



Supervisor Candace Andersen and Supervisor Diane Burgis
Internal Operations Committee
Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors
651 Pine Street
Martinez, CA 94553

November 30, 2017

Dear Supervisor Andersen and Supervisor Burgis:

It gives me great pleasure to recommend Dean Barbieri for appointment to fill the upcoming vacant seat on the Contra Costa County Public Law Library's Board of Trustees. I have known Mr. Barbieri for approximately two years and am keenly aware of his contributions to the field of law, legal education, and public service.

I first met Dean Barbieri when we discussed the possibility of my teaching a seminar in advanced evidence at JFK Law School. Since that time, I have taught that course and courses in the philosophy of punishment and in statutory interpretation. These courses were designed to meet the needs of law students who were, for the most part, working full time. Accordingly, these courses were offered on weekends. The Dean's encouragement in providing these courses is part of his commitment to accommodating the restrictive schedules of many of JFK's students and his desire to provide broad access to diverse courses.

It is his work with law libraries that perhaps most qualifies him to sit on the county law library board. In recent years a new normal has emerged for law libraries in California. County law libraries have all been forced to make difficult decisions in the face of ongoing budget cuts, and our library is no exception.

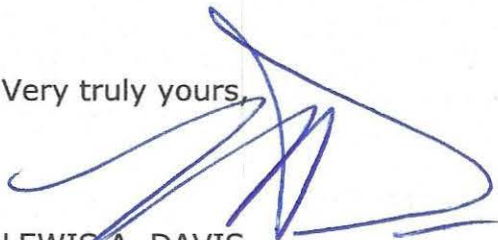


Now more than ever, proper leadership is critical for the survival of these valuable institutions and their ongoing service to the people of Contra Costa County. Members of the Board of Trustees constantly grapple with the challenge of working within the confines of very real budget constraints, yet ensuring that the people we are pledged to serve have the resources they need to access justice.

Dean Barbieri can bring to the seat an excellent knowledge of oversight of a law library. He has served as the Dean of JFK University College of Law since 2010, and this assignment includes governance of the university law library. His expertise in this area will help the board move the law library in the proper direction. He will help the board and law library staff meet its primary goal: service to the public by providing legal materials to all who need them.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,



LEWIS A. DAVIS
Judge of the Superior Court
County of Contra Costa

Trustee
Contra Costa County Public Law Library