

**Responses of Malachy Edward Mannion
Nominee to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Pennsylvania
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 to treat all litigants and attorneys before me with respect, give all parties a fair opportunity to be heard, make my decisions impartially in accordance with the controlling law and established facts, and render prompt decisions written in a simple, straightforward manner that allows the litigants themselves to understand what I did and why I did it. I believe the role of a judge in our constitutional system is to impartially decide the issues before him or her based upon the law.

- 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 believe my record as a United States Magistrate Judge for over a decade demonstrates my unwavering commitment to treating all litigants, regardless of political beliefs, station in life or status in a case, with fairness, respect and courtesy. I will continue to do so.

- 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, the commitment to follow precedent is a paramount requirement for any United States Judge. Stability, predictability and consistency of decisions allow our citizens the comfort of knowing we are a nation of laws and not arbitrary actions. This commitment does not vary based upon the court on which one sits.