

**Responses of Jacqueline H. Nguyen
Nominee to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit
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: I believe that a judge's role is to be fair and impartial, strictly apply the law to the facts of each case, and be dignified and respectful of every party or witness who appears before the court. That is my judicial philosophy and I have strived to conduct myself according to this standard during my entire judicial career.

- 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 strongly in the integrity of the justice system, and I can assure litigants coming into my courtroom that they will be treated fairly regardless of their beliefs or circumstances because that is how I have conducted myself during my nine years on the bench. I will continue to do so, if confirmed.

- 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: Stare decisis is an important core principle in our system of justice. If confirmed, I intend to apply controlling precedent unless it is overturned by the United States Supreme Court or, in the instance of precedent within the circuit, by the court en banc. I do not believe that the commitment to stare decisis should vary depending on the court.