

**Senator Marco Rubio Statement for the Record  
United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary  
Nominations Hearing  
October 16, 2019**

**Barbara Lagoa to be United States Circuit Judge for the United States Court of Appeals  
for the Eleventh Circuit**

Chairman Graham, Ranking Member Feinstein, and Members of the Committee:

Regretfully, due to a scheduling conflict, I am unable to attend today's nominations hearing to introduce Justice Barbara Lagoa. Justice Lagoa currently serves as a Justice on the Supreme Court of Florida. Last month, President Trump announced his intent to nominate her to serve as a Circuit Judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit. I am pleased to support her nomination.

Justice Lagoa was born and raised in Miami and attended Florida International University and Columbia Law School. Prior to her appointment to the Supreme Court of Florida, she served for nearly 13 years on the Third District Court of Appeal. She had previously served as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida and spent over a decade in private practice.

I thank the committee for its work on Justice Lagoa's nomination and believe that the committee will find her to be highly qualified to serve in this important capacity. Thank you for the opportunity to submit this statement in support of Justice Lagoa's nomination and confirmation.

**Robert Luck to be United States Circuit Judge for the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit**

Chairman Graham, Ranking Member Feinstein, and Members of the Committee:

Regretfully, due to a scheduling conflict, I am unable to attend today's nominations hearing to introduce Justice Robert Luck. Justice Luck currently serves as a Justice on the Supreme Court of Florida. Last month, President Trump announced his intent to nominate him to serve as a Circuit Judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit. I am pleased to support his nomination.

Justice Luck was born and raised in Miami-Dade County and graduated from the University of Florida and the University of Florida Levin College of Law. Prior to his appointment to the Supreme Court of Florida, he served as a judge on the Third District Court of Appeal, as a Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit Court of Florida, and as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida. Earlier in his career, he spent time in private practice doing appellate work, worked on the staffs of Senators Jon Kyl and Paul Coverdell, and was a clerk and staff attorney for Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals Judge (now Chief Judge) Ed Carnes.

I thank the committee for its work on Justice Luck's nomination and believe that the committee will find him to be highly qualified to serve on the federal bench. Thank you for the opportunity to submit this statement in support of Justice Luck's nomination and confirmation.