

IT'S ACTUALLY NOT ABOUT THE WEST WING-IT'S ABOUT RULE OF LAW

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I have a confession: I never, ever watched the West Wing. I don't think I've watched a single episode.

So many of you will probably enjoy—or at least understand—this video more than me.

But if it has gotten your attention, please consider donating to the woman it supports: Bridget Mary McCormack.

McCormack is a University of Michigan Professor and Law School Dean for Clinical Affairs running for MI's Supreme Court.

I've met McCormack just once: at a Michigan ACLU Dinner. I met her through an old ultimate frisbee friend, Dave Moran; the two of them co-direct University of Michigan's Innocence Clinic (which specializes in cases where there's not exonerating DNA evidence).

And if that's not enough to convince you she supports the same things this blog does, check out the "Rule of Law" tab on her website.

Bridget Mary McCormack is committed to the rule of law. She understands the responsibility of courts to apply the law to the facts of every case. Our law is grounded in the Constitution—the bedrock of our legal system that all judges must follow.

Specific laws are made by the political branches of government, not by judges, and courts are duty-bound to apply those laws as written by the legislature. Michigan citizens and businesses alike

must be able to count on our courts as the branch of government that provides stability and consistency for our legal system. Judges therefore must interpret and apply the law neutrally to the cases before them, and not put their thumb on the scales of justice to reflect their own opinions or beliefs. This is essential for our State's highest court.

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Bridget understands that our legal system is designed to provide stability and protection for Michigan's citizens. That system works best when judges do the hard work necessary to resolve complex legal issues. She is committed to work tirelessly to ensure that the Michigan Supreme Court gets it right.

Bridget Mary McCormack has—as I understand it—a kickass ad. But it doesn't even begin to address what a remarkable person she'd be on MI's Supreme Court.

If you can afford it, please consider supporting McCormack.

Update: Somehow last night I replaced one Irish name with another. Fixed now.