The Honorable Charles E. Grassley, Chairman Committee on the Judiciary United States Senate 224 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Richard J. Durbin, Ranking Member Committee on the Judiciary Untied States Senate 224 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Nomination of Edmund G. LaCour Jr.

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin:

We respectfully submit this letter in support of our former colleague Edmund G. LaCour Jr.'s nomination to serve as a judge on the United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama. We are current and former lawyers at Baker Botts L.L.P.¹ During Eddie's time at the firm, he proved himself to be an exceptional lawyer and gracious colleague. While the signatories to this letter come from different backgrounds and political views, we share a common belief that Eddie will serve the Northern District of Alabama with excellence and unfailing fairness.

Eddie consistently demonstrated excellence during his time at Baker Botts. He litigated cases on a wide array of legal issues. His sound judgment, sharp intellect, and tireless commitment to excellence made him a valuable member of any litigation team, whether the case was before a Texas trial court or the United States Supreme Court. By serving his clients with zeal and integrity, Eddie earned the respect of his colleagues, clients, opposing counsel, and courts.

Eddie also demonstrated the temperament and character any lawyer would hope to find in a judge. He treats both his colleagues and opposing counsel with respect and dignity. He is always willing to listen with an open mind. And he maintains his composure even at the most difficult junctures in a high-stakes case.

To close, Eddie's legal ability, work ethic, and commitment to fairness make him an accomplished lawyer and will make him a great judge. We strongly encourage his confirmation.

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This recommendation is sent in our personal capacities and does not reflect the views of Baker Botts L.L.P. or any other organization employing the signatories.

Sincerely,

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