

February 20, 2018

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
135 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
331 Hart Senate Office Building
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Re: Letter of Support for the Nomination of John Nalbandian to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Feinstein:

I am pleased to have the opportunity to submit this letter on behalf of John Nalbandian, who has been nominated to serve as a judge on the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals. I presently chair the Appellate and Supreme Court Practice at Squire Patton Boggs. Years ago, I clerked on the Sixth Circuit for the Honorable David A. Nelson, and I have also practiced extensively before the Sixth Circuit.

John is one of the most well-known appellate lawyers regionally in the states that comprise the Sixth Circuit. He has handled numerous cases before the Sixth Circuit, and has done so with distinction and integrity. I have personally had the opportunity to be on the other side of a case with John, which we argued before the Sixth Circuit a little over a year ago. He is a skilled appellate advocate, a gifted writer, and someone who truly understands the nuances of the cases that he is handling.

John's skills and talents as an appellate lawyer will serve him well on the bench. He thoroughly understands the appellate process, and has practiced appellate litigation since his days as a federal appellate law clerk many years ago. This perspective has also reinforced the importance of the federal appellate courts in our system of justice, and I know that John has deep respect for the institution and the judges who currently serve on the Court.

John will also be able to hit the ground running once he is confirmed. He is already well-known by the Sixth Circuit judges themselves. He regularly attends the Sixth Circuit Judicial Conference, as well as Federal Bar Association events, and thus he has had the opportunity to get

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to know the Sixth Circuit judges both inside and outside of the courtroom. I believe that the Sixth Circuit judges who know John hold him in high regard, and I suspect they will be enthusiastic about greeting him as a colleague.

Beyond his abilities and reputation, John will bring pragmatism and a sense of understanding to the bench. He will have an even-keeled judicial temperament and be respectful of the lawyers and the parties who appear before him. He understands what it is like to represent clients on appeal, and I believe he will treat the lawyers and parties appearing before him professionally and with an appreciation for what it was like to be on the other side of the bench.

I can recommend John without qualification as someone who has known and practiced with (and against) him for nearly twenty years. If the Committee has any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Pierre H. Bergeron