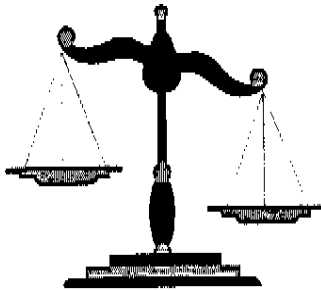


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Re: Recommendation of John Z. Lee
Nominee for the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

Dear Senator Leahy and Senator Grassley:

It is with great pleasure that I recommend John Z. Lee for confirmation as a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

I have known John for over ten years and have had the pleasure of working with John while I was a partner at Freeborn & Peters LLP. In my current position as the Chief Judge Elect of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit of the State of Illinois and as the former United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois from 1990 to 1993, I have had the opportunity to encounter many talented attorneys over the years. I can state without reservation that John is an excellent attorney and a person of great integrity and character. He would make an excellent United States District Judge.

Thank you for your consideration.

With sincerest regards,

Fred Foreman