

June 29, 2018

The Honorable Chuck Grassley
Chairman
Senate Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
Ranking Member
Senate Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Judicial Nomination of Ryan D. Nelson

Dear Chairman Grassley and Senator Feinstein:

We are writing to convey our support for the nomination of Ryan D. Nelson to be a Judge for the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

Each of us came to know Ryan during his time at Sidley Austin, LLP, a law firm where we are or were partners in the firm's Washington, D.C. office. Ryan joined Sidley's D.C. office after working as a judicial clerk for Judge Karen Henderson on the Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit and as a legal advisor for the Iran-Contra Claims Tribunal in the Netherlands.

While at Sidley, Ryan displayed the utmost integrity, dedication, professionalism, and capabilities as a lawyer. Ryan is a thoughtful and talented lawyer who has worked extensively both in the private and public sectors. During his tenure at Sidley, Ryan worked on diverse matters ranging from briefing constitutional issues before the United States Supreme Court to handling complex litigation in the federal district and appellate courts. Ryan displayed intellectual integrity and a keen curiosity about the law. Ryan's temperament—respectful and even-keeled—is particularly well-suited for the federal judiciary.

We believe all of these qualities make Ryan an excellent choice for the federal bench. Accordingly, we strongly support his nomination, and recommend, without reservation, that Ryan be confirmed to the Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

Thank you for this opportunity to express our views.

Sincerely,

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