

June 23, 2025

The Honorable Chuck Grassley
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Richard Durbin
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Re: **Nomination of Hon. Edward Artau, of Florida, to be
United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida**

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin:

The undersigned write in enthusiastic support of the nomination of Edward Artau to be a Judge of the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida. The signatories to this letter have served as general counsel to the last four governors of Florida.¹ Collectively, we have carefully vetted nearly every judge appointed to the state court bench over the last twenty-five years, including Judge Artau. Based on our deep knowledge of the Florida judiciary, we can say with confidence that Judge Artau is among Florida's finest jurists. He possesses every quality that makes for an exceptional federal judge: intelligence, personal integrity, humility, intellectual honesty, and experience across a broad range of the law. We urge the Committee to vote in favor of Judge Artau's nomination, and we hope the Senate will confirm him with dispatch.

There are several qualities that distinguish Judge Artau as an excellent nominee for the federal bench. First is his experience. Judge Artau has served honorably as a judge in Palm Beach County for more than a decade—first as a trial court judge, from 2014 to 2020, and then as an appellate judge for the last five years. In those roles, he has presided over hundreds of cases of all varieties. He will be ready on day one as a federal trial judge. Second, Judge Artau has an excellent temperament for the bench. Among lawyers and litigants, he is known for fairness and a welcoming, even-keeled courtroom demeanor. Among his colleagues, Judge Artau has a reputation for collegiality. And among his friends, Judge Artau is known for his gentle nature, generous spirit, and good humor. Third, Judge Artau is a hard worker. He puts in the time and effort necessary to find what he believes is the correct answer in every case. Finally, Judge Artau has a reputation for humility, integrity, honesty, and courage—all critical qualities for a judge.

¹ Our years of service are indicated in the signature block.

For all these reasons, we strongly recommend Judge Artau for confirmation. He will be an exceptional federal judge. Florida needs him, and we hope the Senate will vote favorably on his nomination.

Respectfully,

Raquel A. Rodriguez (2002–2007)
Paul C. Huck, Jr. (2007–2008)
Jason Gonzalez (2008–2009)
Rick Figlio (2010–2011)
Charles M. Trippe (2011–2012)
Jesse Panuccio (2012–2013)
Timothy M. Cerio (2015–2016)
William N. Spicola (2016–2017)
Daniel E. Nordby (2017–2019)
Joseph W. Jacquot (2019–2020)
Ryan D. Newman (2021–present)