

November 29, 2021

The Honorable Richard Durbin
Chairman

The Honorable Charles Grassley
Ranking Member

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

Re: Nomination of Dale E. Ho to the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley,

We are 74 of Dale Ho's former students and interns who write to express our enthusiastic support for his nomination to the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York. Each of us has benefited from Dale's teaching and his commitment to public service. As law students and interns, we witnessed first-hand Dale's patience, commitment to listening and engaging with questions, and extensive familiarity with all aspects of federal litigation. We believe that these qualities which made Dale a great teacher and supervisor will also make him an outstanding judge.

While Dale has had a successful career as a civil rights lawyer, he has also taught and mentored the next generation of lawyers. Since 2014, Dale has co-taught the Racial Justice Clinic at NYU School of Law, through which students are paired with a civil rights organization to gain practical litigation experience. And while practicing as a litigator, Dale served as a supervisor to dozens of law student interns, providing us feedback on our writing, building our skills, and helping to springboard our own careers. As a supervisor and teacher, Dale taught us to explore all sides of a question, encouraging us to share diverse viewpoints. Dale also demonstrated his devotion to mentorship and teaching, roleplaying the part of a client during a mock initial client meeting, or opposing counsel during a mock deposition. He was committed to our growth as practitioners – in many cases redoing mock exercises until we had improved, or taking the time to review our intern assignments with him – even as Dale balanced his teaching and supervising responsibilities with the busy docket of a full-time litigator. Dale's support, self-effacement, and thoughtfulness all created a conducive learning and internship environment.

Dale's dedication to his students and interns, moreover, was not limited to the time spent in supervising assignments and helping students hone skills. Whether through meeting with us to discuss our careers or acting as a sounding board for our ideas, Dale continued to engage with his students and interns beyond the end of our semesters and internships. And Dale remains a mentor and role model for many. His strong personal support for the next generation of lawyers is a strong indication of his commitment to the legal profession.

Based on our experiences as his students and interns, we are confident that Dale Ho will make an exemplary federal judge. His intellect, temperament, and dedication to a career of public service in the law impressed us all and will be a great benefit to the litigants and parties, both plaintiffs as well as defendants, who will appear before him in the Southern District of New York.*

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