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Honorable Chuck Grassley
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Honorable Dianne Feinstein
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary
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Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Feinstein:

The undersigned current and former attorneys of Kirkland & Ellis LLP write to convey our unqualified and enthusiastic support for the nomination of Georgia Supreme Court Justice Britt C. Grant for the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit. The support for Justice Grant at Kirkland & Ellis is widespread. The attorneys submitting this letter come from different offices of the Firm, include senior partners, peers, and more junior attorneys, and have worked with Justice Grant in a variety of professional settings. We have diverse political and jurisprudential views, but notwithstanding our diversity of viewpoint we all firmly believe that Justice Grant has the intellect, judgment, and temperament to be an outstanding member of the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals.

Kirkland & Ellis was privileged to have Justice Grant join us for the early part of her impressive legal career. With her prior experience in government, her outstanding record in law school, and her tenure as a law clerk in one of the most coveted federal appellate clerkships in the country, it should come as no surprise that Justice Grant was highly sought after by a number of leading national law firms. Kirkland & Ellis felt fortunate that Justice Grant decided to choose our firm.

For those of us who worked with Justice Grant while she was at Kirkland, it was clear from the moment she arrived that Justice Grant was a special talent. She quickly grasped the most complex legal concepts and consistently developed thoughtful, clear, and effective legal analysis on behalf of clients. Throughout her tenure at Kirkland, Justice Grant's work stood out, and she consistently received rave reviews from senior partners with whom she worked.

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While at Kirkland, Justice Grant routinely confronted complex legal issues. No matter the issue, Justice Grant always demonstrated the intellect, curiosity, and judgment needed to get to the right result. Justice Grant also complemented her very fine legal and appellate skills with the traditional fact work of a trial lawyer: preparing and defending witnesses for testimony, taking depositions, and developing the factual record. In doing so, Justice Grant became the “complete lawyer” who not only navigates complicated legal challenges, but also understands the human dimensions of the cases in which she is involved and the effect that legal rules and doctrines have on the real people who must follow them.

Justice Grant eventually left Kirkland to serve the people of the State of Georgia. We were not surprised by this move given Justice Grant’s commitment to public service and to her home state. That, however, was not the end of our firm’s relationship with Justice Grant. We also had the great privilege to work with Justice Grant in her capacity as a lawyer for the State of Georgia, working with her first as an advisor to the Georgia Attorney General and then in her capacity as Solicitor General. In particular, we were able to work with Justice Grant as she led the State’s defense of the *Florida v. Georgia* litigation in the Supreme Court of the United States. For those of us fortunate to work with Justice Grant as outside counsel for the State, we observed Justice Grant bring great intellect, judgment, and decisiveness to the matter, leading the State through a case of monumental importance to Georgia and its citizens.

Upon Justice Grant’s appointment to the Supreme Court of Georgia, we no longer worked with her as a client, but many Kirkland attorneys, and in particular our young women attorneys, have now had the opportunity to meet and get to know her. Justice Grant has been generous with her time and her mentorship to young attorneys seeking to succeed in the law and perhaps even to follow Justice Grant’s impressive career path. We all have been impressed with her kindness, wisdom, and unfailingly positive attitude.

In conclusion, we would like to express our strongest support for Justice Grant’s nomination. Her first-rate legal mind, her dedicated commitment to justice, and her deliberate and judicial temperament lead us to state with confidence that Justice Grant will distinguish herself as an outstanding judge if she is fortunate enough to be confirmed to the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit.

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