

Responses of Andrew L. Carter, Jr.
Nominee to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York
to the Written Questions of Senator Amy Klobuchar

- 1. If you had to describe it, how would you characterize your judicial philosophy – and how do you see the role of the judge in our constitutional system?**

Response: My judicial philosophy is to decide all cases before me as narrowly and practically as possible. I see the role of a District Judge as applying the law to the facts before him or her with patience, attentiveness, and humility.

- 2. As the one undemocratic branch, the courts have a special responsibility to make sure they are available to those Americans most in need of the courts to protect their rights. What assurances can you give that litigants coming into your courtroom will be treated fairly regardless of their political beliefs or whether they are rich or poor, defendant or plaintiff?**

Response: All parties deserve equal treatment regardless of economic status or the caption under their names. Judges must be impartial. As a Magistrate Judge, I have approached every matter with an open mind, and I have treated all parties fairly and impartially. If confirmed, I would continue my commitment to giving all parties equal respect and consideration.

- 3. In your opinion, how strongly should judges bind themselves to the doctrine of stare decisis? Does the commitment to stare decisis vary depending on the court?**

Response: District Judges, and all other judges, should firmly adhere to the principle of *stare decisis*.