

Response of Jennifer A. Dorsey
Nominee to be United States District Court Judge for the District of Nevada
to the Written Questions of Senator Amy Klobuchar

- 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: I believe that judges should be fair, impartial, and respectful to the litigants, hard working, and always well prepared. A judge should remain mindful of the judiciary's limited role in our Constitutional system to apply the well-researched law to the facts of each particular case and serve as a check and balance on the other branches of government.

- 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: During my career, I have represented plaintiffs and defendants, varying from large corporations to indigent, pro bono clients. And I have given each case and client my full effort and attention. If I am fortunate enough to be confirmed, I intend to give the same respect and attention to every litigant and treat them fairly regardless of political beliefs, their economic status or financial means, or their posture in the case.

- 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: *Stare decisis* – the commitment to and faithful application of binding precedent – is the foundation of predictability and consistency in our legal system. Although the United States Supreme Court and Circuit Courts may reconsider their own precedent in limited circumstances, district court judges are bound by the principles of *stare decisis*.