

December 13, 2025

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 Justin Olson to the United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin:

We are former law clerks for Justices of the Indiana Supreme Court, and we write solely in our personal capacities to express our unwavering support for the nomination of Justin Ross Olson, who has been nominated to serve as a federal judge on the United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana.

Justin's legal acumen is exemplary. He began his legal career as a judicial clerk for Chief Justice Loretta Rush of the Indiana Supreme Court where he was a legal generalist analyzing sophisticated and complex legal issues involving criminal, civil, and administrative law. He then spent four years as an Associate in the Business Litigation Group for Faegre Baker Daniels (now Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP), one of most reputable firms in the Midwest, which has expanded its reach internationally. Thereafter, Justin returned to the public sector for five years as an Assistant United States Attorney. Justin litigated both defensive and affirmative work in the Civil Division, prosecuting False Claims Act violations, including a \$345 million settlement with Community Health Network—one of the largest False Claims Act settlements in Department of Justice history—before returning to private practice with Kroger Gardis & Regas, LLP in 2024.

Justin's character is exemplary. He is the consummate person and professional, and a man of integrity. He is trustworthy, compassionate, and genuine. Justin has a sincere concern for his community. In addition to being a loving husband and father of five, he actively engages in his church and works to serve the needs of his community even for those who exercise different beliefs.

Justin is an excellent colleague and a wonderful friend. He takes his professional responsibilities seriously, and cherishes the personal relationships that flow from his professional and community interactions. He earns respect by showing respect, and has the ability to connect with all groups of people, from members of the bench to lay persons in the community. Justin possesses a calm and trusting demeanor that brings people together. He works to ensure that everyone is treated fairly and is heard—qualities that are most fitting for a federal judge.

In sum, Justin possesses the legal acumen, personal character, and community respect that is necessary for a member of the federal bench. Without hesitation, we offer our steadfast support of Justin's nomination, and respectfully urge the Senate Judiciary Committee and the full Senate to confirm his appointment without delay.

Respectfully submitted,

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Clerk 2017-2018 to the Hon. Christopher M. Goff, Associate Justice

Bradley M. Dick, Clerk 2013-2014 to the Hon. Loretta Rush, Associate Justice

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