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Worthy to sit on high court

Randy Howe should not be arguing before the U.S. Supreme Court. He should be on the U.S. Supreme Court ("Attorney suited for success," Sunday).

I had **Randy** as a student in 1984. On our first day of class **Randy** shocked every student in the room, not because of his disability but because he had already prepared the first three weeks of material!

Randy and I became friends following that semester. When my husband and I had a child with disabilities, **Randy** became an adviser and mentor. We remain friends because he is at the top of my list of (1) brilliant minds, (2) wits, (3) sparkling conversationalists, (4) happy people.

It's a shame the Commission on Trial Court Appointments has rejected **Randy** for a judgeship. Its grounds were that he might be difficult for trial participants to understand. I addressed that issue in my letter of hearty endorsement for **Randy's** appointment to the bench.

Just because the rest of us are not as smart as **Randy** is no reason to keep him off the bench. The good people utilizing the courts of Arizona will just have to rise to the intellectual challenge.

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