

May 28, 2025

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

The Honorable Richard Durbin
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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Re: Nomination of Whitney Hermandorfer for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin:

We write in unequivocal support of Whitney Hermandorfer's nomination to the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. Because she is well qualified and widely respected, this is only one of many letters that you will receive in support of Whitney's nomination. We hope that our perspectives—*i.e.*, as Whitney's former co-clerks for the Hon. Samuel A. Alito, Jr., and the Hon. Amy Coney Barrett—provide additional, unique insight into Whitney's exceptional character and qualifications.

During the two years that we collectively spent with Whitney at the Supreme Court, she unfailingly demonstrated the highest legal aptitude, the strongest work ethic, and the deepest commitment to excellence. She put in endless hours of work—underlining every word in draft memos and opinions as she checked for accuracy, mastering thousands of pages of record evidence, and writing extraordinarily sourced memos. Some of the brightest moments in our days were when Whitney would drop in to talk through the latest legal knot that she was trying to untangle. There was no legal question that she would let go unanswered, and there was no error that she would let go uncorrected. Through each challenge, she was committed to finding the right answer, no matter the time and effort required.

On top of her extraordinary legal acumen, Whitney also unfailingly demonstrated the impeccable character, integrity, and temperament that are the hallmarks of a great judge. She approached every case in an honest and impartial manner, demonstrating her commitment to following the law wherever it leads—regardless of any personal feelings or beliefs she may hold. For Whitney, upholding the rule of law is nonnegotiable.

Some luminaries are respected because they demand respect; Whitney is respected because she deserves respect. We urge the Senate to swiftly confirm Whitney.

Sincerely,

J. Benjamin Aguiñaga (Hon. Samuel A. Alito, Jr., Supreme Court of the United States)

Aimee Brown (Hon. Samuel A. Alito, Jr., Supreme Court of the United States)

David W. Casazza (Hon. Samuel A. Alito, Jr., Supreme Court of the United States)

Madeline Ward Clark (Hon. Amy Coney Barrett, Supreme Court of the United States)

Brendan Duffy (Hon. Amy Coney Barrett, Supreme Court of the United States)

Sherif Girgis (Hon. Samuel A. Alito, Jr., Supreme Court of the United States)

Nick Harper (Hon. Amy Coney Barrett, Supreme Court of the United States)