

**Response of Troy L. Nunley**  
**Nominee to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California**  
**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 judicial philosophy is that judges should be fair and impartial to all litigants who appear before them regardless of their backgrounds. Additionally, judges must possess integrity and be courteous and respectful to the litigants, staff and the public who enter our courtrooms on a daily basis. As a state court judge for the past 11 years, I have conducted myself in such a manner while actively listening to the litigants and while being transparent in my rulings.

- 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: I have sat on the state court bench for the past 11 years. During that time I have earned a reputation as being fair, even-tempered, courteous and respectful. I treat each litigant the same, regardless of their political beliefs or whether they are rich or poor, defendant or plaintiff. If I am confirmed as a federal judge, I will continue to treat litigants in the same manner.

- 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: All judges, at every level, should strictly bind themselves to the doctrine of stare decisis. As a state court judge, I am bound to follow California Supreme Court precedent and the precedent of the Third Appellate District here in Sacramento, California, as well as United States Supreme Court precedent on matters of federal law.