

I am writing this letter to share with people my experience with the Fairfield Probate court and Attorney Bryan LeClerc. Prior to 1997 I, like many, thought Probate Court was just for wills and division of property upon a person's passing. Was I ever wrong! I found a large part of the Probate Court deals with living and the quality of life of persons who are incapable of making decisions on their own. Bryan LeClerc was appointed by the late Judge Dan Caruso to be the attorney to represent my uncle Steve. Steve had schizophrenia, diabetes and dementia and was unable to make sound judgements for himself. In addition there was a Conservator appointed to oversee the health and financial aspects of Steve's life.

Although Steve was unable to make decisions regarding on his care, his wishes and best interests were always taken into consideration by his lawyer, Bryan LeClerc. Attorney LeClerc communicated his recommendations regarding Steve's needs to Judge Caruso. This was huge as Steve, especially when nervous or anxious, would resort to making sounds rather than speaking in words. Attorney LeClerc was gentle, patient and kind to Steve, creating an atmosphere where Steve felt he could use his words. Due to Bryan LeClerc and the late Judge Caruso's trust in Bryan's recommendations, Steve was allowed to live his life out in his home. Steve passed away in his home listening to a Yankees baseball game on the radio. I shudder to think if Steve had a different type of advocate/Attorney how his life would have been.

Bryan's legal expertise, coupled with the respect and compassion he showed for my uncle, made a real difference in his last years. For this we are forever grateful.

For the Town of Fairfield to have a Probate Judge with Bryan LeClerc's expertise and knowledge of the law, coupled with respect and humanity that he has shown for his clients as well as their families, can only elevate our Probate court. I support Bryan LeClerc as I know he is the best person for the job of Probate Judge, and I hope you will consider voting for him.

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