

Response of Raymond P. Moore
Nominee to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado
to the Written Questions of Senator Amy Klobuchar

- 1. If you had to describe it, how would you characterize your judicial philosophy? How do you see the role of the judge in our constitutional system?**

Response: My philosophy is to treat all litigants fairly and with both patience and respect, to decide matters coming before the court with transparency, to decide matters narrowly by ruling only on those issues actually before the court, and to decide matters with fidelity to the principle of stare decisis. The role of the judge in our constitutional system is to resolve matters coming before the court by application of these principles, while also respecting the rights of the public as well as the role of the jury.

- 2. What assurances can you give that litigants coming into your courtroom will be treated fairly regardless of their political beliefs or whether they are rich or poor, defendant or plaintiff?**

Response: During my career, I have represented plaintiffs and defendants ranging from wealthy corporations to indigent individuals. I have prosecuted criminal cases as an AUSA and defended those charged as an AFPD. I have litigated in both the civil and criminal arenas. I have represented all clients without regard to societal status, wealth or political beliefs. This background informs my commitment to treat all litigants fairly. I assure the Committee that all litigants will be treated fairly in my courtroom if I am fortunate enough to be confirmed.

- 3. In your opinion, how strongly should judges bind themselves to the doctrine of stare decisis? How does the commitment to stare decisis vary depending on the court?**

Response: District judges are absolutely bound to the doctrine of stare decisis. Controlling precedent is settled law which must always be followed. The United States Supreme Court and the United States Courts of Appeals sitting en banc may reconsider their own precedent in limited circumstances. However, a district judge is always bound to follow controlling precedent.