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May 10, 2011

The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy
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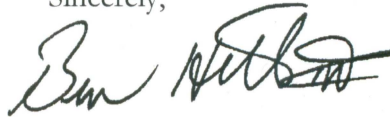
***Re: Nomination of Stephen A. Higginson
To the United States Court of Appeals
for the Fifth Circuit***

Dear Chairman Leahy:

The ABA Standing Committee on the Federal Judiciary has completed its evaluation of the professional qualifications of Stephen A. Higginson who has been nominated for a position on the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. As a result of our investigation, the Committee is of the unanimous opinion that Mr. Higginson is "Well Qualified" for the position.

A copy of this letter has been provided to Stephen A. Higginson.

Sincerely,



Benjamin H. Hill, III
Chair

cc: Stephen A. Higginson
The Honorable Robert F. Bauer
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