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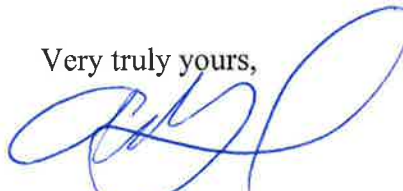
Honorable Patrick J. Toomey
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Re: Application of Gerald A. McHugh for the Federal Bench

Dear Senators Casey & Toomey:

I am pleased to enclose herein a letter from the present Chancellor and many former Chancellors of the Philadelphia Bar Association, requesting your consideration of the application of Gerald A. McHugh, Esquire for a seat on the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Very truly yours,



Alan M. Feldman

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Dear Senators Casey & Toomey:

All of us who have affixed our name to this letter have had the privilege to be elected Chancellor of the Philadelphia Bar Association, the oldest bar association in the nation.

We practice in different fields of the law. We have represented a wide variety of clients, in some cases litigating matters against one another. As Chancellors, we each set different priorities during our respective tenures, and we bring different perspectives to the law. We encompass widely differing political views.

We stand united, however, in the conviction that Jerry McHugh would make an outstanding federal judge.

Little needs to be said about Jerry's professional achievement and reputation. By any measure he ranks among the elite of the bar not just in Pennsylvania, but nationally. He is the rare lawyer who has combined courtroom ability with intellectual prowess. His two-volume treatise, which he wrote while practicing full time, is recognized as an authoritative statement of Pennsylvania law, and he is in wide demand as a teacher and lecturer.

In a profession that is often marked by contentiousness, he adheres to the highest standards of professionalism. His adversaries not only speak well of him, but have chosen him to sit in judgment on matters involving their clients.

His service to the community, the courts, the bar, and legal education epitomizes the classical ideal of the "citizen lawyer," as reflected by the multiple awards he has received from so many different quarters. And yet, it is noteworthy that despite wide acclaim, he never presents as self-important.

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If the concept of merit selection is to have any meaning in our political process, then surely there is a place on the federal bench for a lawyer such as Jerry McHugh.

Respectfully,

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