

Response of Frank P. Geraci, Jr.
Nominee to be United States District Judge for the Western 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?
How do you see the role of the judge in our constitutional system?**

Response: My judicial philosophy is that a judge shall calmly, rationally and objectively adjudicate all matters before the court. A judge must be a good listener, make sufficient inquiry to fully understand the issues, be deliberate, thoughtful and decisive. It is of utmost importance that the court articulates the basis for each decision. This process will instill the confidence of the public. A judge's role is to be independent and always apply the applicable law to the particular facts of the case.

- 2. 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: Throughout my career, specifically during my 20 years as a judge, I have been committed to treating each litigant with dignity and respect regardless of their background or stake in the litigation.

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

Response: A court is bound by precedent. The doctrine of stare decisis helps provide consistency under our rule of law.