

**Statement of Senator Joseph Lieberman
Regarding the Nomination of Susan L. Carney
to the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit**

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Thank you, Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Sessions, for allowing me to offer this statement in support of Susan L. Carney's nomination to serve on the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

I commend President Obama's decision to nominate Ms. Carney to serve on the Second Circuit. With over three decades of legal experience, Susan Carney has ably served our country, the state of Connecticut, and the organizations she has worked for with honor and distinction.

Susan Carney's legal acumen and long career of devoted public service should make her a valuable addition to the Second Circuit. For the past twelve years, Susan Carney has served in Yale University's Office of the Vice President and General Counsel, most recently as Acting General Counsel and Deputy General Counsel. In this capacity, Ms. Carney is the second-ranking legal officer of a leading educational and research institution with an annual budget of more than \$2 billion. Her portfolio includes a variety of complex areas covered by federal law, including scientific research, intellectual property, and health care. Ms. Carney has also managed the legal aspects of Yale's international affiliations and transactions in dozens of countries worldwide.

Prior to her work for Yale, Ms. Carney served as Associate General Counsel of the Peace Corps where she was twice honored for her outstanding service and contributions to the organization.

Ms. Carney has an impressive record of legal training and experience. She graduated from Harvard University with a Bachelors of Arts degree and went on to earn a law degree from Harvard, graduating *magna cum laude*. She served as a Law Clerk to Judge Levin Hicks Campbell on the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit before working in private practice with two law firms as an associate, partner, and founding partner. Ms. Carney has been admitted to practice in seven courts, including the U.S. Supreme Court, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and is a member of the Massachusetts, District of Columbia, and Connecticut bars. Ms. Carney also serves on the Board of Directors of the National Association of College & University Attorneys.

I am pleased that Susan Carney's nomination is proceeding through the confirmation process, and I look forward to working with you and the rest of our Senate colleagues to consider Susan Carney's nomination to the Second Circuit Court of Appeals.