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The Honorable Richard Durbin
Chairman
Senate Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Lindsey Graham
Ranking Member
Senate Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
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Re: Darrel J. Papillion, Candidate for Article III Nomination/
Eastern District of Louisiana

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Graham:

I currently serve as an Associate Justice of the Louisiana Supreme Court and previously served for 24 years as a Louisiana state district court judge in Caddo Parish. For five years, I have served as an adjunct faculty member of Tulane Law School, teaching courses in appellate advocacy and advanced legal ethics, and for the past 30 years I have regularly taught continuing legal education courses for lawyers and judges. Finally, I am a Republican and a conservative jurist. It is through this lens of judge and teacher that I write to recommend Darrel J. Papillion for your consideration as a judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana.

As reflected by his curriculum vitae, Darrel is academically accomplished, having achieved multiple scholarly recognitions during his undergraduate studies at Louisiana State University and his time at Paul M. Hebert Law Center, Louisiana State University. However, the level of passion for the law that Darrel has demonstrated since his formal education is truly remarkable. Not only has Darrel excelled in the practice of law, his two-decade experience as an adjunct

professor of law has made an impression on many a student. In fact, one of my sons, also a graduate of LSU Law Center, enrolled in Darrel's Advanced Appellate Advocacy course. When I inquired with my son about Darrel during the drafting of this recommendation, he remarked that Darrel was one of the best – and most memorable – instructors of his law school experience. Such an accolade from my son is a rarity!

In addition to his dedication to educating law students, Darrel has been a consistent contributor and instructor for many continuing legal education seminars for lawyers each year. The legal community has also benefitted greatly from Darrel's scholarship through his numerous published works and his passionate service as officers in both the State and his local Bar Associations. His tremendous reputation is unmatched in our community; he is a leader and role model for many.

Outside of the law, Darrel's community and civic service, especially with the Rotary Club, is likewise noteworthy. Even with his incredible workload, Darrel prioritizes quality time with family, which I can personally note is paramount in the balance of a judicial candidate.

I can confidently say that Darrel Papillion's impeccable credentials and accomplishments qualify him for service in the federal judiciary. He is an extremely worthy candidate for the federal bench and I recommend him without hesitation. I appreciate your consideration of my thoughts on Darrel, as I hold him in the highest regard. Please contact me at scrichton@lasc.org or scott@justicecrichton.com or my cell phone (318)510-8000 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Scott J. Crichton