



September 26, 2017

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley, Chairman
Via: Ted Lehman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
224 Dirksen Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Diane Feinstein, Ranking Member
Via: Paige Herwig
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
331 Hart State Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Recommendation of Judge Lisa Branch for the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit

Dear Senator Grassley, Senator Feinstein, and Members of the Committee on the Judiciary:

I write to recommend the confirmation of Judge Lisa Branch to fill the judicial vacancy in the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit. In my tenure as President and CEO of the Georgia Chamber of Commerce, Judge Branch has worked diligently as a member of Georgia's appellate bench and demonstrated a thorough understanding of the impact an unpredictable civil justice environment can have on individuals, businesses, nonprofits and public entities. Judge Branch exemplifies the temperament, experience and intellectual capacity to make an outstanding federal appellate judge.

Judge Branch has extensive legal experience and a gifted legal mind. Her background in both the public and private sectors has prepared her well for this position. Among her many accomplishments, Judge Branch has served with distinction on the Georgia Court of Appeals and clerked for the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia. Despite encountering a wide range of viewpoints and personalities, she has been unwavering in her exhibition of both fairness and respect for all parties while remaining steadfast in her principles.

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Finally, as a member of the Federalist Society, Judge Branch recognizes the importance of being deferential to the Constitution and legislative process, and the need to exercise judicial restraint. She is highly qualified to fill this vacancy and would make an excellent federal appellate judge.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this recommendation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Clark", with a stylized, cursive flourish.

Chris Clark
President and CEO
Georgia Chamber of Commerce