

May 14, 2018

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

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein, Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
331 Hart Senate Office Building
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Re: Nomination of Roy Altman to the Federal District Court

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Feinstein:

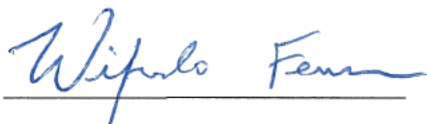
We write to express our strong support for the nomination of Roy Altman to the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida. We are all former U.S. Attorneys who have worked closely with Roy at the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Florida and/or in private practice. Although we come from different political and legal perspectives, we uniformly agree that, based on his talents, temperament, experience, and personal character, Roy would make an exemplary federal judge. We urge his speedy consideration by the Senate and enthusiastically support his confirmation.

Roy is eminently qualified and well-suited by demeanor and judgment to a position on the federal bench. We know how critical it is to have smart, fair, and hard-working judges on the bench. Roy exemplifies those characteristics and embodies the integrity that is quintessential of an ideal federal district court judge. As an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Southern District of Florida and now as a private practitioner in one of Florida's premier trial law firms, Roy has consistently demonstrated his ability to approach each case in a fair-minded, intellectually rigorous fashion with an impeccable eye for detail. He has a first-class analytical mind and a good "common sense" grasp of issues, a combination of skills not always present even in the best of lawyers.

While serving as a federal prosecutor, Roy displayed an extraordinary work ethic and quickly became one of the office's rising stars and "go-to" prosecutors. He was routinely assigned to some of the most complicated and challenging investigations and prosecutions, tried nearly 30 cases to verdict, and volunteered to take the lead in the office's newly created Violence Reduction Partnership (VRP). The goal of the VRP was to dismantle the most violent criminal networks in crime-ridden neighborhoods, while simultaneously working with members of that community to mentor at-risk youths, provide job training to young families, and help probationers and parolees re-enter society. Roy distinguished himself from his peers by his sheer tenacity, his ability to effectively relate to both law enforcement agents and frightened victims, and his genuine passion to make his community a safer and more just one. Indeed, as a result of his outstanding work, Roy was honored as the "*Federal Prosecutor of the Year*" by the Miami-Dade County Association of Chiefs of Police and was rapidly promoted to supervisory positions. He performed his duties as a public servant with unquestionable integrity and a deep commitment to the cause of justice and the administration of the rule of law. As a result, throughout his tenure at the U.S. Attorney's Office, Roy was well-respected by colleagues, by opposing counsel, and by the judges before whom he appeared.

Beyond his many gifts as a lawyer and prosecutor, we especially enjoyed working with Roy. Roy is a devoted family man, colleague and friend, he is quick-witted, and always ready to help – whether through a kind word or a humane favor, or by lending his full and unselfish support to a colleague in need. And we saw firsthand that, no matter how trying or contentious a moment in a given case, Roy could always be counted on to remain faithful to the upstanding person he is: respectful, calm, and above all else, honest and constructive. He possesses the heart, humanity, and grit that come from being the son of immigrants who came to this country with very modest means, but with their hearts filled with hope and optimism. These qualities are not contrived, but inherent in his personality and composition. His legal talent, love for the law, and personality inspire others to follow his example and, therefore, make him a successful professional.

Those of us fortunate enough to work with Roy are left with no doubt that he possesses the qualifications, ability, and temperament to serve the public honorably and with distinction as a federal district judge. Any one of us would be privileged to appear in a courtroom presided over by a judge with Roy's qualities. Therefore, we enthusiastically support his nomination and urge that the Senate confirm him to the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida without delay.



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