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Dear Mayor Bogen, Vice Mayor McKinzie, and Commissioners:

I write to you with both sadness and great respect to share the passing of the Honorable Susan Greenhawt, a former member of our Broward County judiciary whose dedication to the families of Broward County spanned decades.

Anyone who served in the Family Division over the past twenty-plus years knew Susan as a mentor, a friend, and an invaluable source of wisdom and common sense. She served on the bench for more than a decade, always in the Family Division, presiding over some of the most difficult and emotionally complex cases with steadiness and practicality.

Even after "retirement," Susan never truly stepped away from service. Time and again, she returned to help when needed, generously sharing her wealth of experience and leading a steady hand to the division she cared so deeply about. To many judges and attorneys she was a trusted mentor, colleague, and friend. She mentored every judge who has presided in the family division for the past twenty-plus years, beginning with former Chief Judge Jack Tuter and me and continuing up until two weeks ago with our newest Judge, Pascale Achille.

She was strong, fearless, and pragmatic in her approach. She was refreshingly candid with colleagues, litigants and attorneys, and possessed a great sense of humor.

Our circuit feels the heavy weight of this loss. Judge Greenhawt meant so much to so many of us. In recognition of her service to the people of Broward County and her enduring contributions to the administration of justice, I respectfully request, on behalf of the 17th Judicial Circuit that the County kindly consider naming a courtroom on the 11th Floor (the family division floor) of the Broward County Courthouse in her honor. Such a tribute would serve as a lasting acknowledgment of Judge Greenhawt's commitment to our community's families and children and the many years she devoted to public service.

Thank you for considering this request. A courtroom bearing Judge Greenhawt's name would be a fitting way to honor a jurist whose work touched so many lives.

Respectfully,



Carol-Lisa Phillips

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