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

The Honorable Dick Durbin  
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
711 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington D.C. 20510

**Re: Nomination of David Bragdon to the U.S. District Court for the  
Middle District of North Carolina**

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin:

Burr and Forman employed David Bragdon as an Associate Attorney in General and Commercial Civil Litigation from September 3, 2003 until June 20, 2006 when he left to clerk on the United States Supreme Court with Justice Thomas. I was David's direct supervisor and mentor.


While working with us David performed a variety of tasks including complex litigation research, trial and appellate briefing, oral argument and trial assistance. David is intelligent, hardworking, personable, and performed all tasks at an exceptionally high level. He certainly understood quite well the area of civil litigation. We were disappointed when David announced his departure, but, of course, happy for him and his legal future. Unfortunately, David chose to stay in the public sector after his Supreme Court clerkship rather than returning to practice civil litigation with Burr & Forman.

Based on my day to day working relationship with David over the course of almost three years, I unequivocally support David Bragdon's nomination and respectfully recommend that he be confirmed as the next United States District Judge for the Middle District of North Carolina. He has the intelligence, work ethic, temperament and character to make a fine federal district judge.

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Respectfully,

  
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