

February 3, 2024

The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
711 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Lindsey Graham
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
211 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Letter in support of Amir Ali's nomination to the United States District Court for the District of Columbia

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Graham,

We write to offer our strong support for Amir Ali's nomination to serve as a United States District Court Judge for the District of Columbia.

The undersigned are business leaders, corporate executives, and General Counsels of major companies doing business in the United States. We have diverse business experience, and our political views span a broad spectrum, but we are united in our respect for Amir Ali and applaud his nomination to the D.C. District Court.

Mr. Ali's qualifications to serve in the federal judiciary are plenary and deep. He is an experienced attorney who has been counsel in over 90 cases, both civil and criminal, at all levels of the judiciary, including the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, to which he has been nominated. More specifically, Mr. Ali served as lead counsel in over 40 appellate matters, across 11 of the 13 federal circuits, and has argued three cases before the U.S. Supreme Court. He has taught at three acclaimed legal academic institutions, including Harvard Law School, Georgetown Law School, and the University of the District of Columbia David A. Clarke School of Law.

Prior to his public-interest career at the MacArthur Justice Center, Mr. Ali worked at Jenner & Block, a leading national law firm, where he litigated complex commercial and regulatory cases. His clients included the Chamber of Commerce, Delta Airlines, the Motion Picture Association of America, the Recording Industry Association of America, and other significant companies. Mr. Ali argued cases of national significance and has a proven track record of fairness, excellent judgment, integrity, openness, and reasonableness. These traits, combined with the wide scope of his legal experience will make him a tremendous addition to the D.C. District Court.

Throughout his legal career - as a clerk for Judge Raymond C. Fisher of the Ninth Circuit and Justice Marshall Rothstein of the Supreme Court of Canada, as a litigator in the nation's courts, and as President and Executive Director of the Roderick & Solange MacArthur Justice Center, Mr. Ali has earned a reputation as an open-minded, compassionate attorney with an enduring commitment to equal justice for all.

Mr. Ali regularly finds common ground and builds unlikely coalitions of individuals and organizations across the political spectrum. He displays a deep respect for the views of others, listens with an open mind before forming his opinion, and is respected by his colleagues as well as opposing counsels. He is profoundly collegial and consistently supportive of those with whom he works.

We are confident that Amir Ali will serve on the D.C. District Court with distinction, and we urge Senators from both parties to vote in favor of his confirmation.

The undersigned individuals have signed on to this letter in their personal capacities, not in any official capacity.

Sincerely,

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