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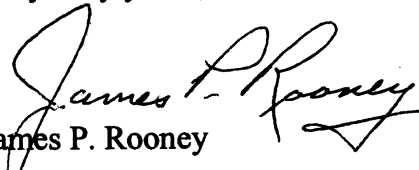
Curt Freedman of Longmeadow, Massachusetts, is a member of the engineering faculty of Western New England College and principal of CMF Engineering, Inc., a private mechanical engineering practice in Longmeadow. Recently I have had the opportunity to use the services of Professor Freedman as an expert witness in two very different matters and write to comment on his services.

One matter involved analysis by Professor Freedman of a complicated nuisance claim in which my clients alleged that the improper design and maintenance of a mounded septic system on a neighboring property caused an unreasonable flow of water onto my clients' property. Professor Freedman gave me a clear analysis of the situation and its cause and testified as an expert witness in the trial of the matter in the Massachusetts Trial Court. His testimony was clear and understandable and played a large role in our success in that litigation.

In a substantially different forum with the local board of health, Mr. Freedman presented the health problems inherent in the operation of outdoor wood burning boilers, and his testimony was quite helpful in ultimately obtaining a ban on these items in spite of significant opposition.

In my 40 years of practice, which has included substantial litigation in the courts and agencies in the Commonwealth, I find that it is important that an expert witness not only be knowledgeable in his or her field, but also be accessible in preparation and have the ability to present analysis and testimony in a fashion understandable by laymen. Mr. Freedman has all of these qualities and I would recommend him to any colleague as an expert. I also note the fact that he performed well in the formal setting of a Trial Court trial and in the much less organized forum of a local board of health hearing on a contentious issue.

Very truly yours,


James P. Rooney