

Good afternoon members of this distinguished panel. It is a pleasure and a privilege to appear before you today.

My name is Willie J Huntley Jr. I am an attorney located in Mobile, Al. I have been practicing law for over 30 years. I am a solo practitioner, with The Huntley Firm, PC. My law firm is engaged in providing litigation based legal services. My practice consists of criminal and civil litigation. This involves civil rights, personal injury actions and representation of state, municipal and county governmental agencies.

I attended Auburn University in Auburn, Alabama on a football scholarship where I played running back for the Tigers ( War Eagle). I graduated from Auburn University in 1980 with a degree in political science. I graduated from Cumberland School of Law located in Birmingham, Al in 1984. I was admitted to the Alabama Bar in 1984.

In 1984 I served as a law clerk for United States District Court Judge Robert Varner in Montgomery, Al.. Following my clerkship, I started a position as an Assistant District Attorney in Macon County Alabama from 1984-1986. I was responsible for supervising all operations and prosecuting all criminal cases in District and Circuit Court.

From 1987-1991, I served as an Assistant United States Attorney, in the Southern District of Alabama, located in Mobile, Alabama.

I met Jeff Sessions in 1986. My first contact was thru a phone call to my office while I was an assistant district attorney. At the time of the phone call I was aware of the allegations made against Jeff during his bid to obtain a federal judgeship. I recall my secretary came into my office to tell me that Jeff Sessions was on the phone. My first thought was is this a prank call. My second thought was why is Sessions calling

me, I knew I had not committed a crime in Mobile. I answered the call and it was in fact Jeff Sessions. During the conversation, I was asked if I was interested in joining his office in Mobile as an AUSA. I was very interested. During law school I clerked for the US Attorney Office in Birmingham, Al. We made arrangements to have dinner in Montgomery Al.

We met along with our spouses for dinner. The dinner was supposed to last 1 ½ hours, shorter if there was a problem. My wife and I were very aware that Jeff had been labeled as a RACIST. The dinner lasted nearly 3 hours. The 4 of us discussed a variety of topics that included politics, religion, sports, (Auburn in particular) Boy Scouts ( I was a former Boy Scout),law, family, cases I handled as an assistant district attorney and the type cases I would handle as an AUSA.

We specifically discussed the allegation that Jeff called an AUSA “boy”. Jeff very openly explained the allegation and denied that the event ever occurred. During the meeting I became firmly convinced that the man sitting before me was not a RACIST! My then wife and I discussed the matter and we both concluded Jeff was not a racist.

I still had concerns because I was moving my family to Mobile. A place where neither one of us had family or friends. My instincts could be wrong about Jeff and he is a racist and my family could be stuck in a very difficult situation. We made the move.

I was assigned to prosecute general criminal crimes and specifically civil rights violation. Being the person with the least seniority, I was assigned the less popular assignments. The first day Jeff assigned me the task of writing a brief in a criminal appeal. The brief was due within 10 days. Jeff wanted the draft of the brief several days ahead of the due date for

his review and to insure the brief was timely filed. I met the deadline. Jeff returned the draft after his review. When I looked at the draft there was a capital A written in red ink at the top of the first page followed by the initials JBS. I didn't know I was going to receive a grade.

My first jury trial was a felon in possession of a firearm. Jeff assigned a veteran AUSA to help me prepare for trial. Jeff also offered advice on jury selection and trial tactics.

While overseeing civil rights cases, several cases were brought by the Justice Department Civil Rights Division involving indictments of excessive use of force by police officers. Jeff fully supported these prosecutions. One such case involved the prosecution of a Selma Al police officer that was the son of then Mayor of Selma.

During my tenure as an AUSA Jeff was always available for advice and counsel on professional and personal matters. Jeff maintained an open door policy and had time for everyone in the office, even while he served on the Attorney General Advisory Committee. There were occasions when Jeff did not know I was listening or I was present and I never heard or felt that he was racially insensitive.

My second child, Ashley, was born in the early morning hours following 12 hours of labor. While I was sitting in the room around 7 am half asleep, there was a knock on the door. I was expecting a nurse to open the door. The early morning visitor was Jeff Sessions. I was very surprised to see Jeff. We discussed the birth, he checked on my wife and daughter and made sure everyone was okay, he wasn't worried very much about me. The visit lasted about 30 minutes. Jeff has visited in my home many times, attended my family functions. My family has

visited in his and Mary's home. He knows all my family members including my 82 year old mother.

In 1991, I made the difficult decision to leave the best job I ever held. I received an offer to enter private practice with a law firm that specialized in asbestos personal injury defense litigation. Jeff tried everything in his power to convince me to stay. This departure would not end our relationship.

After Jeff was elected Attorney General, I joined his transition team. Jeff later assigned me to represent the State of Alabama in ongoing civil litigation as a Special Assistant Attorney General. This assignment involved the defense of a statewide race discrimination case against the State of Alabama. The case involved several hundred state employees. I also handled condemnation cases.

During Jeff's tenure as Alabama Attorney General, he was charged with violating the State Ethics Act involving arising from a criminal investigation connected with a company called Tieco. Jeff could have retained any lawyer to defend the Ethics charges. However, Jeff selected my Firm to defend the charges. Following a 9 hour hearing, the charges were determined to be unfounded and dismissed. Jeff was then able to successfully win a US Senate seat.

In closing I would like to thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today. Jeff Sessions is the perfect choice for Attorney General. The man you witnessed testify yesterday is the man I have known for over 30 years. The man you saw testify yesterday is the man that has never displayed to me over 30 years any racial insensitivity. The man you saw testify yesterday I entrusted with my oldest son, Buddy, currently practicing law in Atlanta, Ga.. I would have never allowed my son to

work in Washington DC as an intern for a man I thought was a racist. I sent my oldest child to Jeff because he would take care of him and treat him the same way Jeff treated me. I wouldn't hesitate to send my youngest child, Alexis to work for Jeff. I believe Jeff Sessions as Attorney General of the United States and head of the Department of Justice, understands and respects the power and responsibility that goes hand in hand with the position. Jeff Sessions will enforce and follow the laws of the United States evenhandedly, equally and with justice for all. Jeff sessions will adhere to the Justice department motto "Qui Pro Domina Justitia Sequitur" translated from Latin means for "Who prosecutes on behalf of justice (or the Lady Justice" Jeff Sessions will protect and defend the rights of all people.