



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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

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

Re: Nomination of Peter M. Mansfield to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin:

I write as president of Jesuit High School in New Orleans to offer our perspective on Peter M. Mansfield '96 as the Committee considers his nomination to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana.

As a Catholic, Jesuit school, we understand education to be more than preparation for professional success. For nearly two centuries in New Orleans, Jesuit has sought to form men who understand their talents not simply as possessions but as gifts entrusted to them for the service of God and others. We are in the business of forming men of faith and men for others, and it is the lens through which I offer these observations about Peter.

There are many members of the legal profession better positioned to address Peter's work as an attorney and his qualifications as a federal practitioner. Our perspective is different. Jesuit has known Peter first as a student, then as an alumnus, and then as a parent. I have personally known him as a member of our community who has remained closely connected to the school for three decades. Throughout that time, we have seen in him a consistent commitment to public service, personal integrity, and the formation of others.

Peter's professional record reflects that commitment. He has spent more than twenty years serving the United States through the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Louisiana, where he currently leads the Civil Division and previously served as First Assistant U.S. Attorney. His record has also included appointment to the Eastern District's Lawyer Disciplinary Committee. A career of that duration in public service speaks to qualities we have also observed personally: discipline, steadiness, respect for institutions, and a willingness to accept responsibility.

What has impressed us particularly is that Peter has continued to make his professional experience available to the school and its students. He has returned to Jesuit for Career Day and has welcomed our students to the federal courthouse, where he has explained both his own work and the operation of the federal court system. In 2025 and 2026, he also worked with the Jesuit Alumni Association and fellow alumni attorneys to organize a continuing legal education program at the federal courthouse that brought together hundreds of Jesuit alumni attorneys from across generations.

These are not isolated appearances. They reflect something characteristic of Peter: he takes institutions seriously, and he contributes to them. That commitment extends well beyond Jesuit and the legal profession.

In the New Orleans community, Peter has served GiGi's Playhouse, which supports individuals with Down syndrome and their families, and the East Jefferson YMCA; in 2024, he and his wife, Lisa, received the YMCA's Sean Salvo Award for their advocacy and service on behalf of children of diverse abilities. His service has also extended to his parish, St. Ann Church and Shrine, where he has contributed to the music ministry for more than a decade and where he and Lisa were recognized with the Order of St. Louis IX Medallion from the Archdiocese of New Orleans for service to the Church.

He has remained part of Jesuit not simply as an alumnus but as a parent, mentor, and active member of the school community. In recognition of that record of service, Jesuit recently selected him as its 2025–26 Archdiocesan Distinguished Alumnus.

At Jesuit, we believe education is ultimately measured not only by what a graduate achieves, but by what he chooses to do with the gifts and responsibilities entrusted to him. Peter's life since leaving Banks Street has reflected that understanding of vocation: serious professional work, sustained public service, and a continuing willingness to give his time and experience to others. We are grateful to offer that perspective as the Committee considers his nomination and the responsibilities of judicial service.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Brown SJ". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the "SJ" at the end being particularly prominent.

Fr. John Brown, S.J.

President

Jesuit High School

New Orleans, Louisiana