw for some position relevant to education. In that case, Shaw would have in fact held some level of qualification for the position, and I doubt I would have felt moved to voice an objection in this manner.

When it comes to the Commission on Judicial Conduct, however, I would submit that I personally have more expertise and relevant experience for this position than Trevor Shaw: My father was an attorney and I grew up discussing legal issues; I earned a bachelor's degree in history from Georgetown University, where I also studied political science and international relations; and I have spent the past five years teaching high school government and civics courses in Ketchikan. To be clear, I have no interest in serving on the commission, nor do I think my qualifications are particularly substantial. Nevertheless, they are more substantial qualifications than Trevor Shaw's, and my example should help illustrate how illogical it would be to appoint Shaw to the commission when there are thousands of other Alaskans who are far more qualified.

As Nicole Borromeo wrote in a 2015 Anchorage Daily News article about the Alaska Judicial Council, "The council has always nominated applicants on the 'merit' principle, looking for candidates with intelligence, judicial temperament, integrity, suitable experience and the like." I won't speak to Trevor Shaw's intelligence or integrity, but it should be clear from his track record that he has neither a judicial temperament nor suitable experience. I hope that Alaska's legislators agree that new members of the Commission on Judicial Conduct should also be held to a high standard of relevant expertise and professional perspective. It should be clear to anyone who knows Shaw or examines his resume that he does not meet such a standard. I hope you will vote to reject Trevor Shaw's appointment.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Sincerely,
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From: heather muench <heymommaktn@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 07, 2019 9:23 AM
To: Senate Judiciary; Senate Judiciary; Sen. Shelley Hughes; Sen. Bert Stedman
Subject: Trevor Shaw Appointment

RE: Consideration of Trevor Shaw for membership on the Alaska Commission On Judicial Misconduct

To members of the Senate Judiciary Committee

Dear Senators,

We don't believe Trevor Shaw has shown good judgement or has the experience to be on the Alaska Commission on Judicial Misconduct. His handling of the investigation into the Doug Edwards sexual abuse case while president of the Ketchikan Gateway Borough School Board indicates that he lacks good judgement in regards to ethics violations. Also, his refusal to allow a member of the public to comment concerning an appointment to a vacant seat on the Board lead to a recall election being scheduled just before he resigned his seat. Please find a more mature and fair minded person to fill this important post.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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From: Suzan and Brian Thompson <thelmalou@kpunet.net>
Sent: Tuesday, February 05, 2019 2:05 PM
To: Senate Judiciary; Senate Judiciary; Sen. Shelley Hughes; Sen. Bert Stedman
Subject: Trevor Shaw/Judiciary Review Board Appointment

Please do not confirm Trevor Shaw's appointment to the Judiciary Review Board.

Without going into lengthy detail already covered in the news, as well as in the Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District's formal inquiries into the situation which caused Mr. Shaw to choose to resign his position as President of the school board rather than face a recall which he was likely to lose, I wish to state that in my opinion his failure to disclose a personal relationship with an admitted child molester and recuse himself while all the while he was receiving testimony regarding that individual's behavior and the damage done to the children who reported it, precludes his being a person of the character necessary to make the kinds of judgments our state needs in order to maintain an objective and principled judiciary.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

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