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Try again on U.S. attorney

Sen. Clifford Case was out of patience when he vowed in 1969 to launch an offensive against corruption in New Jersey. "I am tired," he said, "of New Jersey being a stench and an offense in the nostrils of the nation."

His weapon was the office of the United States attorney in Newark, until then a cozy patronage outpost that did little to disturb the unholy alliance between corrupt pols and the mob. That changed when Case engineered the appointment of Frederick Lacey. He was New Jersey's Elliot Ness, and thanks to him and a string of extraordinary successors, federal prisons soon welcomed mayors, mobsters and even Cabinet officers who betrayed the public trust. To this day, the U.S. Attorney's Office is far and away the most important watchdog we have.

Now President Bush is preparing to name Morris County attorney Chris Christie to the post, a move that is raising eyebrows in the legal community, and for good reason.

Christie is a smart attorney, by all accounts, and a man of some charm. No one challenges his integrity. As a Morris freeholder, he pressed for reforms that opened the county's contracting process to greater scrutiny and banned gifts to public officials. This is a serious man and no hack.

But he is not yet qualified for the job of U.S. attorney. He has never tried a criminal case. He has no substantial experience in federal court. He has never directed a corruption investigation or even participated in one. He is 39, can claim no distinguished academic or legal accomplishment and works primarily as a lobbyist and mediator.

What Christie brings to the table is excellent political connections. He has energetically raised money for various candidates, including George W. Bush in 2000, and his mentor and law partner is William Palatucci, a friend of the President and a powerful figure in the state GOP.

Christie's history as partisan rainmaker not only fails to qualify him, it could undermine trust in the office. His motives will inevitably be questioned if he indicts Democratic officeholders or fails to indict important Republican donors who are under investigation. It is common for U.S. attorneys to have political ties, but Christie's party links are closer than most. This is a patronage appointment, plain and simple.



Chris Christie, President Bush's choice for U.S. attorney in New Jersey.

Christie promises that if he is appointed, he will hire a seasoned criminal litigator as his top assistant. He argues that his role will be to manage the office effectively. But again, he brings no clear record of managerial accomplishment. And while it is a comfort to know he'd surround himself with experienced pros, the pledge is a tacit acknowledgment that his lack of experience is a handicap.

Bush cannot put Christie in this job without help from New Jersey's two Democratic senators, Robert Torricelli and Jon Corzine, either of whom could kill the nomination under the arcane traditions of the Senate. So far, the senators have sent mixed signals, telling Christie supporters that they have no plan to oppose the nomination while reserving the right to change their minds.

For Torricelli, it is an awkward moment to antagonize the White House and Justice Department, since he is the subject of a federal investigation stemming from illegal contributions to his 1996 campaign. Corzine has less at stake but is a newcomer who seems to be waiting for a critical mass of opposition to develop before he makes a move. But this is a moment when both senators should take a stand.

The other leading contenders for the job are Rosemary Alito, a highly respected attorney but another without the necessary experience in criminal law, and John Peter Suarez, director of the state Division of Gaming Enforcement and a former assistant U.S. attorney. He has the experience that Christie lacks and would bring needed diversity to the office.

Bush should ask for more names. John Farmer Jr., the state's attorney general and former assistant U.S. attorney, is perhaps the most respected public figure in New Jersey today and would be the ideal choice. He is a former Democrat, now an independent, and has expressed reservations about taking the job, so he's a very unlikely choice. But a phone call from the President can work wonders.

In New Jersey, all county prosecutors are appointed by the governor and controlled by the attorney general in Trenton. That's an unusual system, and it means we are more dependent than most states on the federal prosecutor's office to handle public corruption cases. It is no accident that federal prosecutors handle almost all these cases, including the recent convictions of Passaic County GOP Chairman Peter Murphy and Camden Mayor Milton Milan, as well as the police corruption scandal in West New York. Federal prosecutors also handle the bulk of mob cases, including the recent conviction of hit man Elvis Izziary.

This is a distinguished position, one of the most important jobs in the state. It should not become a political plum.

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Too partisan a choice

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The ability to raise money for candidates should not be a qualification for the top federal prosecutor for New Jersey. Yet that seems to be what has made a Morris County securities lawyer President Bush's choice to head the U.S. attorney's office in Newark.

The person who serves as U.S. attorney should be an experienced prosecutor, not a well-connected lawyer closely identified with partisan politics. Chris Christie, as competent and honest as he might be, is the latter.

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Past U.S. attorneys for New Jersey have a distinguished record of persistent and unbiased enforcement of the law. There are enough government jobs handed out as political spoils. The U.S. attorney's spot should not be one of them.

With U.S. Robert Torricelli, D-N.J., entangled in a federal investigation into his fund raising, it's up to his Democratic colleague, Jon Corzine, to use the veto power of a home-state senator to force Bush to look at other candidates.

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Federal Bar Group Resolution Opposing The Nomination of Christopher Christie

RESOLUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION OF THE FEDERAL BAR OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

WHEREAS the Association of the Federal Bar of the State of New Jersey is an organization whose membership is comprised of lawyers throughout the State of New Jersey who practice civil and criminal law in the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS the United States Attorney is the chief federal law enforcement officer for the District of New Jersey, supervises all United States grand jury proceedings, and is responsible for all federal criminal prosecutions in the District of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS the United States Attorney represents the United States in all civil actions in which the United States is a party; and

WHEREAS the United States Attorney supervises a staff of more than 100 attorneys and works closely with the United States District Court and various federal agencies, including but not limited to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Internal Revenue Service, United States Postal Service, Secret Service, United States Customs and the Department of Housing and Urban Development; and

WHEREAS, for more than three decades the United States Attorney has been selected based upon merit from attorneys each of whom has had qualifications that included extensive litigation, supervisory, and law enforcement experience. This tradition has contin-

ued through and after the tenure of Senator Clifford Case; and

WHEREAS, each of the individuals who was appointed United States Attorney during this period has demonstrated a deep understanding and appreciation of the power and responsibilities of the office of the United States Attorney and the importance of protecting the office from any outside influence; and

WHEREAS, the District of New Jersey is strategically located between the State of New York and the State of Pennsylvania, is an important district with respect to the enforcement of the federal criminal law and in particular the investigation and prosecution of major criminal activities affecting public officials and the public trust, organized crime, financial institutions and governmental programs; and

WHEREAS, the office of the United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey has been nationally recognized as one of the premier United States Attorney's offices in the United States, particularly as to its success in the investigation and prosecution of white collar crime by public officials and powerful and influential individuals and companies in the private sector; and

WHEREAS, the public must have absolute confidence in the impartiality and good judgment of its United States Attorney; and

WHEREAS the public must also have confidence in the selection

process for the position of United States Attorney and specifically that the criteria utilized to determine the nominee is based upon merit considerations; and

WHEREAS, a nominee for United States Attorney should demonstrate leadership, good judgment and strong administrative skills and be able to withstand any outside influence whether from the public or private sectors or from any political interest; and

WHEREAS, the criteria utilized to select a nominee to become the United States Attorney has for more than three decades been based upon merit and has included considerations such as prior legal experience, supervisory experience in private practice and/or public service, litigation experience and law enforcement experience.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Officers of the Association of the Federal Bar of the State of New Jersey urge the President of the United States to select the nominee for the position of United States Attorney utilizing criteria based upon merit considerations including prior legal experience, supervisory and administrative skills, litigation experience and law enforcement experience from qualified members of the bar of the State of New Jersey.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution become a permanent part of the minutes of the Association and that a copy be transmitted to the President of the United States of America and to the United States Senators for the State of New Jersey, this 7th day of September 2001.

Richard D. Shapiro
President



PHOTOS BY CARMEN NATALE

CRITERIA CLASH: Former U.S. Attorney Jonathan Goldstein, left, says that to ensure the office remains free of outside influence, selection must be based on merit. Supporters of Chris Christie say his political resume won't prevent his running an independent and effective shop.

Federal Bar Questions Christie's Credentials as U.S. Attorney

Opponents, including former officeholders, fear over-politicization, while supporters play down the need for experience as prosecutor

By Tim O'Brien

Christopher Christie may have been picked by President Bush to be New Jersey's next U.S. attorney, but the debate continues over his qualifications, the criteria for selection and the process itself.

On the same day that the White House was firming up its decision to choose Christie, the Association of the

Federal Bar of the State of New Jersey was passing a resolution raising the specter of political influence over the office and urging Bush to make the call on merit.

The state's U.S. senators, Democrats Robert Torricelli and Jon Corzine, also received the four-page resolution. [See full text, page 22.]

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The *Law Journal* reported that Christie had raised more than \$100,000 for Bush in 2000, and, along with his relatives, had made \$101,350 in federal and state contributions since 1997, primarily to Republicans. That included \$27,000 since May, of which \$13,000 went to Acting Gov. Donald DiFrancesco, who later recommended Christie for the job.

Christie was endorsed by most of the state's GOP congressional members, and many state officials and Republican fund-raisers.

But many federal bar insiders favored Alito, who is considered a top civil litigator and federal practitioner who concentrates in management-side labor and employment law. Alito, unlike Christie, has not been politically active, raises no funds and makes only modest contributions. She also did not campaign for the post as visibly as Christie did.

But she too lacks any criminal law experience. Last spring her backers suggested what the Christie supporters are suggesting now — that she commit to bringing into the office a veteran federal

prosecution team to overcome her lack of a prosecutorial and/or criminal law background.

Two sources who wished not to be identified, in noting the timing of the federal bar's resolution, point out that while Alito was a candidate the organization could not have approved such a resolution without hurting her chances.

Shapiro steadfastly denies that Alito's candidacy had anything to do with the resolution, saying that such a suggestion is unfair. He says the resolution was under discussion since the Aug. 13 article, saying it took time to get the committee to agree on the language, to then fax the final draft to everyone and to ultimately get all six lawyers together in a conference call to take the vote. "This had nothing to do with helping Rosemary Alito and nothing to do with

killing Chris Christie," he says.

The State Bar Association was also asked to consider endorsing essentially the same resolution, but it declined to take a position. The association's executive committee considered the proposal Sept. 5 and unanimously concluded that the State Bar lacks the ability to comment on the federal selection process. The State Bar, through its judicial and prosecutorial screening committee, does vet state court judge and county prosecutor nominations before the governor sends the name to the state Senate.

State Bar President-Elect Richard Badolato says the federal bar association asked the State Bar to consider taking a position. Badolato says the White House asked him if he could "vouch for Christie," saying he told White House counsel he believed Christie to be "a

decent ethical lawyer."

Those supporting the resolution, like federal bar association executive committee member Joseph Hayden Jr., say it's a "statement of principle ... and not a statement on anyone's credentials." Some also point to last week's terrorist attacks and the fact that New Jersey is a major part of the investigation, saying that only the U.S. attorney himself, and not his first assistant, can make the critical calls on a fast moving probe.

The Twin Towers and Pentagon attacks, meanwhile, will slow the nomination process, as Christie's FBI background check will undoubtedly be put on hold.

Says David Wald, communications director for Sen. Corzine, "No comment, except to say that there's a lot more on his plate right now." ■

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Brother-Sister Act? — Rosemary Alito has emerged as the leading candidate for U.S. attorney, a post her brother, Third Circuit Judge Samuel Alito, held from 1987 to 1990.

Alito, a McCarter & English partner who chairs the Law Journal's editorial board, would be partnered with an office veteran to serve as her first assistant because she has no experience in criminal law, four sources say.

Supporters of Alito, a management-side employment



ROSEMARY ALITO

lawyer, cite her credentials as a litigator, a leader and a quick study. She has served as chair or officer with several state and federal court committees, has strong Republican ties and enjoys the backing of Acting Gov. Donald DiFrancesco.

But she faces competition, particularly from Christopher Christie, a partner with Cranford, Dughi, Hewit & Palatucci, who has strong connections to George W. Bush. Christie, a securities, appellate and government affairs lawyer, is supported by his law partner, William Palatucci, who helped

run Bush's New Jersey campaign last year.

Christie, a former Morris County freeholder director, is supported by Assembly Speaker Jack Collins, U.S. Reps. Marge Roukema and Rodney Frelinghuysen, Senate Majority Leader Paul D'Amato, Sen. Robert Martin and Port Authority Chairman Lewis Eisenberg.

New Jersey Bar Association

splits on choice for U.S. post

■ Southern New Jersey Republicans back J.P. Suarez for the U.S. attorney nomination, but the party's northern leaders support Christopher Christie.

By **PETER SAHARKO**
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Republican leaders are divided over who should become the state's top federal law-enforcement official.

Most of the state's Republican political establishment, largely based in the northern half of the state, support Christopher Christie, a prominent party contributor and early backer of President Bush, for the position of U.S. attorney for the state.

But a smaller group of southern political leaders and power brokers, including U.S. Rep. Frank LoBiondo, R-2nd, has joined state and national Hispanic groups in backing J.P. Suarez, who currently heads the state's Division of Gaming Enforcement.

LoBiondo spokesman Rob Geist said the congressman strongly supports a Suarez appointment. "Mr. Suarez has done a good job for the state of New Jersey and he's well-respected in the New Jersey legal community," Geist said.

The decision ultimately rests with the Bush administration, which has solicited advice from acting Gov. Donald T. DiFrancesco, other party leaders and the state's Republican congressional delegation.

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indications, many believe a decision will come soon.

One state Hispanic Republican leader said Bush must choose Suarez, a former assistant U.S. attorney, to maintain credibility with the Hispanic community.

"Instead of paying lip service to us, they should do what's right," said Dr. Antonio Gines, the state chairman of the Republican National Hispanic Assembly.

Suarez, who is of Nicaraguan and Spanish descent, lives in Gloucester County.

U.S. attorneys are responsible for leading federal criminal and civil prosecutions on behalf of their state or region.

Normally, the president relies on U.S. senators from his party for advice in choosing the U.S. attorney for their state. But since both N.J. senators are Democrats, Bush turned to other party leaders.

Four of the six members of the state's Republican congressional delegation support Christie, who has strong ties to leaders of the state party and to

the Bush administration.

He was part of a group of state Republicans that visited Austin, Texas, in January 1999 to show early support for the then-governor's campaign.

Suarez, on the other hand, is a registered independent and is not even allowed to make political contributions because of his position.

Jeff Sagnip, a spokesman for U.S. Rep. James Saxton, R-3rd, said the congressman has not come out in favor of either Suarez or Christie.

"He holds them both in high regard," Sagnip said.

DiFrancesco also supports Christie. Published reports indicate Assembly Speaker Jack

Collins does as well, but he could not be reached for comment Thursday.

Tom Wilson, a spokesman for DiFrancesco, said Christie would handle the job well and dismissed criticism that the highly powerful Republican leader lacks the necessary criminal-law experience.

"Having some real-life experience and a diverse background brings other attributes to the job," Wilson said.

In addition, supporters of Christie point to the fact that civil law, which Christie has a great deal of experience in, makes up a significant portion of the office's responsibilities as well.

A third candidate for the position is Rosemary Alito, a partner at the law firm McCarter and English in Newark.

Gines said Suarez is the only logical choice.

"As far as I can tell, Mr. Christie's claim to fame is that he jumped on our president's bandwagon and he and his people raised a considerable amount of money for the campaign. I applaud that, but it doesn't qualify him for the U.S. Attorney's position," Gines said.

Christie and Suarez both declined comment because of the ongoing nature of the nomination process.

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Christie Leads Field of Contenders for United States Attorney Post

By Tim O'Brien
New Jersey Law Journal

The White House is close to alerting New Jersey's two senators of its intention to nominate Christopher Christie to be the next U.S. attorney for New Jersey.

Christie, an active Republican and partner with Cranford's Dughi, Hewit & Palatucci, has over the past few weeks solidified his status as the front-runner to gain the coveted post, according to GOP and Democratic sources with knowledge of the process.



McCarte & English's
Rosemary Alito
Photo: Carmen Natale

When the White House does give his name to the senators, both Democrats, they are expected to begin vetting it with lawyers and federal bar groups.

While Christie, 38, is the clear favorite at this point, his lack of any criminal law background, as well as his relative inexperience as a federal litigator, means he is still not a lock.

The candidacy of Rosemary Alito remains alive. Alito, a partner with Newark's McCarte & English, also lacks criminal law experience, but is a well-regarded civil litigator with a heavy federal practice. She is first vice president of The Association of the Federal Bar of New Jersey and is set to become president in mid-2003.

Meanwhile, a third, dark-horse candidate has emerged: John Peter Suarez, an assistant attorney general who since March 1999 has been director of the Division of Gaming Enforcement within the state Department of Law and Public Safety. Suarez has nothing but criminal experience, serving as an assistant U.S. attorney in Newark and Camden from 1993 to 1998 and then as the special assistant to the director of the state Division of Criminal Justice.

A 'Bushie' Loyalist

While all three candidates are qualified as competent lawyers, Christie now has the edge because of his political credentials. A former Morris County freeholder, he is a major fund-raiser and a big contributor in his own right.

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He is also a "Bushie" insider. Christie went on the now-famous trip to Austin in January 1999 along with nine other top state GOP leaders. The purpose of the trip was to get New Jersey's GOP leadership aboard then-Texas Gov. George W. Bush's GOP presidential primary campaign early on.

The trip was arranged by William Palatucci, a partner with Christie's firm, Dughi, Hewit & Palatucci in Cranford, who succeeded in getting the state's Republican establishment behind Bush, then helped run his New Jersey campaign. He also ran the 1988 and 1992 state campaigns of former President George H.W. Bush.

Palatucci and Christie each raised more than \$100,000 for Bush in 1999, and became members of Bush's national financial committee.

Moreover, Christie, along with his wife and close relatives, has contributed \$101,350 since 1997. That includes \$27,000 just since May, when the race for U.S. attorney began heating up. Acting Gov. Donald DiFrancesco, who later wrote the White House endorsing Christie, received \$13,000 in one day — last Feb. 26 — from the Christies, while his Senate President's PAC received another \$2,800 over the last three years.

Palatucci contributed close to \$19,000 since 1997, while the firm and several partners besides Christie and Palatucci kicked in another \$33,550 in state and federal donations.

All told, Christie, his relatives, Palatucci, and others in the firm contributed close to \$154,000 since 1997, including \$40,600 this year, according to Federal Election Commission and N.J. Election Law Enforcement Commission filings.

Christie does securities litigation, appellate work, handles state legislative matters and election and campaign finance work. He, like Palatucci, is also a registered lobbyist.

Palatucci who has been pushing Christie's candidacy, notes that Christie is no Johnny-come-lately to the Bush camp, saying he took a three-month leave from the firm to volunteer for the senior Bush's presidential re-election bid in 1992.

Christie's loyalty and hard work for the party and for Bush in particular are paying off. He is being backed for the U.S. attorney slot by Acting Gov. and Senate President DiFrancesco and outgoing Assembly Speaker Jack Collins, R-Salem, a co-chairman of Bush's New Jersey campaign. He has also received endorsements from Assembly Majority Leader Paul DiGaetano, R-Essex, State GOP Committee Chairman and state Sen. Joseph Kyrillos, R-Middlesex, and Bergen County Executive William Schuber.

He is also being supported by at least four of the six GOP congressional members. Rep. Frank LoBiondo (2d Dist.) has endorsed Suarez for the job. It was not clear on Friday whether Rep. H. James Saxton (3d Dist.) had made up his mind, and supporters of both Christie and Suarez say he is in their corner. Saxton was on vacation and his top aide was unavailable for comment, while Saxton press aide Jeff Sagnip said he could not comment without talking to the congressman.

Three of the top Republican fund-raisers are also supporting Christie: Clifford Sobel, awaiting confirmation to become ambassador to the

Netherlands; Port Authority Chairman Lewis Eisenberg; and Jon Hanson, former head of the New Jersey Sports & Exposition Authority.

Both former Congressman Robert Franks and the man who beat him in the GOP primary for governor in June, former Jersey City Mayor Bret Schundler, are also recommending Christie for the post.

Kyrillos, Schuber, Collins and DiFrancesco were among the entourage who made the pilgrimage to Austin in early 1999 with Palatucci and Christie.

Politics Aside

By contrast, Alito enjoys little party support. Alito, 48, has contributed only \$5,200 to state or federal candidates since early 1998, all to GOP committees or candidates. She gave \$1,000 to U.S. Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, in March 1999, when Hatch was chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, which confirms U.S. attorney nominations.

Her supporters say she was approached to seek the post, adding that she has not been actively campaigning for the job. In that respect she is similar to her brother, U.S. Third Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Samuel Alito, who was U.S. attorney from 1987 through 1990.

Still more apolitical is state Gaming Division Director Suarez, who is an independent voter who has never registered as a Republican. He also has not made political contributions.

Suarez enjoys the backing of Herschel Kozlov, a major Republican activist and fund-raiser who is now a partner in the Cherry Hill office of Philadelphia-based Wolf, Block, Schorr and Solis-Cohen. Kozlov, a member of the national GOP finance committee who served as counsel to the State Republican Committee for most of the 1980s, says Suarez, a Gloucester County resident, enjoys "meaningful support down here [in southern New Jersey]." Kozlov also served on Bush's national finance committee in 1999.

Suarez's candidacy is also being supported by Hispanic bar groups and in Republican Hispanic circles, as New Jersey has never had a minority U.S. attorney. The national and state Hispanic bar associations, as well as the Republican National Hispanic Assembly, have written to the White House. The National Hispanic Prosecutor's Association has also weighed in on behalf of Suarez - half-Nicaraguan and half-Spanish — who was born in Queens, N.Y., and raised in Old Bridge.

An obvious drawback, though, is Suarez's relative inexperience. While he has a fast track resume, which includes a four-month stint in the governor's counsel's office in late 1998 as a pointman for law enforcement-related legislation, he has only practiced law since 1993, after having clerked for a federal judge in 1992. Though he is just a few months younger than Christie, Christie is a 1987 admittee, while Suarez was admitted in 1991.

All three candidates have made the rounds in Washington, D.C., meeting with Sens. Robert Torricelli and John Corzine, along with members of the House of Representatives. Christie and Alito have been interviewed by counsel for the White House and Justice Department; whether Suarez has been interviewed is unclear.

Alito's strength, her support among the federal bar, will come into play if one or both of the senators balks at signing off on Christie, the sources say. New Jersey has not, in modern memory, had a U.S.

attorney with no criminal law resume, but many federal white-collar criminal practitioners say that Alito is a superior candidate as a litigator in the federal courts. Lawrence Lustberg, president of the Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys of New Jersey, says Alito, a management-side employment lawyer, would be an excellent choice.

Although the federal bar association may play an informal role, there has not been a formal endorsement by the association for U.S. attorney in several decades, two association sources say.

Staffers at the offices of Corzine and Torricelli confirm that they have not yet received a name from the White House. Though it's a Republican battle and the president's nomination, the senators have the power to delay or even block a nomination.

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New Jersey G.O.

By LAURA MANSNERUS

After winning the overwhelming support of the Republican organization in New Jersey, a lawyer and lobbyist who was counsel to President Bush's campaign in the state has emerged as the leading candidate to become the next United States attorney for New Jersey.

But many lawyers say they are surprised and disappointed that the candidate, Christopher J. Christie, has no experience in criminal law, and a few are trying to produce another contender before the White House submits a nomination to the Senate.

"Everybody in the game wants Christie," a person close to the selection process said, referring to the party organization, "and everybody not in the game is looking for a rational alternative."

The alternative most often mentioned is the state attorney general, John J. Farmer Jr., a former assistant United States attorney.

Mr. Christie, 38, a former Morris County freeholder, is a member of Dughi, Hewit & Palatucci, a 20-lawyer firm in Cranford, N.J. He handles securities work and appellate litigation and is a lobbyist representing about a dozen corporate clients. Mr. Christie said he could not comment on the United States attorney's job.

With his law partner William J. Palatucci, Mr. Christie raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for Mr. Bush while serving as the state campaign counsel. He and his wife, Mary Pat, have given about \$50,000 to Republican campaigns since 1999.

There's a lot of good feeling for Chris at the White House," said State Senator Joseph M. Kyrillos Jr., the state Republican chairman. "He's worked very hard for the president and has been recommended by virtually all the key leaders from state government and political circles."

But the support for Mr. Christie has exposed a rift between the state's Republican political establishment and its legal establishment — judges, bar leaders and partners at the biggest law firms — which draws heavily on alumni of the federal prosecutor's office in Newark. Every United States attorney named for the last 30 years in New Jersey has had experience in that office.

The current United States attorney, Robert J. Cleary, was the chief prosecutor in the Unabomber case and the first assistant United States attorney for five years. The last Republican appointee, Michael Chertoff, now assistant attorney general for the Justice Department's criminal division, was also first assistant when he was named to the post.

Robert J. Del Tufo, a Democrat who held the job from 1977 to 1980, said he did not know Mr. Christie and could not assess his qualifications. But he said: "The best of all possible worlds would be if the decision were made on nonpolitical grounds. Maybe I'm living on Mars, but I think it's so important to the public to have the perception that people are being chosen on the basis of merit."

As presidential appointees, the 94 United States attorneys are normally replaced when the White House changes hands. Nominees are customarily chosen by the home-state senator of the president's party, but since New Jersey has no Republican senator, the choice fell to other party leaders, including Acting Gov. Donald T. DiFrancesco and the six Republican members of Congress.

Tom Wilson, a spokesman for Mr. DiFrancesco, said the governor had received "literally hundreds of letters" supporting Mr. Christie, "from everyone from the Assembly speaker down to the county level, close to every member of the Legislature and every county chairman."

"If we got three or four letters for any other candidate, it would be a lot," Mr. Wilson said.

Mr. DiFrancesco, who received \$200 in campaign donations from the Christies in February, recom-

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mended him to the White House, although Mr. Wilson declined to say when or how the recommendation was made. He said, "It was also conveyed to the White House that if they chose to go in another direction, we could obviously work with them."

Administration officials interviewed Mr. Christie and another candidate, Rosemary Alito, last month.

Ms. Alito, 48, a nationally recognized expert on employment law,

never garnered significant political support. But many bar leaders say they could support her, even though she lacks criminal law experience, because of her overall record and her federal court practice.

Some Republicans in South Jersey, including United States Representative Frank A. LoBiondo, back a third candidate, John Peter Suarez, the director of the State Gaming Enforcement Division and a former as-

sistant United States attorney. Mr. Suarez, 37, is also supported by several national Hispanic organizations.

Mr. Suarez declined a request for comment, as did Ms. Alito.

Mr. Suarez's supporters complain that the White House favored contributors, including Ms. Alito, who has given several thousand dollars to state Republican campaign funds. "J. P. Suarez didn't even get the courtesy of an interview," said Anto-

nio Gines, the state chairman of the Republican National Hispanic Assembly, an auxiliary of the Republican National Committee. "People who are pouring money into certain coffers are getting interviews."

While United States attorney posts often go to the politically connected, the Bush administration is generally following the tradition of picking experienced prosecutors. Of the 33 candidates awaiting Senate approval, 30 have been prosecutors, most of them assistant United States attorneys.

People close to the selection process say the White House and Justice

Department have approved Mr. Christie's nomination. Either home-state senator may block an appointment, but spokesmen for Senators Robert G. Torricelli and Jon S. Corzine said last week that they had no intention of standing in Mr. Christie's way.

Mr. Farmer said through a spokesman on Friday that he was not a candidate, but others said they thought he would be if he had political backing. "You need someone to propose you" to the White House, one politically active lawyer said, "and he hasn't got it."

they standing near the crowd in a polo shirt and moccasins, agreed. "I don't

Federal Bar Questions Christie's Credentials as U.S. Attorney

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The resolution, adopted 6-0 on Sept. 7 by the association's executive committee, has raised hackles from Christie supporters, who note the 11th-hour timing of the move and who call unfair the resolution's highly charged language suggesting political partisanship. Christie's name is not mentioned.

While it's uncertain whether White

bar group that has been typically acquiescent in the choice of U.S. attorney. But Christie is an unusual candidate: a securities and appellate lawyer who also handles regulatory work and lobbying — with no criminal law experience.

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House counsel reviewed the resolution before going public with Bush's choice of Christie, it appears to be a case of too little too late. Last Monday a White House assistant counsel phoned Christie at his office at Cranford's Dughi, Hewit & Palatucci to tell him of the president's intention to nominate him. Torricelli and Corzine, who could block the nomination in the Senate, were also notified Monday.

Still, the opposition is unusual for a

It's not clear whether Tompkins handled any criminal cases prior to his appointment. He went on to become an assistant U.S. attorney general in Washington, D.C.

Christie's strength in the pursuit of the post, his political resume, has also been his weakness, as critics say his main credentials are his fund-raising for presidential candidate Bush in 2000, as well as his own contributions to Bush and other Republicans over the years.



PHOTO BY CARMEN NATALIE

INSIDER FAVORITE: Rosemary Alito, who withdrew from the race for U.S. attorney last month, recused herself from voting on the resolution as a member of the federal bar association's executive committee.

House decision, both as a career prosecutor from the state who now heads the Criminal Division, as well as a player in GOP circles.

One veteran observer of the federal bar scene suggests, "At the end of the day Michael Chertoff will have significant input on Chris Christie's candidacy, and some believe [he] will be consulted by Chris Christie on important policy and personnel decisions."

Others, however, note that Bush has made his intention known, speculating that Chertoff may have signed off on the nomination.

As for the state's senators, Torricelli has long ago heard from those who have cautioned that Christie lacks the credentials for the job.

The Timing

Since Christie's name has been in circulation as a serious candidate for the job since at least early April, some

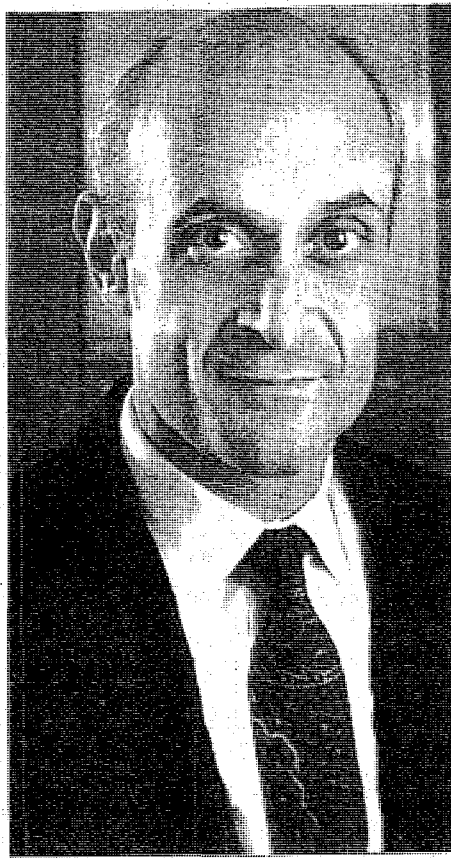


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KEY PLAYER: Former U.S. Attorney Michael Chertoff, who now heads the Criminal Division in President Bush's Justice Department, is expected to have input on the nomination for his old job.

lawyers who do not share the federal bar's fervor about protecting the integrity of the office have questioned why the resolution was drafted so late in the game.

Association President Shapiro, as well as several others in favor of the resolution, say that the reality that Christie could actually get the nomination did not sink in until the *Law Journal* reported on Aug. 13 that Bush intended to select Christie. Prior to that there was another leading candidate, McCarter & English partner Rosemary Alito, the sister of former U.S. attorney and now U.S. Third Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Samuel Alito. There was also a dark horse, John Peter Suarez, director of the state's Division of Gaming Enforcement and a former assistant U.S. attorney.

Alito took herself out of the race last month. She is a member of the executive committee of the federal bar group but recused herself from the vote on the resolution.

However, the federal bar lawyers are quick to point out that the resolution, which does not name Christie, is not aimed at him but at the selection process and the criteria for making the choice.

Jonathan Goldstein, a former U.S. attorney who lobbied for passage of the federal bar's resolution, says, "I want to maintain the independence of this office, and I want it to be independent of any outside influence, and the best way to ensure that independence is to have the U.S. attorney selected on the basis of merit."

Richard Shapiro, who was a top assistant to Goldstein when he ran the office in the late 1970s, and who is a partner with Goldstein in Newark's Helling, Lindeman, Goldstein & Siegal, emphasizes that "the key to the resolution is merit consideration" and not a comment on Christie, adding that he does not know enough about Christie's legal skills and personal character to make an evaluation. Shapiro, as president of the federal bar association, signed the resolution and wrote the cover letter to the president.

Other lawyers, though, say the federal bar group has gone overboard, noting that politics always plays a key role in such a selection. "To quote the French inspector in Casablanca, 'I'm shocked' that this is a political decision," says Barry Evenchick, a former top state prosecutor now with Livingston's Evenchick & Schreiber. Says Evenchick, "I think [the association] absolutely overstated the importance of federal law enforcement experience."

For his part, Christie, 39, is pushing hard to overcome his experience gap. He has been speaking to current and former federal prosecutors in an effort to line up a veteran team to serve under him should he get the job. Christie, say five sources familiar with the ongoing process, is emphasizing his leadership and managerial skills, as well as his experience as a lawyer for 14 years.

Christie, in making new rounds in the state as well as in Washington, D.C., is listening to recommendations of top recruits to bring into the office or to bring back into the office. He is also discussing the retention of those in leadership in the 115-lawyer office. Moreover, he is emphasizing his experience and ethics positions as director of the Morris County Freeholder Board, in particular his efforts to reform the contract-bidding process and his ban on freeholders accepting gifts and junkets.

Three sources sympathetic to Christie's nomination say they believe he is slowly but steadily winning over opponents, both political, including Democrats, as well as legal. Those sources, though, like other federal practitioners less involved in the process, note the obvious: the more Christie looks like the next U.S. attorney, the less some lawyers are inclined to oppose him, at least publicly.

One key player in the drama is former U.S. Attorney Michael Chertoff, who now serves as chief of the Criminal Division in the Justice Department in Washington. Not only will the next U.S. attorney in Newark be working for him, as do all U.S. attorneys nationwide, but Chertoff is said to have maintained a keen interest in the New Jersey office he once headed.

Chertoff, who has been lobbied by both sides, will have a say in the White



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Honorable Judge Alberto R. Gonzales
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1600 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.
The White House
Washington, DC 20502

Dear Judge Gonzales:

I am writing to request that Mr. Christopher J. Christie be interviewed for the United States Attorney position for the District of New Jersey.

Mr. Christie's extensive legal skills, diverse and broad background in both the private and public sectors make him an ideal candidate for the United States Attorney position. A well-known and respected Morris County attorney, Mr. Christie has shown a remarkable level of leadership and professionalism throughout his trial and appellate experience.

I am certain that Mr. Christie will continue to uphold the same level of character and management if chosen for the position he seeks. I have attached a copy of his resume for your review and consideration. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Donald T. DiFrancesco".

Donald T. DiFrancesco
Acting Governor

Cc: The Honorable John Ashcroft, Attorney General of the United States
The Honorable Clay S. Johnson, III, Assistant to the President for Presidential
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Dear Judge Gonzales:

I am writing to request that Mr. Christopher J. Christie, Esq. and Ms. Rosemary Alito, Esq. be interviewed for the United States Attorney position for the District of New Jersey.

Mr. Christie and Ms. Alito are two individuals with excellent credentials. Their diverse but extensive legal skills and background in both the private and public sectors would make either one of them an ideal candidate for the United States Attorney position. Both candidates are well-known and respected attorneys who have shown a remarkable level of leadership and professionalism throughout their legal careers.

I am certain that Mr. Christie and Ms. Alito will continue to demonstrate the same level of character and professional ability if chosen for the position they seek. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Donald T. DiFrancesco".

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Jersey's senators won't block U.S. attorney nominee

BY ANA M. ALAYA
STAR-LEDGER STAFF

Saying this is no time to engage the White House in political argument, New Jersey's two senators said yesterday they would not block President Bush's nomination for U.S. attorney of New Jersey, as long as a strong support team is hired with him.

U.S. Sens. Bob Torricelli and Jon Corzine, who have the power to block the impending appointment of Morris County attorney Chris Christie as U.S. attorney, both expressed reservations about Christie's lack of criminal experience.

The nomination of Christie has raised eyebrows in New Jersey's legal community. A prominent GOP fund-raiser, the former Morris County freeholder has never tried a

criminal case and has no substantial experience in federal court.

"Make no mistake ... no one is saying he would be our first choice," said Corzine.

And that is why both men believe the hires he makes are critical.

"I think it's incumbent on them (the White House) to come back and say that this is the individual they want to lead the office and that the people who are going to be part of that law enforcement team have deep experience and can begin immediately effective in this investigation," Torricelli said.

Christie's nomination was one of many topics the two senators discussed during a two-hour editorial board meeting at The Star-Ledger's office in Newark.

They also discussed military

strategy in the war against terrorism, a possible payroll tax cut for low-income residents and opportunities to speed up transportation projects including an extension of the PATH into Manhattan and a new trans-Hudson commuter rail tunnel.

Torricelli expressed exasperation with the inability of U.S. government agencies to prevent the terrorist attacks.

"I don't want to spark a blame game, but we have to look to see how we got into this," Torricelli said.

Furthermore, Torricelli said there was an "obvious failure" to monitor terrorist groups in New Jersey, creating a need for a stronger U.S. Attorney's Office.

Corzine called the failings of the nation's intelligence network "a



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classic case of organizational dysfunction."

Regarding military matters, Torricelli said there should be a three-pronged approach

to a military offensive on terrorist groups: airstrikes, construction of military base operations in regions where there are terrorist groups, and implementation of financial measures to strangle terrorist groups.

The senator said there have been discussions among military officials about creating fire bases within Afghanistan, much like those in the Vietnam war, where covert "search and destroy" missions would be launched.



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Earlier in the day, the senators announced a plan to request \$3.2 billion in federal funding to meet the emergency needs of the national Amtrak rail service. The bulk of the money would go to improving outdated, unsafe tunnels and hiring more police officers, security agents and K9 units. Helicopters to fly over trains en route would also be sought.

Most of the money — almost \$1 billion — would be designated to improving the tunnels. The tunnels under the Hudson River are 90 years old, the tunnels under Baltimore date back to 1867, Torricelli said.



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The senators also proposed legislation yesterday that would compel states to plan a systematic response to terrorist attacks with chemical or biological weapons, by offering federal grants to state and local government agencies to promote readiness for disasters caused by chemical or biological weapons.

And they would have states designate specific hospitals as those prepared to treat people suffering from injuries induced by such lethal agents.

Staff writer Nikita Stewart and the Associated Press contributed to this report.

Chris Christie

5/9/01

Chris—

Attached are copies of the letters of support I have received here in NJ. I do not know if Gov. DiFrancesco's office forwarded them along with his letter of recommendation.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Chris Christie

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RE: Christopher Christie

Dear Mr. Bartolomucci:

I am writing this letter to urge President Bush to select Christopher Christie as U.S. Attorney for the District of New Jersey. As the Vice Chair of the New Jersey State Bar Association Judicial and Prosecutorial Appointments Committee ("JPAC"), I am engaged in a similar evaluative process concerning the appointment of both Prosecutors and Judges. In New Jersey, a compact exists between the Governor and the Bar Association where judicial and prosecutorial candidates are reviewed. A candidate will only be nominated by the Governor if they are deemed qualified by our committee. Thus, it is the Committee's responsibility to analyze nominees as to their suitability for a particular position. My perspective on the process may, therefore, be somewhat different than others who have written to you.

As someone actively engaged in the practice of law, I have devoted a significant portion of my time to Bar Association activities. Before my appointment as Vice Chair of JPAC, I was President of the Ocean County Bar Association and Chair of the New Jersey Bar Association's Family Law Section. With the State Bar Association, I have also engaged in the evaluative selection process from a somewhat different vantage point as well where I served two years on the Nominating Committee. I have also served on a number of Supreme Court Committees. While I am generally

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uninvolved in the political process and consider myself to be a non-partisan, I, nonetheless, have an interest, particularly as a former prosecutor, that the person appointed as U.S. Attorney for the New Jersey District be of the highest character, legal skill and possess the sound judgment needed in this extraordinarily sensitive position.

It is with this background I want to share with you my comments on Mr. Christie and his general reputation in the legal community in New Jersey. My personal experience has taught me to be successful as a Prosecutor requires something more than simple legal skill; the exercise of judgment, tempered by common sense and administered with strong doses of integrity are integral components. These are the characteristics Mr. Christie will bring to the position. His wide support amongst New Jersey lawyers who practice in his field and have had contact with him is evidence of his honesty, integrity and the respect his peers have for him. His appointment will be perceived as one based on merit.

Any Prosecutor can only be effective if they have an understanding of what actually happens in a Court Room. A lawyer who had the dual opportunity of actively practicing law while simultaneously being involved in the public field has the broad experience that permits the difficult decisions a U.S. Attorney must make to be made by balancing both the legal and the practical considerations implicit in this difficult office. Sound judgment and a broad base of experience in both law and governmental relations provides the formula for success. When combined with unquestioned integrity, Mr. Christie will not only be an excellent U.S. Attorney, he will enhance the reputation of the office and the President who appointed him.

New Jersey lawyers, it's citizens, and the integrity of the process, will be advanced if Mr. Christie is selected.

Respectfully,



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Attached is the letter from Richard Badolato, President-Elect of the NJ State Bar Association. John Sheridan should have forwarded a copy of his letter on Friday. The only letter promised which is still missing is from Ed Deutsch. However, I think the Badolato and Curtin letters (President-Elect and Past President of the State Bar Association, respectively) should deal with the issue we discussed last week. Please call with any updates or if you need any further information. Thanks.

Chris Christie

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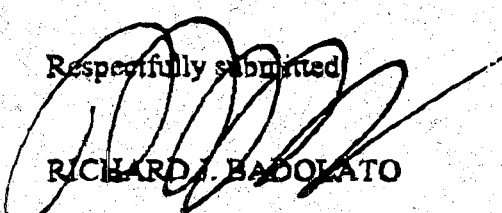
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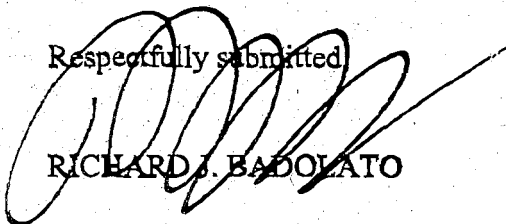
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I am writing this letter to urge President Bush to select Christopher Christie as U.S. Attorney for the District of New Jersey. As the Vice Chair of the New Jersey State Bar Association Judicial and Prosecutorial Appointments Committee ("JPAC"), I am engaged in a similar evaluative process concerning the appointment of both Prosecutors and Judges. In New Jersey, a compact exists between the Governor and the Bar Association where judicial and prosecutorial candidates are reviewed. A candidate will only be nominated by the Governor if they are deemed qualified by our committee. Thus, it is the Committee's responsibility to analyze nominees as to their suitability for a particular position. My perspective on the process may, therefore, be somewhat different than others who have written to you.

As someone actively engaged in the practice of law, I have devoted a significant portion of my time to Bar Association activities. Before my appointment as Vice Chair of JPAC, I was President of the Ocean County Bar Association and Chair of the New Jersey Bar Association's Family Law Section. With the State Bar Association, I have also engaged in the evaluative selection process from a somewhat different vantage point as well where I served two years on the Nominating Committee. I have also served on a number of Supreme Court Committees. While I am generally

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uninvolved in the political process and consider myself to be a non-partisan, I, nonetheless, have an interest, particularly as a former prosecutor, that the person appointed as U.S. Attorney for the New Jersey District be of the highest character, legal skill and possess the sound judgment needed in this extraordinarily sensitive position.

It is with this background I want to share with you my comments on Mr. Christie and his general reputation in the legal community in New Jersey. My personal experience has taught me to be successful as a Prosecutor requires something more than simple legal skill; the exercise of judgment, tempered by common sense and administered with strong doses of integrity are integral components. These are the characteristics Mr. Christie will bring to the position. His wide support amongst New Jersey lawyers who practice in his field and have had contact with him is evidence of his honesty, integrity and the respect his peers have for him. His appointment will be perceived as one based on merit.

Any Prosecutor can only be effective if they have an understanding of what actually happens in a Court Room. A lawyer who had the dual opportunity of actively practicing law while simultaneously being involved in the public field has the broad experience that permits the difficult decisions a U.S. Attorney must make to be made by balancing both the legal and the practical considerations implicit in this difficult office. Sound judgment and a broad base of experience in both law and governmental relations provides the formula for success. When combined with unquestioned integrity, Mr. Christie will not only be an excellent U.S. Attorney, he will enhance the reputation of the office and the President who appointed him.

New Jersey lawyers, it's citizens, and the integrity of the process, will be advanced if Mr. Christie is selected.

Respectfully,



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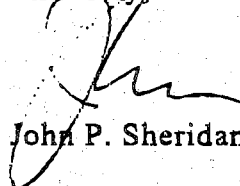
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DATE: July 27, 2001

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Edward S. Snyder—Ed is generally considered one of the top Family Law practitioners in New Jersey. He is the 1999 recipient of the New Jersey State Bar Association Award for Lifetime Achievement in Family Law. *He is the Chairman of the NJ District V Ethics Committee*, this is one of the committees officially designated by the New Jersey Supreme Court to handle attorney ethics complaints. He has served as The Chairman of the New Jersey Bar Association's Family Law Section, National Vice-President of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and appointed by the New Jersey Supreme Court to the Supreme Court committee on Family Practice. His reputation on Ethics and Family Law issues is well known and respected in New Jersey. His telephone number is 973-403-6000.

Elizabeth Randall—Lisa is currently the Bergen County Counsel. She has a long career in both the practice of law and public service. She has served as a member of Governor Christie Whitman's cabinet as Commissioner of Banking and Insurance, as Counsel to former Governor Tom Kean and as a member of the New Jersey General Assembly. Lisa was recently appointed to the New Jersey Congressional Redistricting Commission and has been an active practicing lawyer for over twenty years. Her telephone number is 201-336-6950.

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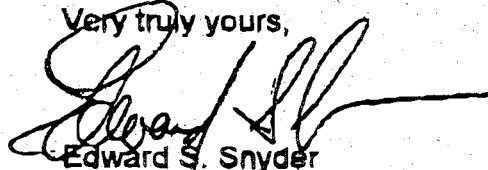
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The people of the State of New Jersey and the President of the United States would be well served by having Chris as our United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey. I know he will serve with honor and distinction.

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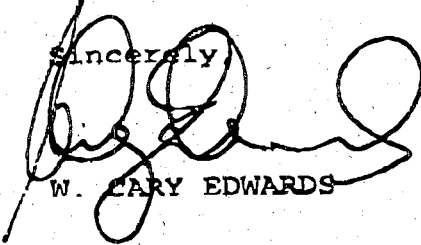
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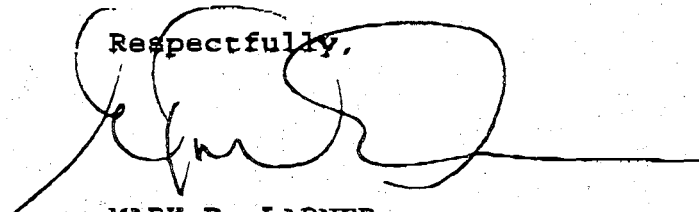
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Mr. Christie will serve the Department of Justice and the citizens of New Jersey in the outstanding tradition of the United States Attorneys for this District.

Respectfully,



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If you have any further questions, please feel free to call me.

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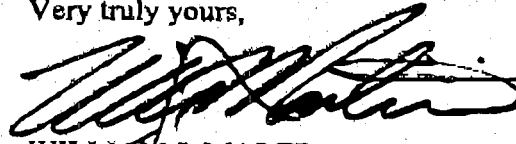
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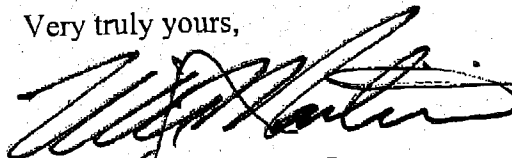
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FROM: EDWARD S. SNYDER, ESQ.

DATE: 26 JULY 2001

RE: CHRISTOPHER J. CHRISTIE

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VIA FACSIMILE AND MAIL

Christopher Bartolomucci, Esq.
Associate Counsel to the President
Old Executive Office Building, Room 132
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Dear Mr. Bartolomucci:

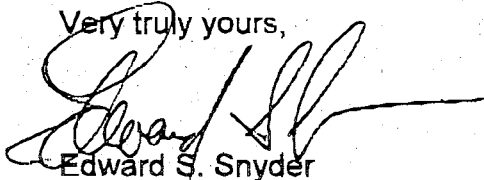
Please accept this letter as an expression of my support for the appointment of Christopher J. Christie to the position of United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey.

I have known Chris since 1991 on both a personal and professional level. Chris enjoys an outstanding reputation as a talented and dedicated lawyer; what is perhaps more important is that he is a person possessed of the highest integrity and honesty.

The people of the State of New Jersey and the President of the United States would be well served by having Chris as our United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey. I know he will serve with honor and distinction.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,



Edward S. Snyder

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Christopher Bartolomucci, Esq.

FROM: Chris Christie, Esq.

RE: Bar support in New Jersey

DATE: July 26, 2001

Pursuant to our conversation yesterday, I will detail the prominent NJ attorneys who should be sending letters to you today in support of my candidacy. I thought short bios of each with their phone numbers might prove helpful to you.

Thomas R. Curtin—Tom is a name partner in the 35-attorney firm of Graham, Curtin & Sheridan of Morristown, NJ. Tom is a *former President of the New Jersey State Bar Association* (1993-94), former President of the Morris County Bar Association (1978-79) and a member of the American Bar Association House of Delegates since 1994. He was also President of the New Jersey State Bar Foundation from 1986-1988. He also has served as the Chair of the New Jersey Commission on Professionalism in the Law from 1996-1998. *He is a Democrat* and has served as an advisor on judicial appointments to both former Senator Bill Bradley and *current Senator Robert Torricelli*. He is acknowledged as an outstanding corporate and commercial litigator. His telephone number is 973-401-7117.

W. Cary Edwards—Cary is a name partner in the firm of Edwards & Caldwell in Hawthorne, NJ. Cary served as *Attorney General of New Jersey* from 1986-1989 under Governor Tom Kean. Cary also served as Chief Counsel to Governor Kean from 1982-1986. He also served as a Member of the NJ General Assembly from 1978-1982. Currently, Cary serves as a Commissioner of the NJ State Commission of Investigation and has been a member since 1997. He was also twice a candidate for the Republican nomination for Governor of New Jersey (1989 & 1993). His telephone number is 973-636-0500.

William J. Martini—Bill is a partner in the 150-attorney firm of Sills Cummis Radin Tischman Epstein & Gross of Newark, NJ. Bill is a *former Member of Congress*, serving from 1995-1997. He is currently a Commissioner of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, serving since 1999. Bill also served as an *Assistant United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey* and as an Assistant Prosecutor in the Hudson County Prosecutor's Office. He is acknowledged as an expert in Regulatory Affairs and White Collar Criminal Defense. His telephone number is 973-643-5468.

John P. Sheridan, Jr.—John is a senior partner in the 150-attorney firm of Riker, Danzig, Scherer, Hyland & Perretti, LLP in Morristown, NJ. John is a former Deputy NJ Attorney General, former Assistant Counsel to Governor Bill Cahill and former Commissioner of Transportation under Governor Tom Kean. He is widely acknowledged as one of the most influential attorneys in NJ. His telephone number is 973-538-0800.

Christopher Bartolomucci, Esq.

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Mark D. Larner—Mark is the Senior Partner of the 75-attorney firm of Budd Larner Gross Rosenbaum, Greenberg & Sade of Short Hills, NJ. Mark is an outstanding corporate litigator specializing in disputes over business finance. He served as a Law Clerk to the Honorable C. Thomas Schettino, Associate Justice of the New Jersey Supreme Court. Mark also served as a Member of the NJ Supreme Court Committee on the Unauthorized Practice of Law from 1979-1983. *Mark is also a lifelong Democrat* who was a major supporter and confidant of former Senator Bill Bradley. His telephone number is 973-315-4402.

Edward P. Deutsch—Ed is a founding partner in the 100-attorney firm of McElroy, Deutsch & Mulvaney in Morristown, NJ. Ed is a Fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers and the International Society of Barristers. The New Jersey Supreme Court has also recognized him as a Certified Civil Trial Attorney. He is generally recognized as one of the outstanding civil trial attorneys in NJ. His telephone number is 973-425-8710.

I am still working on additional letters of support and I will prepare and forward to you short bios on each of those individuals as I receive commitments from them. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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FROM: Chris Christie
CC:
RE: US Attorney for the District of NJ

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MESSAGE: Chris—

In an effort to keep you fully advised, I was contacted last night and told that Congressman Jim Saxton will be sending a letter today to The White House supporting my candidacy for US Attorney. If I get a copy of the letter today I will fax it to you directly. That means that five of the six in the GOP Congressional delegation are supporting me. If you have any questions please let me know.

Chris Christie

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FROM: Chris Christie

CC:

RE: US Attorney for the District of NJ

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MESSAGE: Chris—

Attached is the letter of support from Mayor Bret Schundler. An original was mailed to The White House on Friday. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Chris Christie

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Bret Schundler

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July 13, 2000

The Honorable George W. Bush
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20502

Dear President Bush:

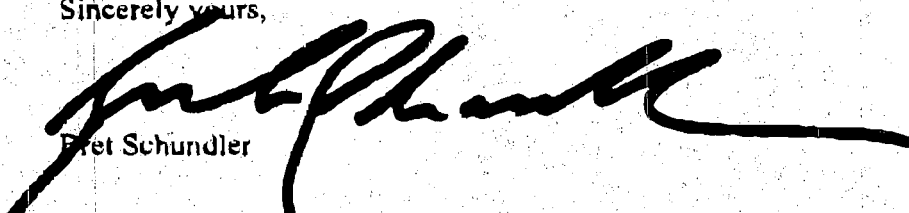
I am writing to recommend the appointment of Christopher J. Christie as United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey.

Chris has been an outstanding lawyer and active Republican in New Jersey for many years. In my dealings with Chris over the past few years, I have found him to be intelligent, insightful and a man of his word. Those are the kind of qualities we need in the U.S. Attorney in New Jersey.

Chris has not only been an active practicing lawyer for fourteen years, but he has also been an elected official and an active supporter of many charitable causes. He has shown leadership as an elected official, professionalism as an attorney and integrity in his every day life.

I am confident that Chris would be an outstanding U.S. Attorney by every possible measure. My support for him is unequivocal and I ask that your administration give serious consideration to his candidacy.

Sincerely yours,


Bret Schundler

Cc: The Honorable John Ashcroft, Attorney General of the United States
The Honorable Clay S. Johnson III, Assistant to the President for Presidential Personnel

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FROM: Chris Christie

CC:

RE: US Attorney for the District of NJ

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MESSAGE: Chris—

Attached is a copy of a letter from Congressman Mike Ferguson supporting my candidacy. A majority of the NJ Republican Congressional delegation (Congressman Ferguson joining Congressman Chris Smith, Congressman Rod Frelinghuysen and Congresswoman Marge Roukema) now supports me for US Attorney. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Chris Christie

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House of Representatives
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July 16, 2001

The Honorable Judge Alberto R. Gonzales
Counsel to the President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington DC 20502

Dear Judge Gonzales:

It is with great pleasure that I write to you strongly recommending Christopher J. Christie for an appointment to the position of U.S. Attorney for the District of New Jersey. As a longtime friend, I have come to know him as an excellent attorney, a loyal Republican, an active civic volunteer and a strong family man who would be a true asset to the Department of Justice.

Chris has been a practicing litigator for 14 years, with a concentration in securities law and appellate practice. Through my discussions with him about this position, I have become convinced that he is more than qualified to serve in the Administration. I have also had the opportunity to observe his work as a Board member of the charity nearest my family's heart, Daytop Village-New Jersey. Daytop is a faith-based, in-patient adolescent drug treatment facility where, since 1998, Chris has served on the board and also as their volunteer legal advisor. As a further sign of Chris' commitment to public service, I point to the fact that he served admirably as a Morris County Freeholder from 1995-1997.

On a personal note, my wife, Maureen, and I have become good friends with Chris and his wife, Mary Pat. Through this relationship we have grown to respect both of them as model citizens and parents to their three young children, Andrew, Sarah Anne and Patrick.

Again, based upon Chris Christie's legal experience, his work as a community volunteer, his service as a former elected official and my personal knowledge of him and his family, I urge you to offer this highly qualified candidate your utmost consideration. Thank you and please let me know if there is any way that I may be of assistance to you in this or any other matter.

Sincerely,



Michael Ferguson
Member of Congress

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TO: Chris Bartolomucci
FROM: Chris Christie
CC:
RE: US Attorney for the District of NJ

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MESSAGE: Chris—

I just wanted to advise you that yesterday I met with both Mayor Bret Schundler and Congressman Mike Ferguson and received commitments of support from both of them. They are preparing letters of support to forward to The White House. I will make sure copies get to you as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Chris Christie

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SENATOR JOE KYRILLOS, JR.

July 12, 2001

Chris Bartolomucci, Esq.
Associate Counsel to the President
Office of the Counsel to the President
O.E.O.B., Room 132
Washington, DC 20502

Dear Chris:

It was good to speak to you yesterday.

As we discussed, I write to recommend to you and to the President, in the strongest possible terms, my recommendation of Chris Christie to be the next United States Attorney for the State of New Jersey.

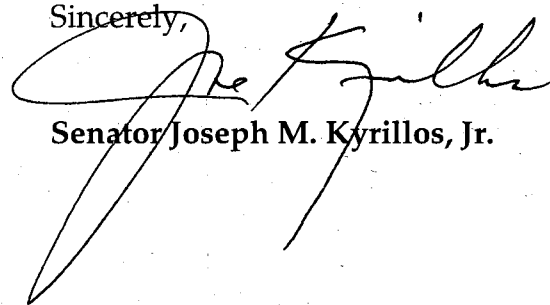
I write this as a State Senator but more importantly in my capacity as Chairman of the New Jersey Republican State Committee. There is nearly unanimous support for Chris among other Republican leaders in our state, a list of which I can provide if you do not already have it in your files.

Attached is the information that we discussed yesterday which I believe is very important and must be considered seriously in this process.

Please call me with any questions.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,



Senator Joseph M. Kyrillos, Jr.

JMK:jch
Enclosure
cc Honorable Andy Card

CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

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Chris -
Thanks for the call back. Here
are the Chris Christie + Judge Bassler
letters. Please keep me posted -
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The Honorable Alberto Gonzales
White House Counsel
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Judge Gonzales:

I am writing to recommend the appointment of Christopher J. Christie as U.S. Attorney for the District of New Jersey. Chris has been contacted by your office and is expecting to come to Washington for an interview in the next few weeks.

I have known Chris Christie for several years. He is a former elected local official and has served in high profile positions in both the Bush-Quayle and Bush-Cheney campaigns in my state. A very successful practicing trial litigator for the last 15 years, he now heads the appellate practice department at his firm and has appeared regularly before the New Jersey Supreme Court and the New Jersey Appellate Division. He has the legal skills, the experience, the drive, and leadership abilities essential to succeed as U.S. Attorney for New Jersey.

I recently met with Chris to talk specifically about the responsibilities inherent in the job of U.S. Attorney and the leadership role he would play if he were chosen for this critical position. I was very impressed by his knowledge, insightfulness and his enthusiasm on a broad spectrum of criminal justice issues. He also spoke very intelligently and passionately about two issues that have been important to many Members of Congress: the prosecution of distributors of obscenity and child pornography; and shutting down those engaged in the trafficking of women and children into the United States. As you know, the Justice Department's efforts in both areas during the last Administration were almost non-existent, and much work needs to be done if Congressional intent is to be fulfilled. I am confident, that if given the opportunity, Chris Christie will work extremely hard and be effective at accomplishing these law enforcement priorities, as well as others already enumerated by the President and the Attorney General.

Chris Christie's extensive legal experience, background as a former elected official, and thoughtful commitment to conservative jurisprudence make him eminently qualified for the job of U.S. Attorney. I strongly urge you to give his application your most thorough and favorable consideration.

Sincerely,

CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH
Member of Congress

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March 21, 2001

The Honorable George W. Bush
The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20502
Attn: Mr. Clay Johnson

Dear President Bush:

I am writing to bring to your attention the credentials of Mr. Christopher J. Christie of Mendham, New Jersey. Mr. Christie has expressed a strong interest in serving the American people as U.S. Attorney for the District of New Jersey. I want to lend my endorsement to his appointment.

It would seem that Chris would be just the type of candidate your Administration is seeking. He is an active attorney and a partner in the distinguished law firm of Dughi, Hewit & Palatucci of Cranford. He has handled complex litigation in the varied areas of securities law and product liability. He has been the firm's lead attorney on all appellate matters. Indeed he has argued before the Appellate Division and the Supreme Court of New Jersey nearly 80 times.

While I have not known Mr. Christie personally, I have met with him to discuss his credentials, his background and his philosophy. He impresses me as a strong candidate to elevate New Jersey's U.S. Attorney's office to the active prominence which we have come to expect.

I do know that he is held in high regard by many people I know and trust. They are very confident that Chris possesses the intelligence, energy and dedication necessary for effective service in the Department of Justice. This rare combination of personal and professional attributes would make him an outstanding U.S. Attorney in this critically important region.

I recommend him to you and trust that you will give him every consideration.

Sincerely,

Marge Roukema
Marge Roukema
Member of Congress

RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

11TH DISTRICT, NEW JERSEY

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The Honorable Chris Christie

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Dear Chris:

Thank you for your recent letter and your interest in serving in President Bush's Administration.

Please know that I have contacted Mr. Clay Johnson, Director of Personnel for the Administration, in support of your appointment to the position of U.S. Attorney.

As soon as I receive any indication from Mr. Johnson, I will certainly let you know.

Again, thank you for alerting me to your interest in serving and I am pleased to support your candidacy.

Sincerely,

Rodney P. Frelinghuysen
Member of Congress

RPF:dm



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
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DONALD T. DIFRANCESCO
ACTING GOVERNOR

April 20, 2001

Honorable Judge Alberto R. Gonzales
Counsel to the President
Office of the Counsel to the President
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.
The White House
Washington, DC 20502

Dear Judge Gonzales:

I am writing to request that Mr. Christopher J. Christie be interviewed for the United States Attorney position for the District of New Jersey.

Mr. Christie's extensive legal skills, diverse and broad background in both the private and public sectors make him an ideal candidate for the United States Attorney position. A well-known and respected Morris County attorney, Mr. Christie has shown a remarkable level of leadership and professionalism throughout his trial and appellate experience.

I am certain that Mr. Christie will continue to uphold the same level of character and management if chosen for the position he seeks. I have attached a copy of his resume for your review and consideration. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Donald T. DiFrancesco".

Donald T. DiFrancesco
Acting Governor

Cc: The Honorable John Ashcroft, Attorney General of the United States
The Honorable Clay S. Johnson, III, Assistant to the President for Presidential
Personnel and Deputy to the Chief of Staff



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March 9, 2001

Mr. Clay Johnson
Director of Presidential Appointments
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Johnson:

I am writing in strong support of Christopher J. Christie as a candidate for U.S. Attorney for New Jersey.

I have known Chris for several years. He is bright, articulate, enthusiastic, personable and a man of principle. He uses all of his talents and combines them with a strong work ethic. He is highly motivated and, I believe, possesses the skills and determination to set and achieve personal goals. Chris has both the educational background and professional experience for this position.

Chris is a political activist, having served as Campaign Counsel for Bush for President in New Jersey. As such, he handled the organization and filing of all nominating petitions, ballot access and position issues and general election law issues in New Jersey. He also served as a member of the National Finance Committee and RNC Team 2000.

I am proud to give my recommendation for Christopher J. Christie and ask that you give every consideration to his candidacy for U.S. Attorney for New Jersey.

Sincerely,

Jack Collins
Speaker
NJ General Assembly

JJCC:MAD



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Majority Leader

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March 13, 2001

The Honorable Donald T. DiFrancesco
Acting Governor
Governor's Office
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Dear Don: 

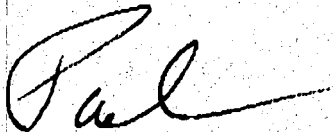
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Chris has been an actively practicing litigator for the past fourteen years with the firm Dughi, Hewitt, and Palatucci in Cranford. He has handled complex litigation in the areas of securities law, products liability and has been the firm's partner handling all appellate matters. Chris has argued before the New Jersey Supreme Court and the Appellate Division over 75 times.

Chris also represents the type of person we all need in this important position. He has the intellect, the legal experience, the commitment to ethical standards and the real life experience to perform this job in an exemplary manner.

Chris has my whole-hearted support and I would ask that you support his candidacy as well. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Very truly yours,



Paul DiGaetano
Majority Leader
New Jersey General Assembly

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The Honorable Donald T. DiFrancesco
Acting Governor, State of New Jersey
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Trenton, New Jersey 08625

Dear Governor DiFrancesco:

I write to strongly recommend Chris Christie for appointment to the position of U.S. Attorney for New Jersey. I have known Chris to more than a decade on both a professional and personal level, and I am very confident when I say that he possesses the integrity and honesty to succeed in the position of U.S. Attorney and to make the office successful.

As you are probably aware, Chris is extremely bright and hard-working. He has a strong legal background and excellent leadership skills. Furthermore, Chris is a loyal Republican; having served as campaign counsel to President Bush.

Thus, I endorse Chris for appointment to the post and urge you to do the same. You will not be disappointed in his performance as U.S. Attorney, where, if appointed, I believe he will serve with distinction. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Robert J. Martin

/sab.cchrisrec

Clifford M. Sobel

(b)(6)

April 5, 2001

Mr. Clay Johnson
Assistant to the President for
Presidential Personnel
The White House
Washington, DC 20502

Dear Mr. Johnson:

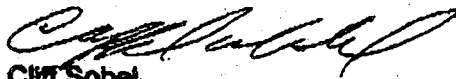
It is with great pleasure that I write to you to endorse Christopher J. Christie for United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey.

I have known Chris for several years and I can attest to his sound character, integrity and good judgment. He will uphold the high ethical standards traditionally associated with the U.S. Attorney's office in New Jersey.

Chris also played a key role in the New Jersey campaign of President Bush, serving ably as the campaign counsel. Chris has all the qualities necessary to serve the President and the people of New Jersey in this very important role.

I recommend Chris without qualification. I am grateful for your time and consideration.

Sincerely yours,


Cliff Sobel

Phone:

(b)(6)

Fax (978) 467-4245



February 17, 2001

Mr. Clay Johnson
Assistant to the President for
Presidential Personnel
The White House
Washington, DC 20502

Dear Mr. Johnson:

I am writing this letter to recommend and support Christopher J. Christie, Esquire for appointment to the office of U.S. attorney for New Jersey.

Chris is a highly regarded attorney and a partner in the law firm of Dughi & Hewitt in Cranford, New Jersey. He has practiced law for over fourteen years...arguing over seventy-five times before the New Jersey Supreme Court.

There are few people who have the intellect and who better represent the ethical standards, dedication, and energy that make Chris an ideal appointment for this uniquely important position.

Please see complete biographical information enclosed. I am most grateful for your time and consideration.

Very truly yours,

Lewis M. Eisenberg
Chairman

JON F. HANSON
235 MOORE STREET
HACKENSACK, NEW JERSEY 07601

March 12, 2001

Honorable Donald T. DiFrancesco
Acting Governor
Governor's Office
Trenton, NJ 08625

Dear Governor DiFrancesco:

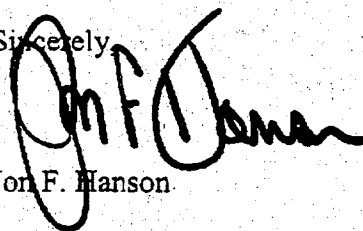
I am writing to you to advise you of my strong support for Christopher J. Christie for appointment as the US Attorney in New Jersey.

I have known Chris for a number of years and have worked closely with him on many project. During that time, I have come to appreciate his honesty, integrity and work ethic. Chris is a man of his word and someone you can count on to make sound judgments. This is just the type of person we need as the US Attorney.

I also know him to be a fine lawyer. He takes pride in his profession and is a credit to the legal community in New Jersey. I worked particularly closely with Chris on the Bush for President campaign over the last two years. No one worked harder from January of 1999 through his inauguration for George W. Bush in New Jersey than Chris Christie.

Chris would be a credit to all of New Jersey as our US Attorney. I hope you will support him for this very important position.

Sincerely,



Jon F. Hanson

JFH/sjw

Gov. DiFrancesco Christie 3-12-01



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March 16, 2001

The Honorable Donald T. DiFrancesco
Acting Governor – State of New Jersey
State House
CN 001
Trenton, New Jersey 08625

Dear Governor DiFrancesco:

I am writing in support of the appointment of Christopher J. Christie as United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey.

I have known Chris for more than six years. He has the professional and personal background that will make him an outstanding United States Attorney.

Chris has a broad range of professional experience including trial and appellate experience. He has assumed the day-to-day responsibilities for the management of the firm's participation in the tobacco and health cases in New Jersey. He is well known and respected as an attorney. All of us who are involved in politics know of Chris's political experience. He has served as a member and director of the Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders. He has extensive experience in campaigns on the local, state and federal levels.

Chris has also found the time to give back to his community in various charitable endeavors ranging from children with cancer to drug treatment programs.

I strongly urge you to support the appointment of Chris for the position of United States Attorney.

Sincerely,

Lois Johnson
Chairman

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March 14, 2001

The Honorable Donald T. DiFrancesco
Acting Governor
Governor's Office
P.O. Box 001
125 West State Street
Trenton, New Jersey 08625

Dear Don:

I am writing to you to support the candidacy of Chris Christie for appointment by President Bush to the post of United States Attorney for New Jersey.

I have known Chris for over seven years as a freeholder, lawyer and solid citizen. I believe Chris has the necessary personal and professional qualities to serve in this position with distinction. He has been an active practicing lawyer for fourteen years and is certainly up to the task of leading the U.S. Attorney's office.

As you know, Chris also served as campaign counsel to the President's campaign here in New Jersey and helped organize those early trips that you and I both participated in to Austin, Texas.

I endorse Chris for the post without qualification. I urge you to do the same. Thank you for your time and consideration of my endorsement of Chris.

Sincerely,

William "Par" Schubert
Bergen County Executive

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via fax and regular mail

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April 9, 2001

The Honorable Donald T. DiFrancesco
Acting Governor
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PO Box 001
Trenton, NJ 08625

Re: U.S. Attorney

Dear Governor DiFrancesco:

Please accept this letter in strong support of Chris Christie for appointment as the United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey.

I have known Chris for nearly ten years, and I firmly believe he has both the professional and personal attributes necessary to be an outstanding U.S. Attorney.

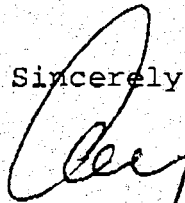
Chris has been an outstanding civil litigator for over fourteen years. He has handled complex matters in the areas of securities law, products liability and appellate practice. He has shown leadership in his field by establishing his firm's securities law department, heading the appellate department and arguing over 75 times before the New Jersey Supreme Court and Appellate Division of the New Jersey Superior Court. There can be no doubt about his legal qualifications for this post.

Chris has also been a solid citizen of New Jersey. He and his wife Mary Pat have three children and have been active participants in their community on charitable causes. As you know, Chris also served as a Morris County Freeholder and was Campaign Counsel for President Bush in New Jersey.

Hon. Donald T. DiFrancesco
April 9, 2001
Page 2

In short, Chris is an outstanding lawyer and a leader. He has my enthusiastic support and I hope he will have your support as well.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "W. Cary Edwards". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "W" and a long, sweeping underline that extends below the printed name.

W. CARY EDWARDS

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March 12, 2001

The Honorable Donald T. DiFrancesco
Acting Governor

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Dear Governor DiFrancesco:

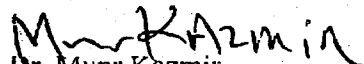
I am writing to you regarding my strong support of Chris Christie for nomination as the next United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey.

Chris possesses the qualities necessary for a successful U.S. Attorney. He has the honesty, integrity, and devotion to principles needed for this demanding position. I have always known him to be a man of his word and someone who could be counted on for his wise and loyal counsel.

Chris also has had an exemplary career as a lawyer. His fourteen years at Dughi, Hewit, & Palatucci have certainly prepared him well for the challenges that he will face as U.S. Attorney.

My support of Chris for this position is enthusiastic. I hope you will support him as well.

Sincerely,


Dr. Munr Kazmir



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March 12, 2001

The Honorable Donald T. DiFrancesco
Acting Governor
State House
PO Box 001
Trenton, NJ 08625-0001

Dear Governor *Don* DiFrancesco,

I am writing to register my strong support for the candidacy of Chris Christie for nomination as United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey.

I have know Chris very well for more than seven years. In my view, there is no one who is better qualified for the position of US Attorney.

Over the years, Chris has displayed the integrity, character and honesty that are needed in that office. Chris is bright and has the ability to articulate issues and build consensus. During his time as a Morris County Freeholder he helped lead the Board to consensus on such perennially difficult issues as building a new county jail, expanding our county library and expanding the county's ability to deal with the problem of young people and drug abuse. In his final year on the Board, Chris was elected Director by his colleagues.

Chris Christie is exactly the type of person we need as US Attorney. He has my enthusiastic support and I urge you to support him as well. I stand ready to discuss Chris with you in greater detail whenever you feel it is appropriate.

Sincerely,

Alex
Alex DeCroce

/mec

*He is a loyal person
and will not embarrass you!*



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The Honorable Donald T. DiFrancesco, Governor
State House
P.O. Box 001
Trenton, NJ 08625-0001

Re: Christopher J. Christie

Dear Governor DiFrancesco: *Jim* —

I am writing to you in support of the candidacy of Chris Christie for the position of U.S. Attorney for the District of New Jersey.

I have known Chris very well for the past six years. Chris is a fellow Mendham Township resident and, as you know a former Morris County Freeholder. I have the highest regard for the integrity, honesty and hard work I have seen Chris bring to every task that he has undertaken over the years we have known each other.

Chris is also an outstanding attorney with a very active law practice with the firm of Dughi, Hewit & Palatucci. I have every confidence that Chris possesses both the personal and professional attributes that would make him an outstanding choice for this very important position.

Chris has my unqualified support. If you have any questions regarding my support of Chris, I would be happy to discuss them with you.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rick".

Richard A. Merkt
Assemblyman-District 25



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March 12, 2001

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Hon. Donald DiFrancesco
P.O. Box 001
Trenton, New Jersey
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Re: United States Attorney

Dear Governor DiFrancesco:

Kindly accept this letter in support of the candidacy of Chris Christie to serve as the United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey.

Over the course of the past decade, I have come to know and respect Chris. He and I have served together on the Morris County Republican County Committee and, of course, I worked with him during his tenure as Freeholder. During the time I have known him, Chris has always been honest, forthright, and dedicated. He clearly possesses the intellectual heft and the leadership skills required of the United States Attorney.

Furthermore, Chris has been a practicing lawyer in a distinguished law firm for some 14 years. His diverse practice prepares him well for the duties of the office to which he aspires.

I believe that Chris would be an exemplary candidate for this position. His character and ability are above reproach, his energy unquestioned. There is no more qualified candidate to recommend to the President for this important post, and I would respectfully request that you do so.

In the event that you have any questions, or wish to discuss this matter further, I am available at your convenience.

Respectfully,

Michael Patrick Carroll



NEW JERSEY GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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March 16, 2001

The Honorable Donald T. DiFrancesco
Acting Governor
State House
P.O. Box 001
Trenton, New Jersey 08625

Dear Governor DiFrancesco:

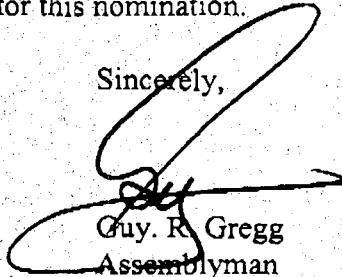
First and foremost, I would once again like to congratulate you on your job forthwith as Acting Governor. As always, it is a pleasure to serve this fine state in your company.

I would like to take this opportunity to recommend Christopher J. Christie, a long time friend of Morris county, be nominated as the United States Attorney for the State of New Jersey. As I am sure you are well aware, Chris has served the County of Morris not only in his former capacity as County Freeholder but as a fervent supporter of Republican candidates across the state in addition to maintaining an active law practice in Cranford. Chris was as a vital advocate of then Governor George W. Bush's candidacy for President. Without question, Chris was an outstanding advocate and strong leader.

On a more personal note, Chris is, indeed, a true family devoted to both his wife and his children. This is undoubted the quality and caliber of man we want for our United States Attorney for New Jersey.

I thank you beforehand for considering Chris for this nomination.

Sincerely,



Guy. R. Gregg
Assemblyman
District 24

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NEW JERSEY GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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March 14, 2001

The Honorable Donald T. DiFrancesco
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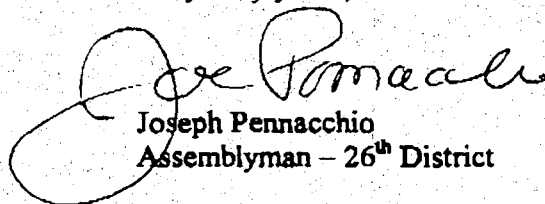
Dear Governor DiFrancesco:

It is with great pleasure that I write to you to support Chris Christie for nomination as the United States Attorney for New Jersey.

I have known Chris for seven years and have been impressed with his forthrightness, dedication to public service, and integrity. Chris served with distinction for three years as a Morris County Freeholder. He helped to lead the effort in New Jersey for President Bush right from the very beginning. In so many areas of his life, Chris has shown great leadership skills and the ability to forge consensus. All of these skills would serve him well as the U.S. Attorney.

Finally, it has been a pleasure getting to know Chris, his wife Mary Pat, and their children. Their family represents the best that New Jersey and Morris County has to offer. Chris has been a loyal friend to so many people over the years. I support him without reservation. I urge you to support him as well. He will always make you proud that you gave him your support.

Very truly yours,


Joseph Pennacchio
Assemblyman - 26th District

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March 13, 2001

The Honorable Donald T. DeFrancesco*Office of the Governor***STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

Post Office Box 001

Trenton, New Jersey 08625

RE: CHRISTOPHER J. CHRISTIE, ESQ.

Dear Governor:

As a brief follow-up to my note regarding Chris Christie, I wanted to take this opportunity to again express my thoughts regarding Chris and his interest in being appointed to the office of United States Attorney for the State of New Jersey.

I am familiar with Chris' professional background and "on paper", if you will, Chris certainly has the experience and qualifications to fulfill all of the duties and responsibilities associated with this important office.

However, having had the opportunity to work with Chris over the years, I can also speak very highly of his personal attributes.

We have worked together on a number of different projects; the most recent, of course, being the election campaign of President George W. Bush. In each and every instance, Chris consistently demonstrated honesty and integrity.

Mindful of the broad range of discretion and power inherent within the office of a United States Attorney, I believe these two character traits are paramount to the fair and impartial pursuit of justice.

In conclusion, I respectfully recommend to you the nomination of Chris Christie for the office of United States Attorney.

Very truly yours,



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March 19, 2001

The Honorable Donald T. DiFrancesco
Governor

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Dear Governor DiFrancesco:

I am writing to you to register my support for Christopher J. Christie for appointment by President Bush as the United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey.

Chris and I served together on the Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders from 1995 to 1997. He was the Director of the Board in 1997. His leadership abilities, and hard work were instrumental in building a consensus among a diverse group of elected representatives.

Chris has a boundless intellectual capacity, varied life experiences and the leadership skills needed for this very important position. He has my wholehearted support and I hope you will support him as well.

If you have any questions about my support for Chris, please feel free to contact me. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Frank J. Druetzler".

Frank J. Druetzler,
Freeholder

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Office of the Morris County Clerk

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March 13, 2001

Don
Dear Governor DiFrancesco:

I am pleased to write this letter of recommendation on behalf of Christopher J. Christie, who is interested in being appointed to the position of U.S. Attorney for the State of New Jersey.

I have known Chris and his family for many years, and from 1995 to 1997 I have had the opportunity to work closely with him when we both served on the Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders. During this time he clearly demonstrated outstanding leadership abilities and strong organizational skills. Chris is a hard working family man with great integrity, and is someone that I have always respected.

As you can see by his impressive resume, he has been committed to public service, serving as an attorney, an elected official, a political activist and an officer in a private family philanthropic organization. Therefore, it is without hesitation that I highly recommend him for the position of U. S. Attorney.

Thank you for your attention in this matter and any consideration you could provide Chris would be greatly appreciated. If you need any additional information or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Joan
JOAN BRAMHALL
MORRIS COUNTY CLERK

JB/et
cc: Chris Christie

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John Pecoraro
Surrogate



Christopher Luongo, Esq.
Deputy Surrogate

March 21, 2001

Honorable Donald T. DiFrancesco
State House
PO Box 001
Trenton, NJ 08625

Re: Christopher Christie

Dear Governor:

I'm writing to strongly recommend former Morris County Freeholder Chris Christie for appointment to the position of U.S. Attorney for New Jersey.

I've known Chris for over 10 years. During that time, I've found him to be very bright, honest, capable and responsive. I've seen him fashion creative solutions to the most intractable political problems. As a Surrogate, I know that the Court system faces complex legal issues involving highly nuanced issues and personalities. I'm extremely confident that Chris has the ability to assume this role with aplomb.

Thus, I support Chris for this position without reservation or qualification. He will make an excellent US Attorney. If you need further amplification, please call.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Surrogate J. Pecoraro
SURROGATE JOHN PECORARO

*Dear Governor
Sounds good -
perfect fit.
Remember Chris is
a stand-up
person*



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MAYOR JOHN INGLESINO

March 15, 2001

Acting Governor Donald T. DiFrancesco
State of New Jersey
State House
P.O. Box 001
Trenton, NJ 08625

Re: Support for Christopher J. Christie as
U.S. Attorney for New Jersey

Dear Acting Governor ~~DiFrancesco~~ *Don*:

It is indeed my honor to write in support of Chris Christie, who I understand is under consideration for the position of United States Attorney for the State of New Jersey. Please consider this letter as one of enthusiastic support for Chris.

I have known Chris professionally and politically for about seven years. I first met Chris shortly after he won the 1994 Morris County Freeholder primary at the age of 32. It was clear to me and many in Morris County that Chris was, and is, highly intelligent, articulate and politically adroit. Chris told the voters what he stood for and fought for that agenda in Morris County, always remaining true to the virtues of good and honest government. In 1997, Chris was elected Freeholder Director by his peers on the Board and had the responsibility for overseeing the operation of Morris County Government, including its 2,500 person work force and implementation of its over \$200 Million budget.

Chris was also a leader in the campaign to elect George W. Bush President of the United States. Chris helped organize and attended the first visits, with then Governor Bush in Austin, Texas, of New Jersey political leaders in January 1999.

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In June of 1999, Chris was appointed Campaign Counsel for Bush for President in New Jersey. Chris handled the organization and filing of all nominating petitions, ballot access and position issues and other general election law issues in New Jersey. He also served as a Co-Pioneer of Bush for President.

Chris is a highly accomplished lawyer. He is a partner with the prestigious Union County law firm of Dughi, Hewit and Palatucci, P.C. Chris is a seasoned trial attorney with substantive experience in the areas of securities, tobacco and health, education, constitutional, products liability and other areas of law. Chris also has extensive appellate experience and has argued over 75 times before the New Jersey Supreme Court and Appellate Division of the New Jersey Superior Court. Chris also co-founded his firm's Governmental Affairs Department, which now ranks in the top ten of all NJ law firms offering those services.

Chris is also a compassionate person who cares deeply about people. He serves as a member of the Board of Trustees of Daytop Village, New Jersey's largest in - patient drug treatment facility, located in Chris's hometown of Mendham. He also serves as an officer of the Christie Family Foundation, a private charitable foundation established in 1999. The Foundation supports a variety of charitable causes, including The Tomorrow's Children Fund for children with cancer the CJ Foundation for SIDS and The Delbarton School (establishing an endowed minority scholarship program to this all-male Catholic high school). The single largest cause supported by the Foundation is the St. Barnabas Medical Center Foundation.

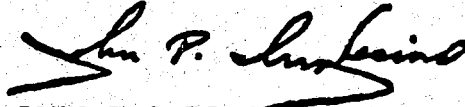
Chris is also a family man. He has been married to his wife Mary Pat for 15 years. They are the proud parents of three children, Andrew, seven, Sarah Anne, five and Patrick, six months.

Chris is loyal to his principles and his friends. I have worked with Chris over the years on a variety of matters of a political and legal nature. He is a bright, dynamic and honest person. He is also a quality leader who genuinely cares about principles of just, good and honest government. That is why I enthusiastically support Chris Christie for the position of U.S. Attorney for New Jersey and hope that you will also.

08/10/01 14:31 FAX

Don, thank you for your time and consideration of Chris. I firmly believe he will represent our State with integrity and distinction in this important position of public trust. My best to you, Diane and your family.

Very truly yours,

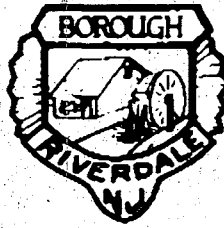


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MAYOR

JPI/slj

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Michael Dedio
Mayor



Carol Talerico, R.M.C./C.P.M.
Registered Municipal Clerk/
Certified Public Manager

BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE
MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
Incorporated In 1923

March 14, 2001

The Honorable Donald T. DiFrancesco
Acting Governor
State House
P.O. Box 001
Trenton, NJ 08625

Dear Governor DiFrancesco:

I am writing to you to give my enthusiastic support to Mr. Chris Christie and his candidacy for nomination as U.S. Attorney for New Jersey.

I have worked closely with Chris in my years as Mayor of Riverdale. Chris was an outstanding freeholder from 1995-1997 and was always someone who stood up to "do the right thing" for the people who elected him. This kind of principled leadership is exactly what is needed in an U.S. Attorney.

I have also gotten to know Chris and his wife Mary Pat over the last number of years. They are good people, solid citizens and have a wonderful family. Chris has the values, experience and integrity that are necessary for this position.

Chris has my unqualified support and I hope he will have your support as well. Chris would make an outstanding United States Attorney.

Sincerely yours,

BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE

Michael Dedio
Mayor

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March 16, 2001

The Honorable Donald T. DiFrancesco
Acting Governor
The State House
P.O. Box 001
Trenton, New Jersey 08625

Dear Governor DiFrancesco:

It is with great pleasure that I am writing in support of Christopher J. Christie for nomination to the position of U.S. Attorney for the District of New Jersey.

I have known Chris for many years in my capacity as Mayor of the Town of Boonton. Chris gave Morris County exemplary service in his three years as a freeholder. As a Mayor, it is important to be able to count on the word of your fellow elected officials. I can say without hesitation that with Chris Christie, his word is his bond.

Chris has always shown me a devotion to principle, integrity and hard work. There is no doubt in my mind that Chris would be an outstanding U.S. Attorney. He would do the people of New Jersey a great service if he were to be appointed by President Bush.

I am proud to support Chris and I hope you will do the same. Morris County would be proud to have Chris serve as United States Attorney.

Sincerely yours,

Edward J. Bolcar, Jr.
Mayor
Town of Boonton

cao

Christopher J. Christie**APR - 6 2001**

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*Professional Experience***Dughi, Hewit & Palatucci, P.C., Partner, Cranford, New Jersey***August 1987-Present* 908-272-0200

Joined this litigation firm in 1987 as an Associate and was named Partner in 1993. Areas of responsibility over the last thirteen years have been diverse.

- Spent the first five years as a litigation associate working primarily on medical malpractice defense and insurance coverage cases. Conducted hundreds of depositions, served and responded to written discovery on behalf of clients and tried half a dozen cases.
- After being named Partner, assumed responsibility for the day-to-day handling of the firm's representation of The Tobacco Institute in both the private and state litigation against the tobacco industry in New Jersey. Conducted all depositions in the case, exchanged written discovery, argued motions and interacted extensively with Covington & Burling, national counsel for The Tobacco Institute.
- In 1992, began the firm's Securities Litigation department and still lead its operation. In the last eight years we have handled both the prosecution and defense of corporate raiding cases in the securities industry, represented a Fortune 500 company in bondholder disputes and handled numerous customer cases for both industry defendants and the customers. Won the single largest NASD arbitration employee award of the early 1990's when our client was awarded over \$1.7m from a former employer.
- In 1993, co-founded the firm's Government Affairs department along with Bill Palatucci. In the last seven years, the department has gone from ground zero to the 7th ranked NJ law firm in lobbying revenues. The firm represents clients before the Governor's Office, the State Legislature, various Executive Branch departments, boards and commissions. We handle both legislative and regulatory representation. Our representative clients include TIAA/CREF, The Edison Schools, Hackensack University Medical Center, Level 3 Communications, GPU Energy and the Securities Industry Association.
- Have worked continuously since joining the firm on all appellate matters. Have prepared briefs and argued before the New Jersey Supreme Court and the New Jersey Superior Court, Appellate Division, over 75 times.

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Christopher J. Christie

Related Experience

Bush for President National Finance Committee

March 1999-Present

Worked as a member of the National Finance Committee raising funds for Bush for President and the Republican National Committee Victory 2000 as a co-Pioneer with William Palatucci and a full member of Team 2000.

Bush for President-New Jersey, Campaign Counsel

June 1999-Present

Was named Campaign Counsel in June of 1999 and handled all legal matters in New Jersey on a volunteer basis concerning the Bush campaign including ballot access, petitions, court arguments on ballot position and general election law matters.

Morris County Freeholder, Morristown, New Jersey

January 1995-December 1997

In November of 1994, at the age of 32, was one of the youngest people ever elected to the Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders. As a member of a seven person board, had the responsibility of overseeing the operation of county government, its 2500 person workforce and its over \$200m budget. In 1997, was elected as Director of the Freeholder Board and made responsible for leading the Board and acting as liaison to all administrators and department heads.

Member, Board of Trustees, Daytop Village-NJ, Mendham, New Jersey

January 1998-Present

In 1998, was elected to the Daytop Village-NJ Board of Trustees. Daytop Village-NJ is an adolescent, in-patient drug treatment facility. As a volunteer member of the Board, advise the organization on all legal matters, serve on their Finance Committee and oversaw corporate change of organization and by-laws.

Education

Seton Hall University School of Law, Juris Doctor Degree, May 1987

University of Delaware, Bachelor of Arts Degree, June 1984

Personal

Married for fifteen years to the former Mary Pat Foster. We have three children: Andrew, age 7, Sarah Anne, age 5, and Patrick, six months old.

Christopher J. Christie, Esq.
Personal Biography

Christopher J. Christie's commitment to public service is grounded in his activities as an attorney, a former elected official, a political activist and an officer in a private, family philanthropic organization.

In 1987, Chris joined the law firm of Dughi & Hewit in Cranford, NJ. The firm is a 21-attorney operation with offices also servicing southern New Jersey in Marlton.

Chris has been a practicing trial litigator for nearly 14 years. In 1993, he was named a Partner in the firm. At that time, he officially assumed day-to-day responsibility for management of the firm's participation in the tobacco and health cases in New Jersey.

Chris also serves as the head of the firm's appellate practice department. In that capacity Chris has written or supervised the writing of appellate briefs for all the firm's clients in subject areas ranging from education issues to constitutional issues to products liability and other areas of negligence litigation. Chris has also argued over

75 times before the New Jersey Supreme Court and the Appellate Division of the New Jersey Superior Court. In addition, Chris established the firm's securities

litigation department and still leads its operation. Chris has personally handled both the defense and prosecution of corporate raiding cases before the NASD and has represented a Fortune 500 company in various bondholder disputes. In 1993, Chris

also co-founded the firm's Government Affairs department. The department now ranks in the top ten of all NJ law firms offering these services. The firm represents clients such as Edison Schools, Inc., Level 3 Communications, GPU Energy, United Water Resources, the University of Phoenix, TIAA/CREF and the Securities Industry Association. Chris is a member of the American Bar Association and the New Jersey State Bar Association. Chris has also served as a member of the New Jersey State Bar Association's Election Law Committee. Chris was admitted to the Bar of the State of

y and the Bar of the United States District Court, District of New Jersey in

In November of 1994, at the age of 32, Chris was elected to the Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders. Chris served as a member of this seven-person board that controlled the operations of county government. In 1997, Chris was elected Director of the Board and had the responsibility for overseeing the operation of county government, its 2500 person workforce and implementation of its over \$200m budget. Chris also served as a member of the Board of the United Way of Morris County, Family Services of Morris County, the Morris County Board of Social Services and as Chairman of the Morris County Insurance Commission.

Chris serves as an officer of The Christie Family Foundation, a private family charitable foundation established in 1999. The Foundation has supported charitable causes as diverse as The Tomorrow's Children Fund for children with cancer, the C] Foundation for SIDS, Daytop Village (New Jersey's largest in-patient drug treatment facility for adolescents), The Delbarton School (establishing an endowed minority scholarship program to this all-male Catholic high school) and The University of Delaware (Mr. Christie's alma mater). The single largest cause supported by the foundation is the St. Barnabas Medical Center Foundation. Funds donated by The Christie Family Foundation have been utilized to greatly enhance the equipment and services provided by the Neurosurgical Department. In addition, in further support of its emphasis on children, funds from the Christie Family Foundation are currently supporting a complete renovation of the pediatric wing of this accredited Children's Hospital located in Livingston, New Jersey.

Chris Christie serves as a member of the Board of Trustees of Daytop Village-NJ, located in his hometown of Mendham, NJ. Daytop Village-NJ, established by the

Catholic Church, is New Jersey's largest in-patient drug treatment facility for adolescents. Chris was appointed to the Board in January of 1998. He has served as a legal advisor to the Board, overseeing the reorganization of the facility and its by-laws. Chris also has served on the organization's finance committee and has been a major fundraiser for the facility.

After graduating from the University of Delaware with a BA degree, Chris served as an honorary member of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees in his capacity as a former President of the student body. Chris then graduated in 1987 from Seton Hall University School of Law with a JD degree. While at Seton Hall Law School, Chris served as the school's representative at the Benton National Moot Court Competition in Chicago.

Along with his law partner Bill Palatucci, Chris organized and attended the first visits with then Governor Bush in Austin, Texas of NJ political leaders in January of 1999. In June of 1999, Chris was appointed Campaign Counsel for Bush for President in New Jersey. Chris handled the organization and filing of all nominating petitions, ballot access and position issues and other general election law issues in New Jersey.

Chris also served as a Co-Pioneer of Bush for President with Mr. Palatucci, a member of the National Finance Committee and a member of the RNC Team 2000.

Chris has been married to Mary Pat Foster for 15 years and they are parents of three children, Andrew Christie (7 years old), Sarah Anne Christie (5 years old) and Patrick Christie (6 months old). Chris was born and raised in New Jersey and now resides in Mendham, New Jersey with his family.

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DONALD T. DiFRANCESCO
ACTING GOVERNOR

April 20, 2001

Honorable Judge Alberto R. Gonzales
Counsel to the President
Office of the Counsel to the President
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.
The White House
Washington, DC 20502

Dear Judge Gonzales:

I am writing to request that Mr. Christopher J. Christie be interviewed for the United States Attorney position for the District of New Jersey.

Mr. Christie's extensive legal skills, diverse and broad background in both the private and public sectors make him an ideal candidate for the United States Attorney position. A well-known and respected Morris County attorney, Mr. Christie has shown a remarkable level of leadership and professionalism throughout his trial and appellate experience.

I am certain that Mr. Christie will continue to uphold the same level of character and management if chosen for the position he seeks. I have attached a copy of his resume for your review and consideration. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

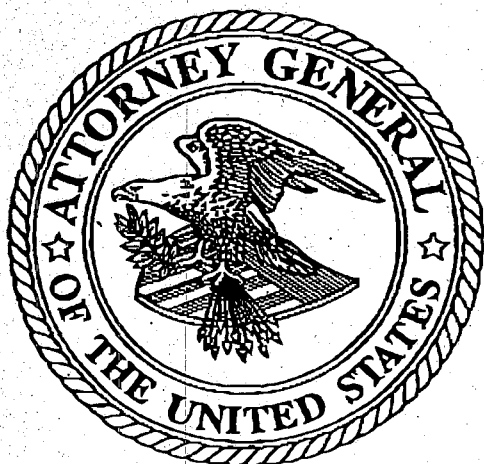
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Donald T. DiFrancesco".

Donald T. DiFrancesco
Acting Governor

Cc: The Honorable John Ashcroft, Attorney General of the United States
The Honorable Clay S. Johnson, III, Assistant to the President for Presidential
Personnel and Deputy to the Chief of Staff

bc: Chris Bartolomucci



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