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Senator James Webb  
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**Re: The Honorable Barbara M. Keenan  
Justice, Supreme Court of Virginia**

Dear Delta Six (6) Actual,

I am writing to express my respect and support for Justice Keenan to fill the upcoming vacancy on the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. I have known Justice Keenan, both personally and professionally, since 1985. Her husband, The Honorable Alan Rosenblatt, (retired), was a Circuit Court Judge for the City of Virginia Beach, until his retirement five (5) years ago, and was likewise known as an astute, no-nonsense judge.

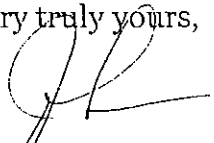
Justice Keenan would bring to the Court of Appeals a wealth of experience, which began in 1974, following receipt of her J.D. from The George Washington University Law School. She prosecuted cases for the office of the Fairfax County Commonwealth's Attorney. Thereafter, after four (4) years in private practice handling both criminal and civil matters, Justice Keenan was appointed as a General District Court Judge for Fairfax County. From 1982 to 1985, Justice Keenan served on the Circuit Court, until in 1985, she was elevated to the Court of Appeals of Virginia, where she participated in panel and *en banc* decisions in domestic and criminal appeals from the Circuit Courts and in administrative agency and worker's compensation appeals.

Finally in 1991, and to the delight of virtually every trial attorney I know, Justice Keenan became a Justice on the Supreme Court of Virginia where she presently sits. During her tenure on The Court, Justice Keenan has participated in appeals decisions in criminal and civil cases from the Court of Appeals and from Circuit Courts. In addition, Justice Keenan has also participated in the decision of cases from the State Corporation Commission and original jurisdiction matters such as requests for injunctive relief, and petitions for *writs of habeas corpus and mandamus*.

I am hopeful that you will have the opportunity to do your own research on Justice Keenan and in so doing, you will doubtlessly, find first, hand that she is eminently qualified to sit on our United States Court of Appeals.

Thank you for your consideration, Jim. Please make sure you give me a call if you are ever in my A.O.

Very truly yours,

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April 28, 2009

The Honorable Mark S. Warner  
Member, United States Senate  
B40C Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Re: U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit Vacancy/Barbara Keenan

Dear Mark:

I want to add my emphatic voice in support of Barbara Keenan's candidacy for the current vacancy on the Fourth Circuit.

Barbara is eminently qualified for the Fourth Circuit. She brings all of the criteria that you could look for in a judge.

Before going on the bench, she had extensive experience as an Assistant Commonwealth Attorney and in private practice. I can't overemphasize from a practicing lawyer's standpoint that we need judges who actually dealt with the practicalities of practice. Being a law professor and being bright isn't enough. Justice Holmes long ago said the "life of law has not been logic; it has been experience." He was right.

Starting in 1980 she served as a General District Judge that was followed by being a judge on the Circuit Court of Fairfax County for four years. She then sat on the Court of Appeals for Virginia and finally capped her judicial service with the State of Virginia by serving on the Supreme Court of Virginia from 1991 to the present.

Her role in judicial organizations exemplifies her dedication to public service. She has unquestioned integrity and the ideal temperament for a judge. Her entire career has been marked by one of respect for the law, lawyers and other judges.

She will do you and the State of Virginia proud if appointed and I urge your support for her candidacy.

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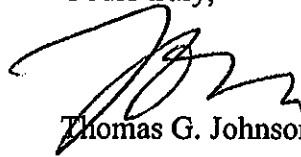
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If you have any questions, don't hesitate to give me a call. With best regards, I remain

Yours truly,

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Thomas G. Johnson, Jr.

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February 27, 2009

The Honorable Jim Webb, Senator  
United States Senate  
144 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: *Barbara Milano Keenan, Justice, Supreme Court of Virginia*

Dear Jim:

I am writing to ask that you consider nominating Supreme Court of Virginia Justice Barbara Milano Keenan as a judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. I cannot think of anyone more highly qualified to serve on the bench of the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals than Justice Keenan.

Throughout her highly distinguished career as a long-time Virginia judge, she has been recognized every step of the way as the perfect embodiment of what the public and the Bar expect of our judicial system. She is extremely bright, thoughtful and insightful while at the same time conducting her court in a professional and dignified manner befitting of the judicial process.

Justice Keenan has a broad range of experience as a Virginia judge. Her judicial career commenced in 1980 as a judge of the Fairfax County General District Court handling civil, traffic and criminal cases in Virginia's lower court where small, but always important, disputes are resolved. In 1982, she was appointed as a judge in the Fairfax County Circuit Court, which is one of the busiest trial courts of record in the Commonwealth, where she conducted jury and non-jury civil and criminal trials as well as various other matters which came before that court.

In 1985, she was appointed as a judge of the Court of Appeals of Virginia, which handles civil, domestic and criminal appeals from Virginia circuit courts and various administrative agencies. In 1991, she was appointed as a justice of the Supreme Court of Virginia and has served in that capacity since that time. Her almost 30 years of service as a judge in every court in Virginia would serve her well as one of Virginia's judges for the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. She has a broad range of experience from trials, where factual disputes are most often paramount, to appeals, where academic legal arguments are the focus. Throughout her career, she has been widely recognized as "the best of the best."

Prior to becoming a judge, Justice Keenan served as an Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney in Fairfax County, where she prosecuted state crimes. Thereafter, she was engaged in the private

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practice of law, handling business matters and civil and criminal trial matters. During her time in private practice, she also served as a Commissioner in Chancery for Fairfax County and as a member of the Fairfax County Board of Zoning Appeals.

Based upon her legal experience alone, in my view there is no person better qualified than Justice Keenan to serve as a judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. Her qualifications also include broad experience over numerous years engaged in various court activities and bar and community activities. Furthermore, she has served as a faculty member in various continuing legal education seminars and has received several distinguished awards. It is obvious from her service to the Court, the Bar and the community that she has never viewed her appointment as a judge as a "retirement." She has always been proactive in advancing justice as it is dispensed through our judicial system.

I have enclosed a copy of Justice Keenan's curriculum *vitae*. Once again, there is no one who is more qualified than Justice Keenan to serve as one of Virginia's judges on the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. Thank you for your consideration of her as a candidate for this most important position.

If you have any questions concerning Justice Keenan, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Vincent J. Mastracco, Jr." in a cursive script.

Vincent J. Mastracco, Jr.

VJM/lsw

Enclosure

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