

March 7, 2012

The Honorable Patrick Leahy
United States Senate
437 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Chuck Grassley
United States Senate
135 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Judge Robert E. Bacharach

Dear Senators Leahy and Grassley:

I am writing in support of Magistrate Judge Robert E. Bacharach's nomination to the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals.

I have known Judge Bacharach for over six years through our work together for the Federal Bar Association (the "FBA"). His academic record, intelligence and legal experience—as a judicial clerk for the Chief Judge of the Tenth Circuit, in private practice as a litigator in a major law firm and as a Magistrate Judge—demonstrate Judge Bacharach's high qualifications for this Court of Appeals position. But equally important is the person behind those credentials. Judge Bacharach undertakes everything he does with zeal, dedication, a keen eye and a smile on his face. His enthusiasm is infectious and he is even-tempered, fair, thoughtful and resourceful.

I have had the opportunity of observing him with other judges and practitioners, including former Chief Judge, William Holloway. Judge Bacharach is highly respected, admired, liked and appreciated by his colleagues. He willingly takes on tasks for his judicial position, the practice of law and his community. He typifies the adage—if you want something done properly and efficiently, give it to a busy man. These are the attributes we need to have in our judges. Judge Bacharach will be an excellent addition to the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals.

I am supporting Judge Bacharach's nomination as an individual, a lawyer who has been practicing before the federal courts for nearly 40 years. This year, I have the privilege of serving as the National FBA President. As you may know, the mission of the association is to serve the needs and interests of the federal practitioner, public and private, the federal judiciary and the public they serve. To this end, the FBA has been concerned over the judicial vacancy crisis and, without supporting individual candidates, has worked toward filling these vacancies with qualified candidates.

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Therefore, as the FBA President, I applaud the Senate Judiciary Committee for its efforts toward addressing these vacancies. As an individual, I urge you to approve Judge Bacharach's well-deserved nomination.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fern C. Bomchill". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Fern C. Bomchill