

February 7, 2022

Senator Richard Durbin, Chair
Senate Committee on the Judiciary
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Senator Charles Grassley, Ranking Member
Senate Committee on the Judiciary
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

**Re: Recommendation for Tiffany Cartwright
Nominee to the U.S. District Court (W.D. Washington)**

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley,

I am writing in fervent support of Tiffany Cartwright's nomination to be a district judge on the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington. She is an extraordinary person, and she is extremely talented. If confirmed, she will be an outstanding judge.

I am a professor at Stanford Law School, where I have taught for over sixteen years. I first met Tiffany in 2007, when she was a first-year student in law school. I have long served as a mentor in the school's public interest program, and Tiffany was one of a few students in my group that year. I later taught Tiffany in the Supreme Court Litigation Clinic that I co-direct. (My co-director is Pam Karlan, currently on leave from Stanford, serving as Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General in the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice.)

In a word, Tiffany was a superstar in law school and in our clinic. During her first year, she earned a "book award" for legal writing during, while earning stellar grades in her substantive classes as well. As an upper-class student, she continued to garner prizes and other top marks. This performance included what I understand was the top grade in Constitutional Litigation (one of the law school's most highly enrolled and challenging courses) by such a large margin that the professor had to go back and double-check the math. Sure enough, Tiffany's exam was indeed that good. I also had the pleasure of supervising Tiffany's work in the Supreme Court Litigation Clinic, where she researched and wrote briefs displaying a grasp of the law that was far beyond her years.

Since her graduation from Stanford, I have kept up with Tiffany, partly because of our shared roots in Washington State and partly because she was simply one of my favorite students. She is unfailingly humble, kind, and giving of her time to others. Everyone likes and deeply respects her. She is also incredibly smart. I think Tiffany will be the rare judge who combines total command of the courtroom with an ability to put lawyers and clients at ease, knowing they are being treated with the utmost fairness and attention to detail.

As someone who was a transplant to Seattle, I will add that the fact that Tiffany grew up in various communities within the district – and that she has family going back generations in the area – seems to me a huge plus as well. Every region of the country has its own unique history, and I was often ignorant while practicing in the region of important local customs and cultural history. The fact that Tiffany has such deep lived experiences in the area will also make her a tremendous asset to the bench. It will also ensure that she is sensitive to the special needs of local communities – from low-income rural communities to fast-evolving commercial centers in Seattle.

I very much hope you will give Tiffany Cartwright your most careful consideration. Please do not hesitate to let me know if I can be of any further help. You can reach me at (650) 724-7081 or jlfisher@law.stanford.edu.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'J. Fisher', written in a cursive style.

Jeffrey L. Fisher