

June 5, 2026

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: Nomination of Kasdin M. Mitchell to the United States District Court  
for the Northern District of Texas**

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin:

We write to support the nomination of Kasdin M. Mitchell to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas. Like Kasdin, we are former law clerks to U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas. Kasdin has every quality that makes for an exceptional judge. The combination of her experience, intelligence, work ethic, integrity and poise puts Kasdin in a class of her own. The federal judiciary would be so well served with her on the bench.

Kasdin's experience and accomplishments speak volumes. She excelled as an undergraduate at Yale College and then as a law student at Yale Law School. She served her country as an Assistant Press Secretary for First Lady Laura Bush in the White House and, before that, in the Office of Fossil Energy at the U.S. Department of Energy. She served as a law clerk to Chief Judge William H. Pryor of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit and then for Justice Thomas. She served her home state of Alabama as an Assistant Solicitor General. And now, deeply rooted in Texas with her family, she has served clients of every stripe in private practice. Kasdin has established herself as an effective, dedicated, and trusted litigator in any courtroom—whether at trial for major multidistrict litigation or behind the podium at the U.S. Supreme Court. By any measure, Kasdin has built a star-studded career.

Kasdin will be the sort of judge every lawyer hopes for. She's had the best training ground—as a litigator herself who has stood before many judges in many courtrooms. Her temperament is as even keeled as lawyers come. She is fair, patient, inquisitive, and discerning. Those of us who have had the privilege to work alongside Kasdin as co-clerks and colleagues have seen firsthand how she approaches her work with exactly the right mix of humility and confidence, open-mindedness and decisiveness. She is committed to the rule of

law, to precedent, and to getting it right—every time. And she will bring to the bench all the professionalism and practical experience and good judgment that the work of the District Court demands.

Kasdin, like the rest of us, has also had the great privilege of working for Justice Thomas. The Thomas chambers are a place where there is always time for good-hearted debate, where desks are piled high with books, where curiosity and diligence and thoroughness are rewarded. The clerkship is one that instills humility, perspective, and respect not just for the courts but also for the lawyers who have made the law their vocation, too. Kasdin embodies all of these traits. They define her career a decade later. She will be a great judge in no small part because she has seen firsthand one of the greatest judges at work.

If confirmed, Kasdin will serve the United States as a District Judge with unwavering devotion to the Constitution and the country. We urge the Senate to act quickly to confirm her to the Northern District of Texas.

Respectfully,<sup>1</sup>

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