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The Honorable Chuck Grassley
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
135 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Dick Durbin
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
711 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Edmund G. LaCour Jr.

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin:

We write to recommend the confirmation of Edmund G. LaCour Jr. as a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama. We had the privilege to work with Eddie at both Bancroft PLLC and Kirkland & Ellis LLP and can attest to his strong abilities as a lawyer. He has all the skills you could want in a federal judge and an unusual ability to digest and explain the most technical of legal issues. Equally important, he is a person of great character. We both recommend him highly.

We both practiced with Eddie for more than three years at two different firms. He first joined our practice at a time when we had a number of lawyers leaving to pursue clerkships. As a result, he entered multiple cases in mid-stream. He moved up all those learning curves exceptionally quickly. Eddie is not a self-promoter, but once you discuss a legal issue with him or read his work, you realize what a great talent you have. From the very beginning, Eddie took on a very heavy workload with great enthusiasm, showing a remarkable ability to multi-task and manage competing deadlines. He became a valued and sought-out colleague almost immediately.

What really set Eddie apart from his peers was his ability to master technical areas of the law and “translate” complicated details into plain English. Eddie assisted with a number of cases involving the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the statutes it administers. He did a marvelous job getting his head around a complex area of the law, collaborating with lawyers who specialize in the area, and producing drafts that were both technically accurate and readable; no small feat. Eddie was “rewarded” by being assigned other technical cases involving everything from telephony patents to the Transportation Department’s byzantine regime for allocating slots at airports. He also handled many other, more mainstream, legal issues during his time at the firm—civil and criminal, constitutional and statutory, trial and appellate.

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Eddie is a person of great character. Eddie had carved out a niche working on appellate issues for Baker Botts in Texas. He disrupted his career to move to Washington because his spouse had an opportunity to work at the Justice Department. This was not the best move for Eddie professionally, but it was the right move personally, and Eddie did not hesitate. A few years later, his wife, Alice, returned the favor by moving to Alabama with their young family so that Eddie could serve as Alabama's Solicitor General, a position he has filled with great distinction. And Eddie has continued to work as a generalist in his capacity as Solicitor General, which will serve him well in dealing with the wide range of subjects that come before a federal district court judge. Our strong suspicion, though, is that Eddie will quickly earn a reputation for handling the most complicated cases expertly and explaining technical issues in readily understandable terms that will facilitate juries discharging their important responsibilities.

In sum, we highly recommend Eddie. He has assembled a diverse legal resume that includes law firms big and small and both private practice and government service. Eddie's willingness to continue that public service and accept a position on the federal bench is commendable. He has the talent and character to make an excellent federal judge. He will tackle the most difficult of cases with enthusiasm, treat litigants and jurors with the upmost respect, and be a treasured colleague.

If we can provide any additional information about him, please do not hesitate to ask.

Yours sincerely,



Paul D. Clement



Erin E. Murphy