

ETOWAH COUNTY PROBATE JUDGE

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The Honorable Chuck Grassley (R-IA) Chairperson
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Dick Durbin (D-IL) Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

RE: Recommendation of Phillip W. Williams for U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Alabama

Dear Chairperson Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin:

It is with distinct honor and full confidence that I write to recommend Phillip W. Williams for appointment as the United States Attorney for the Northern District of Alabama. As a former law enforcement officer, I have followed his career and his commitment to the rule of law within our state. I am certain he possesses the integrity, legal acumen, and leadership necessary to serve the Department of Justice with excellence.

Professional Qualifications and Expertise

Mr. Williams brings a wealth of experience to this role, rooted in a deep understanding of the unique legal landscape of Northern Alabama. His career has been defined by:

- **Extensive Litigation Experience:** A proven track record of handling complex matters with meticulous attention to detail and a fair-minded approach.
- **Commitment to Public Safety:** A consistent history of collaborating with local law enforcement and community stakeholders to address pressing issues, from violent crime to administrative integrity.

- Unimpeachable Character: Throughout his years of service, he has maintained a reputation for being principled, prepared, and profoundly respectful of the judicial process.

The Northern District of Alabama requires a U.S. Attorney who understands the unique needs of our rural communities. Mr. Williams is a native son who understands these dynamics intuitively. His appointment would ensure that the office is led by someone who views justice not merely as a set of statutes, but as a vital service to the citizens of Alabama.

He is a leader who will prioritize the constitutional rights of individuals while ensuring that the laws of the United States are executed faithfully and without bias.

Phillip Williams is exceptionally well-qualified to take on this mantle. I respectfully urge the Committee to move forward with his confirmation, as his leadership will undoubtedly strengthen the North District's pursuit of justice and the safety of our communities.

Thank you for your time and for your service to our nation.

Sincerely,



Hon. Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

NOTICE: This letter is prepared in compliance with the Alabama Canons of Judicial Ethics, specifically Canon's 2C and 4 as well as guidance from Advisory Opinion 98-689 (Alabama Judicial Inquiry Commission)