



DAVID F. LEVI, DEAN
DUKE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW
SCIENCE DRIVE AND TOWERVIEW ROAD
BOX 90362 • DURHAM, NC 27708-0362
PHONE 919-613-7001 • FAX 919-613-7158
LEVI@LAW.DUKE.EDU
WWW.LAW.DUKE.EDU

June 19, 2009

The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy
United States Senate
433 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Jeff Sessions
United States Senate
304 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Leahy and Senator Sessions:

I am the Dean of Duke Law School. Previously I was U.S. Attorney in the Eastern District of California (1986-1990) and then a United States District Judge in the same district (1990-2007). I am writing in my personal capacity to endorse the nomination of Christopher Schroeder to be Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Legal Policy.

Professor Schroeder is currently a distinguished member of the Duke Law School faculty, and the Charles S. Murphy Professor of Law. His scholarship is well recognized across a range of subject areas, including constitutional law, administrative, and environmental law. He is the author of dozens of articles and books in these fields, and has the reputation of a fair, thoughtful teacher who respects all points of view.

Professor Schroeder also directs Duke Law School's Program in Public Law. This Program in Public Law exposes law students to the opportunities and value of public service as part of their professional careers, through speaker series, workshops, conferences and other programs. The Program engages topics that are newsworthy and often controversial, in order to provide students an informed basis for evaluating the public debate about them. I have participated in a number of events sponsored by the Program and have been impressed both with the quality of Professor Schroeder's own contributions, and with the even-handedness of points of view that he consistently brings to the programming. His leadership of this program demonstrates, again, a balanced, fair-minded person who respects, and is respected by, people from many different backgrounds and perspectives. Professor Schroeder is not an ideologue.

Professor Schroeder also has considerable government experience both in the Department of Justice and in the United States Senate. In the Department of Justice, he has served in the

The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy
The Honorable Jeff Sessions
June 19, 2009
Page Two

Office of Legal Counsel, including as its Acting Assistant Attorney General. Through that experience he has gained knowledge of the organization and operation of the Department, as well as of many of the policy issues that regularly face the Department of Justice. His prior work at Justice provides valuable preparation for the leadership position to which he has been nominated. In the United States Senate, he has served as Chief Counsel to the Senate Judiciary Committee and in several other capacities as well. I know from my conversations with him that he appreciates the responsibilities of the Senate and the Congress, and possesses a genuine respect for the role of the legislative branch in our constitutional system. This orientation, too, will be an asset in leading the Office of Legal Policy, which often works closely with members of Congress in developing policy initiatives.

Professor Schroeder possesses the intellect, skill, training, reliability, and disposition to make him an effective and dynamic director of the Office of Legal Policy. He is someone in whom the members of the Senate and the American people can be confident. He has distinguished himself in every endeavor that he has undertaken. I am certain that he will do so as the AAG for the Office of Legal Policy. I highly recommend him for this position.

Sincerely,

Don. F. Zou

PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY

School of Law

OFFICE OF THE DUANE AND KELLY ROBERTS DEAN

June 22, 2009

VIA FACSIMILE: [REDACTED]

The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy
United States Senate
433 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Jeff Sessions
United States Senate
304 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

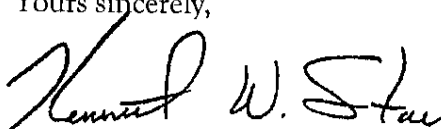
Dear Senator Leahy and Senator Sessions:

It is my privilege to endorse, and heartily so, the nomination of Christopher Schroeder to be Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Legal Policy. Having known Chris for many years, I know him not only to be a distinguished professor at my beloved *alma mater*, but ~ as befits his fine reputation ~ I also know him to be a thoughtful and measured person. He has sound judgment. Indeed, Chris is quite well known, and again rightly so, for his balanced, careful writing.

Equally relevant, Chris served with great distinction in the Department of Justice in the highly important Office of Legal Counsel. He has thus been fully engaged in fashioning the advice and counsel that is foundational to our system of the rule of law. Having also served in the Article I branch, Chris has a particularly keen and nuanced sense of what the Founding generation was seeking brilliantly to achieve: balanced government. From both practical experience and engaged scholarship, he understands, deeply, the appropriate role of the co-ordinate branches.

In short, based on both his personal character and professional qualifications, I enthusiastically recommend him to you for confirmation to this very important role at the Justice Department.

Yours sincerely,



Kenneth W. Starr
Duane and Kelly Roberts Dean
and Professor of Law

June 23, 2009

United States Senate
Committee on the Judiciary
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Nomination of Christopher Schroeder to serve as Assistant
Attorney General

Dear Chairman Leahy, Ranking Member Sessions, and Members of the
Senate Judiciary Committee:

We are all former Department of Justice officials who worked closely with Chris Schroeder when he served as a Deputy Assistant Attorney General, and later Acting Assistant Attorney General, in the Office of Legal Counsel in the 1990s. Many of us have also known and worked with Chris in a variety of other settings. Based on our broad range of experiences, we all offer our enthusiastic support for Chris' nomination to serve as the Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Legal Policy.

Chris brings together a broad range of talents, experience and perspective that make him an ideal candidate to lead the Office of Legal Policy. First, Chris is a superb lawyer. He is a distinguished scholar, with an expertise in public law and policy. He has taught classes on constitutional and administrative law, on civil liberties and national security, and on the Congress. As acting head of the Office of Legal Counsel, he grappled with some of the most difficult legal issues in the executive branch and, in the course of doing so, earned the broad respect of others throughout the government.

Chris would also bring to the job extensive knowledge of the workings of the Department of Justice, and a deep respect for the Department as an institution. Equally importantly, Chris has worked extensively with other offices throughout the government, and he has a clear understanding of the interagency process. As a result, Chris would know how to ensure that

Department of Justice policy judgments are fully informed by others in the executive branch.

Similarly, Chris also understands how the legislative process works. He would be well positioned to ensure that the Department's policy judgments are consistent with the laws Congress enacts and that they are informed by the judgment and experience of those in the legislative branch. Chris served as chief counsel to the Senate Judiciary Committee, and he understands how important it is to work effectively with Members of Congress on both sides of the aisle in formulating effective public policy.

In addition, Chris would bring to the job the perspective of a lawyer who has engaged in the private practice of law. As a result, he would also understand how Department of Justice policy might affect the legal profession, and he has the experience to understand the practical implications of those policy decisions.

Finally, and most importantly, Chris is a balanced, fundamentally fair, and honest person. He has excellent judgment and a compelling sense of what is right. All of us have worked with Chris, and we can all affirm that he is a colleague of the highest order.

In short, Chris would bring to the job the perfect mix of experience: he is a distinguished scholar; he has worked in the Department of Justice, for the Congress, and in private practice; and he has the integrity and judgment the job demands. For all of these reasons, we believe that Chris is superbly well-qualified to serve as the Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Legal Policy.

Respectfully,

Eleanor D. Acheson
(former Assistant Attorney General for
the Office for Policy Development)

Walter E. Dellinger III
(former Assistant Attorney General for
the Office of Legal Counsel; former
Acting Solicitor General)

Jamie S. Gorelick
(former Deputy Attorney General)

Randolph D. Moss
(former Assistant Attorney General for
the Office of Legal Counsel)

Beth Nolan
(former Deputy Assistant Attorney
General for the Office of Legal Counsel)

H. Jefferson Powell
(former Deputy Assistant Attorney
General for the Office of Legal Counsel;
former Principal Deputy Solicitor
General)

Teresa Wynn Roseborough
(former Deputy Assistant Attorney
General for the Office of Legal Counsel)

Lois J. Schiffer
(former Assistant Attorney General for
the Environment and Natural Resources
Division)

Howard M. Shapiro
(former General Counsel, Federal
Bureau of Investigation)

Richard L. Shiffrin
(former Deputy Assistant Attorney
General for the Office of Legal Counsel)

Seth P. Waxman
(former Solicitor General)



O'MELVENY & MYERS LLP

BEIJING
BRUSSELS
CENTURY CITY
HONG KONG
LONDON
LOS ANGELES
NEWPORT BEACH

1625 Eye Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20006-4001
TELEPHONE (202) 383-5300
FACSIMILE (202) 383-5414
www.omml.com

NEW YORK
SAN FRANCISCO
SHANGHAI
SILICON VALLEY
SINGAPORE
TOKYO

OUR FILE NUMBER
0600000-012

July 14, 2009

The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
SD-224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-6275

WRITER'S DIRECT DIAL
[REDACTED]

WRITER'S E-MAIL ADDRESS
[REDACTED]

The Honorable Jeff Sessions
Ranking Minority Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
SD-224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-6275

Dear Chairman Leahy and Senator Sessions:

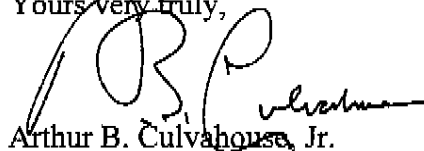
I write to endorse the nomination of Christopher H. Schroeder of North Carolina to serve as Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Legal Policy.

I am sure the Committee on the Judiciary is well aware of Chris Schroeder's substantial record of academic accomplishment as a chaired professor at Duke Law School and of his distinguished public service with the Department of Justice Office of Legal Counsel and with the Senate Judiciary Committee. Perhaps less well known is Chris Schroeder's part-time private practice association with our law firm, O'Melveny & Myers, from January 2002 to the present, the last four years in an "of counsel" position. As Chair of the Firm, I can attest Chris has provided exemplary legal services to the Firm and its clients, while working on highly complex legal matters. His capacity for keen analysis, his great maturity and judgment, and his ability to work in a constructive and purposeful way with others, have impressed both his colleagues and our clients.

Chris Schroeder's experience as counsel to our firm adds yet another dimension to his qualifications for office, making Chris one of the rare individuals who has excelled in academic law, in public service to both the legislative and executive branches of the national government, and in private practice. This diversity of experience and perspective will serve the Justice Department and the country well if Chris is confirmed as head of the Office of Legal Policy.

From my time as White House Counsel to President Reagan until now, I know how important it is to have senior Justice Department office holders who not only are first-rate lawyers, but also have the requisite maturity, experience and confidence to work constructively across institutional, interest group and party lines to advance the public interest. I believe that Chris Schroeder will be one of those leaders. I am pleased to endorse his nomination.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Culvahouse, Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Arthur B. Culvahouse, Jr.

Chair

O'MELVENY & MYERS LLP