

Questions for the Record
Hearing: Nominations
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Submitted by Senator Amy Klobuchar

Questions for Patricia E. Campbell-Smith, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims:

- 1. If you had to describe it, how would you characterize your judicial philosophy? How do you see the role of the judge in our constitutional system?**

Response: My judicial philosophy is to apply the law consistently and impartially to the facts of the case at hand. The role of a judge is to decide cases in accordance with the law.

- 2. What assurances can you give that litigants coming into your courtroom will be treated fairly regardless of their political beliefs or whether they are rich or poor, defendant or plaintiff?**

Response: The judiciary remains strong when the litigants' expectation of respectful and just treatment is satisfied. In my seven years as a judicial officer, I have treated each litigant--without exception--courteously and fairly. If confirmed to serve as a judge on the Court of Federal Claims, I will continue to treat litigants in this manner.

- 3. In your opinion, how strongly should judges bind themselves to the doctrine of stare decisis? How does the commitment to stare decisis vary depending on the court?**

Response: A judge must adhere to precedent when making decisions. The decisions of the Supreme Court and the Federal Circuit are binding on the Court of Federal Claims and must be followed. I am committed to applying the law, including precedent, in each case now before me, and if I receive Senate confirmation, I will remain similarly resolved.