

February 13, 2022

The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington D.C. 20510

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary
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Re: Nomination of Sherilyn Peace Garnett to the United States District Court for the Central District of California District Court

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley,

We write jointly to express our strongest support for the confirmation of Judge Sherilyn Peace Garnett to the United States District Court, Central District of California. We are individuals who were formerly supervised or mentored by Judge Garnett during her tenure in the United States Attorney's Office (USAO), Central District of California. We include individuals who are currently serving as government lawyers at both the federal and state levels, attorneys in the private sector, and in-house counsel, among other professions. We all agree and are convinced that Judge Garnett has the wisdom, experience, integrity, temperament, and humility to serve on the District Court.

We each had the pleasure of knowing and working with Judge Garnett while we served as Assistant United States Attorneys (AUSA) in the USAO. Most of us were directly supervised by Judge Garnett while we were in the General Crimes Section, where she served as a Deputy Chief from 2011 to 2014, then became the Chief of the Section; some of us were mentored by Judge Garnett while we worked in other sections within the USAO. As our supervisor or mentor, Judge Garnett taught us by example to appreciate the awesome responsibility that federal prosecutors have in their charging decisions and in prosecuting cases and to adhere to the highest ethical and professional standards. She emphasized the importance of being well prepared, understanding the facts and law relevant to our cases, and being clear in our oral and written arguments. Additionally, she encouraged us to be civil in our interactions with court personnel, opposing counsel, law enforcement, defendants, jurors, victims, and members of the public.

From our experience with Judge Garnett, we know that her legal acumen and experience make her exceptionally well qualified to serve as a District Court Judge. We routinely relied on her to provide us with indispensable guidance when addressing complex legal issues that arose in our cases, making legal arguments in written motions and briefs, and formulating our trial strategies.

Judge Garnett's leadership and mentorship have left a lasting, positive impression on us and many other current and former AUSAs.

Those of us who have had the opportunity to serve with Judge Garnett in the community know that she is someone who understands the value of having individuals with diverse backgrounds and experiences in the legal profession. She has been instrumental in creating mentorships between less experienced attorneys and their more experienced counterparts and enjoys speaking to and mentoring numerous high school, college, and law students seeking to enter the legal profession. We know that Judge Garnett will continue to serve as an inspiration and role model for countless individuals.

Judge Garnett's accomplishments speak for themselves concerning her tremendous experience and outstanding qualifications for the federal bench. On a personal note, we all agree that she is intelligent, hard-working, patient, and kind. In short, she is truly a wonderful person. Judge Garnett would be an incredible addition to the District Court bench. We are grateful for the opportunity to express our support of Judge Sherilyn Peace Garnett for confirmation to the United States District Court for the Central District of California.* **

Respectfully submitted,

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*All signatories have signed in their personal capacities and no endorsement of their employers is implied.

** Department policies and professional ethics rules prevented certain individuals formerly supervised by Judge Garnett from being able to have their names included as a signatory on this letter.