

Responses of George Levi Russell, III
Nominee to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland
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 allow the lawyers to try their case and to decide the case or controversy before the court based on the facts and the law as determined by the decisions of the United States Supreme Court and Court of Appeals.

- 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 I have treated all litigants fairly regardless of political or economic status. This record of fairness is the assurance that 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: The doctrine of stare decisis applies to all courts and if confirmed as a district judge, I would firmly adhere to the doctrine.