

May 13, 2013

The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy  
Chairman, Judiciary Committee  
United States Senate  
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley  
Ranking Minority Member, Judiciary Committee  
United States Senate  
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
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Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Grassley:

We are writing to express our strong support for Stuart Delery's nomination to become Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Division of the Department of Justice.

The undersigned have held government office in Democratic and Republican administrations. We all know and have worked directly with Mr. Delery—some of us for many years, others of us only more recently. All of us hold him in the very highest regard, and admire him for his even-handedness, his integrity, his exceptional intellect, and his superb legal judgment.

Mr. Delery has had a distinguished career in both public service and private practice. He graduated from Yale Law School in 1993, and served as a law clerk for Judge Gerald Tjoflat of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit and Justices Byron White and Sandra Day O'Connor of the Supreme Court of the United States. He joined the firm that is now Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr in 1995, where he was promoted to partner in 2001. He joined the Department of Justice in 2009, where he has served with distinction, including (in an acting capacity) in the position for which he has been nominated. His legal experience spans internal investigations, defense of clients in criminal, civil and administrative investigations, trial-level litigation, and appeals.

Mr. Delery has earned our trust, confidence and respect. As former government officials from across the political spectrum, we have the utmost confidence that he will continue to serve (as he has since 2009) as the model government lawyer—committed above all to serving both principles of justice and the interests of the United States.

For all of these reasons we strongly urge the Senate to confirm Mr. Delery to serve as the Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Division.

Sincerely,

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2005-2008

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