



MIKE DEWINE

GOVERNOR OF OHIO



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The Honorable Dick Durbin
Ranking Member, U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee
711 Hart Building
Washington, DC 20150

Dear Ranking Member *DICK* Durbin,

I am writing to highly recommend the confirmation of Mike Hendershot for the current judicial vacancy on U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio. Mike would make a tremendous U.S. District Court Judge.

Mike worked for me during my two terms as Ohio's Attorney General. He served as the second in command for my Appellate Section, working primarily under now 6th Circuit Judge Eric Murphy. In that role, Mike worked on some of Ohio's most challenging legal problems.

He has received repeated praise from clients, the courts, and even opposing counsel in his handling of cases. After one case, a client who chairs a state board wrote a note to me complimenting Mike's legal skill and professionalism before the Ohio Supreme Court. Another client called Mike's oral argument for a state agency "another masterful performance." A Section Chief in our then Attorney General's Office remarked that Mike "makes everything he is involved in better."

Mike is equally regarded for his personal qualities. He has volunteered countless hours with the Ohio Center for Law Related Education, both as a volunteer for its many programs aimed at increasing civil awareness for middle and high school students and as the founder of its newest program, which is a mock moot court competition. Mike is also a highly regarded mentor both to lawyers in the Attorney General's Office and outside it through the Ohio Supreme Court's mentorship program. He consistently makes time to help other lawyers navigate tough legal issues, prepare for oral arguments, or polish briefs.

While Mike is dedicated to professional and personal excellence, he is even more dedicated to raising his children, including one daughter with significant special needs and another with Type One Diabetes. Mike is deeply committed to his family and to seeking justice through the legal profession. Thank you for considering his confirmation to the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio.

Very respectfully yours,

Mike

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Governor

DICK - HOPE ALL IS WELL WITH YOU. FR. TOM CONTINUES ON, DESPITE THE MESS THAT HAITI IS. - MY BEST WISHES
Mike

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