

**Statement of Senator Charles Grassley  
Ranking Member  
Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate**

**Before the Committee on the Judiciary**

**On the Nominations of:**

*Derek Anthony West, to be Associate Attorney General*

*Valerie E. Caproni, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York*

*Vernon S. Broderick, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York*

**May 23, 2013**

Mr. Chairman,

I join you in welcoming the nominees who are here today with their families and friends.

On today's agenda we have the nomination of Mr. West to be Associate Attorney General. Mr. West has appeared before this Committee in connection with his previous nomination as Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Civil Division of the United States Department of Justice. In addition, he has testified before this Committee on a number of occasions.

The Associate Attorney General is the third highest official at the Department. The Associate is in charge of a number of divisions and offices including Civil, Civil Rights, Antitrust, Tax, and Environment. So this is a very important position and I look forward to reviewing Mr. West's record and testimony.

We also have two judicial nominations for the Southern District of New York – Ms. Caproni and Mr. Broderick. I would note that Ms. Caproni has also appeared before this Committee as General Counsel of the FBI.

Again, I welcome the nominees, their families and guests. I look forward to the testimony and to the responses to my questions which I will ask today as well as those which I will submit in writing.