

**Responses of David Campos Guaderrama
Nominee to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas
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 should determine the law applicable to the case, provide the parties an opportunity to fairly develop the facts, apply the law to the facts in an opinion narrowly tailored to address only the issues raised, and render a decision as promptly as the ends of justice permit. I see the role of a judge in our constitutional system as using the Article III powers to apply the provisions of the Constitution and the laws of the United States in order to guarantee a nation ruled by law. In this role, a judge helps provide the checks and balances envisioned by the framers of the Constitution.

- 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: I would give all parties my word to adhere to the oath of judicial office and then offer as evidence my record of fair treatment over the preceding 16 years of judicial service.

- 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: In my opinion all judges are obligated to adhere to the very important principle of stare decisis.