

## **A REAL JUDGE**

YOUR conclusion that Barbara Spector is better qualified for a seat on the Superior Court bench than Eugene Hyman (Opinion, March 15) does not make sense.

Hyman has been sitting judge in Municipal Court since 1990, hearing a variety of complex civil and criminal cases. He is the only candidate for Seat 11 with judicial experience - more than five years of it.

In addition, he has spent the last four years teaching new judges how to do their jobs! Before that, he spent 11 years as an attorney, handling both civil and criminal cases. And before that, he spent five years working the streets of Santa Clara as a police officer, plus another two years at the police academy teaching law enforcement officers what police work is all about.

Spector, on the other hand, has zero experience as a judge, as the term is legally defined. Her occasional service as a judge pro tem means that she helps settle a civil case every once in awhile. While that is an important role, it is not the same as, nor is it comparable to, actual experience as a judge.

Only one candidate is best qualified to fill Superior Court Seat 11. Only one candidate has actual experience in doing the job - Gene Hyman.

- Michael E. Fox Sr.  
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