

James E. Butler, Jr., P.C.*
Joel O. Wooten
Brandon L. Peak
John C. Morrison III
Tedra L. Cannella
Robert H. Snyder**
David T. Rohwedder*

Joseph M. Colwell
Ramsey B. Prather
Christopher B. McDaniel
Rory A. Weeks

*admitted in GA & AL

**admitted in GA & FL



November 21, 2017

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
Washington, DC 20510

RE: Recommendation of Elizabeth L. Branch for the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit

Dear Senator Grassley, Senator Feinstein, and Members of the Committee on the Judiciary:

I write to support the nomination of Judge Elizabeth L. Branch for appointment to the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit. I am a trial attorney and have handled cases in some 30 states of this Union. I have been a member of the Georgia Bar for 40 years. On behalf of clients, I have necessarily been in the business of appraising judges, in Georgia and elsewhere, for a long time. I have witnessed Judge Branch's estimable service as a Judge of the Court of Appeals of Georgia and have interacted with her personally at bar and other events. She is obviously a very bright individual with a keen understanding of the law. In my opinion she also strives to be both fair and open-minded and to seek justice in those cases pending before her. As you already know, she has a wide range of experience, in private practice, in government agencies, and as a Judge. She is also a delightful person.

REPLY TO Columbus:

P.O. Box 2766 • Columbus, GA 31902
105 13th Street • Columbus, GA 31901
706.322.1990 • 1.800.242.2962 • FAX 706.323.2962

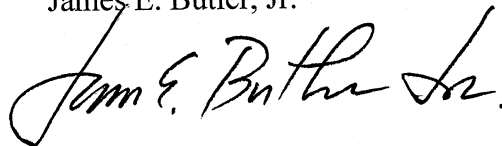
Atlanta Office:

2719 Buford Highway • Atlanta, GA 30324
404.321.1700 • 1.800.242.2962 • FAX 404.321.1713

I believe she will be an estimable addition to the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals.

Respectfully submitted,

James E. Butler, Jr.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James E. Butler, Jr." in a cursive script.

BUTLER WOOTEN & PEAK
Atlanta/Columbus

JEB:shw