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The Honorable Chuck Grassley
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Dick Durbin
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

**Re: Nomination of Kasdin Mitchell for the United States District Court for
the Northern District of Texas**

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin:

The 70 signatories of this letter are employees and alumni of the Birmingham, Alabama office of Maynard Nexsen PC—the law firm where Kasdin Miller Mitchell began her private-practice career during the two years between her clerkships with Judge Pryor on the Eleventh Circuit and Justice Thomas on the Supreme Court of the United States. It was clear to all of us who worked with and knew her that Kasdin would be a star, and we enthusiastically support her nomination to serve on the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas now. This letter's signatories have diverse viewpoints on political and other matters, but one thing we share without exception is deep admiration for this friend and former colleague.

Kasdin's work for our firm as an associate was second-to-none. She worked in two groups with substantially different practices—Securities Litigation and Appellate—and excelled in both. In the securities group, Kasdin worked on many high-stakes, complex matters involving extensive factual records in arbitrations conducted by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority. In the appellate group, Kasdin worked on briefs in commercial cases in the Alabama Supreme Court and the California Court of Appeal, represented the Alabama Governor in cases raising important questions of federal constitutional and statutory law, and filed an amicus brief for the National District Attorneys' Association in the Supreme Court of the United States that ultimately was cited by Justice Scalia in his opinion in the case. In all areas where she practiced, Kasdin's research was spot-on, her writing was precise, and—even as a young associate—she had an uncanny ability to communicate complex legal concepts in a straightforward and persuasive manner.

As impressive as Kasdin's legal skills are, it is the content of her character that makes us confident she will serve our country well on the bench. She worked long hours without

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complaint. But far more important was the way she treated everyone—lawyers and nonlawyers alike—with unfailing kindness, patience, and respect. We loved having her as a colleague and friend. On her last day at the firm, a packed room gathered, ranging from the most senior leadership to the most junior employees of our firm, not only to congratulate her and wish her well, but to thank her for making our firm a better place.

We have taken great pride in learning about Kasdin's many accomplishments during her time in Washington and Dallas in the years since, and in watching her and David's family grow. Our firm's loss was Justice Thomas's—and, ultimately, Kirkland and Ellis's—gain. Now the gain will be to the federal courts and the country as a whole. We know she will be an outstanding judge, and we wholeheartedly recommend her for this position.

Very truly yours,

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