

July 20, 2017

The Honorable Charles Grassley
Chairman, Committee of the Judiciary
United States Senate
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Feinstein:

I am writing to support the confirmation of Claria Horn Boom as United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Kentucky and the Western District of Kentucky. I am a member of Frost Brown Todd LLC and I am the Practice Group Leader for Frost Brown Todd's largest practice group, Business Litigation. I have known Claria in a professional and personal capacity for more than 23 years. Throughout her legal career, Claria has established herself to be superior in intellect, talent, dedication and work ethic. Claria is one of the finest attorneys I know, and I believe she would be uniquely qualified to serve as a United States District Court Judge in Kentucky, where I practice law as a litigator. I enthusiastically support her confirmation as United States District Judge.

I first met Claria while clerking on the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals. We both clerked for Kentucky-based judges on the Court (Claria clerked for Judge Pierce Lively in Danville, Kentucky, and I clerked for Judge Eugene Siler, Jr. in London, Kentucky), and spent time together during that year both professionally and personally. Coming to the clerkship as a highly-ranked, Order of the Coif, Vanderbilt Law graduate, Claria quickly established herself to be an outstanding law clerk. Claria stood out as quick-witted, articulate, and intellectually curious, and a strong contributor to case evaluations.

Claria and I continued our friendship while we both worked in large law firms following our clerkships (Claria at King & Spalding in Atlanta, and I at Mayer Brown & Platt in Chicago), and once I returned to Louisville, Kentucky. We remained in touch during her positions with the United States Attorney Offices in both the Western and Eastern Districts of Kentucky, and I was thrilled to have someone of her caliber join Frost Brown Todd's Lexington office. Since her time at Frost Brown Todd, we have worked closely together on both legal work and firm committees. I can attest to her outstanding legal skill on complex transactions and matters, and her astute leadership of Frost Brown Todd's Member Compensation Committee.

Over the past 23 years, I have witnessed first-hand Claria's superior intellect, robust work ethic, sound judgment, principled ethics and professional demeanor. Claria has a unique ability to constructively address and mediate difficult issues, engaging opposing viewpoints with courtesy and respect. I view myself lucky to know Claria, and believe the country and the Commonwealth would be well served to have Claria as one of its federal judges. I wholeheartedly endorse her.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Theresa A. Canaday". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'T' and a long, sweeping underline.

Theresa A. Canaday