



Workers' Compensation Court of the State of Rhode Island  
Garraty Judicial Complex  
One Dorrance Plaza  
Providence, RI 02903

ROBERT M. FERRIERI  
CHIEF JUDGE

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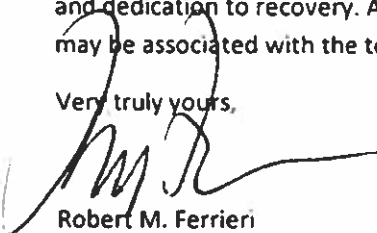
The Honorable Matthew L. LaMountain  
Chair  
Senate Judiciary Committee  
State House  
82 Smith Street  
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Re: Renaming Drug Court to Recovery Court

Dear Committee Members:

I am writing in support of a Bill which would change the name of the Superior Court Drug Court to the Superior Court Recovery Court. As the Chief Judge of the Workers' Compensation Court, I have become aware of the many challenges that injured employees have with regards to drug use. Those who have successfully graduated from the Superior Court Drug Court are to be commended for their hard work and dedication to recovery. A change of the name would effectively work to diminish any stigma that may be associated with the term "drug".

Very truly yours,

  
Robert M. Ferrieri  
Chief Judge