

May 22, 2013

Mark L Shurtleff  
Troutman Sanders LLP  
401 9<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Suite 1000  
Washington, DC 20004

The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy  
Chairman, Judiciary Committee  
United States Senate  
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley  
Ranking Minority Member, Judiciary Committee  
United States Senate  
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Grassley:

As the former Utah Attorney General for 12 years, I write to express my enthusiastic and unqualified support for the nomination of Tony West to become the Associate Attorney General of the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ). Based upon my long professional association with Mr. West, I can attest that he possesses outstanding qualifications for this position. He has substantial experience at both state and federal levels; and he has always demonstrated the highest integrity, sound judgment, and a firm foundation and understanding of the management and function of the Department of Justice.

Although Mr. West and I are from opposite sides of the political spectrum, and at times have faced each other on legal issues, I can confidently say that Tony West is committed to justice and the rule of law and is able to work across political and philosophical lines to achieve just results.

I first met Mr. West when he served as special assistant to then California Attorney General Bill Lockyer. He worked efficiently and professionally with me and my colleagues around the nation on complex legal issues from technology to consumer protection multistate litigation. He distinguished himself quickly by his outstanding legal and people skills, and exhibited a unique talent of bringing people together to move toward a fair and equitable resolution.

Our paths crossed again when Mr. West became the Assistant Attorney General of the Civil Division at DOJ, and later as the Acting Associate Attorney General, where we

interacted on tobacco, mortgage foreclosures and immigration matters. Mr. West was, and is, a strong partner with the states. In light of state-federal shared responsibilities and increasingly tight resources, Mr. West's commitment to cooperation and collaboration are valued and critically important.

Based on my personal experience and professional assessment of Mr. West, he has been, and will continue to be, a highly productive and skilled leader whose management and legal expertise will benefit the Department of Justice and the public that it serves. While I did not always agree with him on every legal issue, I always found Tony West to be approachable, open to hearing different perspectives, non-partisan in his actions, and committed to effective enforcement of the nation's laws.

I am very familiar with the challenges that come with running a large department. As I look at Mr. West's record, I am impressed by his leadership and solid accomplishments. I believe that Mr. West will make decisions that he believes will best serve the public, and I have great respect for him.

I urge the Senate Judiciary Committee to approve his nomination as soon as possible, and hope that the full Senate will confirm him shortly thereafter.

Respectfully yours,

  
Mark L. Shurtleff

Partner

Troutman Sanders, LLP

Former Utah Attorney General

Cc: Members, Senate Judiciary Committee