

September 12, 2026

The Honorable Chuck Grassley, Chairman
The Honorable Dick Durbin, Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: *United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Judicial Circuit*
Judicial Candidate Lee P. Rudofsky

Dear Senators:

We write in support of the nomination of Judge Lee P. Rudofsky to serve on the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit.

We are Arkansas lawyers who represent a broad cross-section of legal practices, professional experience, and political viewpoints. Many of us worked with or opposed Lee Rudofsky during his tenure as Arkansas Solicitor General from 2015 to 2018, and many have appeared before him during his service as a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Arkansas. Based on that collective experience, we know Judge Rudofsky well and believe he is an outstanding nominee for the Eighth Circuit.

Without reservation, we regard Judge Rudofsky as a jurist of exceptional intellect, discipline, and judgment. As both an advocate and a judge, he has demonstrated extraordinary preparation, rigorous analysis, and an unwavering commitment to the rule of law. His expectations for himself, his staff, and the lawyers who appear before him are demanding, but they serve an important purpose: ensuring that every case receives careful attention, full consideration of the record, and a thoughtful, well-reasoned decision.

Judge Rudofsky also possesses the temperament essential to judicial service. He values honesty, civility, and professionalism, and he treats lawyers, parties, witnesses, and jurors with consistent respect. Although he approaches every matter with seriousness and care, he conducts himself with humility and integrity. Those qualities strengthen public confidence in the courts and reflect the best traditions of the federal judiciary.

Attorneys who have worked with him, litigated against him, or appeared before him can attest to these qualities. His record on the federal bench demonstrates sustained excellence, diligence, and fairness across his docket. He understands that each case is of great importance to the parties before the court, and he approaches that responsibility with the preparation, attentiveness, and reasoned judgment that litigants deserve.

We urge you to confirm Lee P. Rudofsky to serve on the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit.

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