

Dear Senator Graham,

President Obama has nominated Michael W. Fitzgerald to serve as a District Judge on the United States District Court for the Central District of California.

I am a retired Police Lieutenant having served 30 years, most of that time in the field of narcotics investigations. From 1988 to 1991 I headed an Organized Crime and Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDEFT) which successfully prosecuted twenty-two high level cocaine traffickers and money launders.

Michael Fitzgerald was at the time an Assistant US Attorney in the Los Angeles Office of the Central District of California. Mr. Fitzgerald worked along side my team during the investigations and then successfully prosecuted the drug traffickers. During our time working together I came to know Mr. Fitzgerald as dedicated, hardworking and talented prosecutor. His knowledge of the law; his courtroom demeanor; his interpersonal skills; and his sense of fairness played a major role in the successful prosecution of our cases. Mr. Fitzgerald's personal and professional ethics were shown to be beyond reproach. He has earned the respect of every member of my team as well as that of other prosecutors and defense attorneys.

I have worked alongside many prosecutors and only a few have impressed me as Mr. Fitzgerald has. He will be an outstanding Federal Judge. I encourage you to vote yes and confirm Mr. Fitzgerald as a District Judge on the United States District Court for the Central District of California.

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VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL

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The Honorable Chuck Grassley
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Re: Michael W. Fitzgerald -- Nominee for Judge of the U.S. District Court for the Central
District of California

Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Grassley:

I write to register my support for the confirmation of Michael Fitzgerald for the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California.

I have known Mike Fitzgerald for nearly twenty-five years. Back in 1987, when I was the U.S. Attorney for the Central District of California, I interviewed and hired Mike as an Assistant U.S. Attorney. It was one of my best decisions, as Mike went on to serve with distinction as a federal prosecutor in the Criminal Division of the office. As an Assistant U.S. Attorney, he tried many federal criminal cases to verdict and represented the government in numerous appeals to the Ninth Circuit.

After leaving the U.S. Attorney's Office, Mike entered the private practice of law, initially at a large firm, and for the last fifteen years, as a partner at an excellent boutique firm in Los Angeles. In private practice, Mike has expanded his skills regarding civil litigation, having handled many civil matters, including complex civil cases, in addition to white collar defense work. He has an outstanding reputation in our community as a knowledgeable and skillful litigator, and is known as a lawyer of impeccable integrity.

As you can see, by virtue of his background and experience, if confirmed, Mike would bring a background, experience and understanding of both the civil and criminal side of the work of a U.S. District Judge. As a former federal judge myself, I can assure you that this is an enormous benefit that shortens considerably the learning curve for new judges. Moreover, Mike is a good-hearted

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person and a good listener, which gives me confidence that Mike will treat all who appear before him with courtesy, dignity and respect.

In sum, I believe Mike will make an outstanding federal district judge, and I urge you and the Judiciary Committee to act favorably respecting his nomination.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (703) 635-9492 if you or your staff have any question or if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert Bonner".

Robert Bonner

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cc: Senator Diane Feinstein
Senator Barbara Boxer

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The Honorable Barbara Boxer
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Dear Senator Boxer:

I would like to strongly support Michael W. Fitzgerald's application for the position of U.S. District Court Judge.

I served in the U.S. Attorney's Office in Los Angeles for over six years, overlapping with Michael for almost four of those years, and I believe he has the background, experience, integrity, intellect, and reputation in the community that will serve him well as a U.S. District Court Judge, and reflect well on the Judiciary.

Michael is a veteran attorney with substantial and diverse experience in the legal field. After graduating from the University of California, Berkeley School of Law (Boalt Hall), he clerked for the Honorable Irving R. Kaufman, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. Later, he served in the U.S. Attorney's office in the Central District of California for almost four years, serving as the sole or lead counsel in 20 federal criminal trials and representing the government in approximately 28 appeals before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

In private practice he has handled numerous civil and criminal cases in both the federal and states courts, and he has been recognized for his *pro bono* service on more than one occasion. Both inside the workplace and beyond it in the broader legal community, Michael is known for being a superb lawyer and a dedicated professional.

I believe the country will be very well-served by Michael. I urge you and your judicial advisory committee to give him your fullest consideration and am happy to discuss his candidacy with you or any of the members of the committee.

Sincerely,

ADAM B. SCHIFF
Member of Congress

He is a great lawyer - would be an excellent judge.

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