

May 16, 2026

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
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Re: Nomination of Matthew Schwartz to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin:

We are current and former members of bar association committees concerned with legal ethics in New York and elsewhere. We write to express our enthusiastic support for the nomination of Matthew A. Schwartz to the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. We do not all share Matt's political views, and do not express any view on his judicial philosophy, but we strongly believe he has the intelligence and temperament to be an outstanding judge.

Matt's credentials are superb. He graduated from Princeton University and Columbia Law School and then had two clerkships with Justice Samuel Alito, first on the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit and then on the United States Supreme Court. Matt joined the law firm of Sullivan & Cromwell in 2007 and became a partner just four years later, in 2011. At Sullivan & Cromwell, Matt had a wide-ranging litigation practice and was asked in 2012 to serve on the Firm's small ethics advisory committee, ultimately serving as its chair.

Matt has an extensive background and expertise in legal ethics. He has served on three of the key bar and judicial committees in New York dealing with legal ethics: the New York City Bar Association's Committee on Professional Ethics, which prepares advisory opinions to guide New York lawyers on ethical questions; the New York State Bar Association's Committee on Standards of Attorney Conduct, which prepares disciplinary rules and amendments to rules for consideration by the New York courts; and the Attorney Grievance Committee, Appellate Division First Department, which reviews complaints made against attorneys within the First Department and makes decisions and recommendations for resolving those complaints.

We know from working with Matt on those committees or other ethics-related activities that Matt is super-smart and thoughtful and cares deeply about the rule of law. He listens to opposing views with an open mind and respectfully engages with everyone involved in any

project. We have no doubt that he has the character, integrity and temperament to serve the country as an appeals court judge.

We urge you to support this well-qualified nominee.

Respectfully,

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All signatories are signing this letter in their individual capacity and not as members of any organization or entity.

Abbreviations:

NYCBA PEC = New York City Bar Association Professional Ethics Committee

NYCBA PRC = New York City Bar Association Professional Responsibility Committee

NYCBA PDC = New York City Bar Association Professional Discipline Committee

NYSBA CPE = New York State Bar Association Committee on Professional Ethics

NYSBA COSAC = New York State Bar Association Committee on Standards of Attorney Conduct