

United States Court of Appeals  
Fifth Circuit

Edith Brown Clement  
Circuit Judge

June 14, 2017

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New Orleans, Louisiana 70130  
504-310-8068

Mr. Brett Talley  
Deputy Assistant Attorney General  
Office of Legal Policy  
U.S. Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Room 4245  
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Mr. Talley,

Leonard Leo has forwarded to you the name of (b) (6) to be considered for a seat on the Eastern District of Virginia. I write to recommend (b) (6) for the seat without reservation.

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However, as talented a lawyer as (b) (6) may be, I would not recommend (b) (6) to you if I didn't believe that (b) (6) is fundamentally sound on the central issues of judicial restraint, fidelity to Constitutional text and clearly expressed statutory intent, and adherence to federalism and the rule of law. Simply put (b) (6) is. (b) (6)

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I was a district court judge for a decade before being appointed to the Fifth Circuit, and I know what the job entails. A good district court judge exhibits decision, tempered with flexibility; matches intelligence with practical savvy; and adheres to principle while exercising compassion. (b) (6) has all the traits needed to excel in this toughest of jobs in the federal judiciary. (b) (6) will be an excellent district court judge, and a real credit to this Administration and to the bench. I cannot recommend (b) (6) to you more highly.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  


cc: Hon. Jefferson B. Session ✓  
Attorney General  
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
REPRESENTATIVE PATRICIA L. MORGAN, District 26  
Minority Leader

January 27, 2019

Dear President Trump,

I write to ask that you consider (b) (6) for the vacancy in the US District Court for the District of Rhode Island.

I have known (b) (6) for 20 years. (b) (6) (b) (6) (b) (6) has stepped up time and time again to promote and fight for Republican principles.

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(b) (6) would become a judge that you would be proud to claim. (b) (6) is scholarly, insightful, has a good judicial temperament and believes in our Constitution and conservative principles.

I know that you put forward the name of Mary McElroy at the insistence of Senators Jack Reed and Sheldon Whitehouse. I beg you not to go forward with that nomination. Those two Democrat Senators are not your friends. They seize every opportunity to malign you and all that we believe in. They have bet their political careers on opposing you. They will continue.

But more importantly, this is an opportunity to reward those Republicans in Rhode Island who continue to fight for you and our commonsense conservative principles in the face of overwhelming Democrat majorities. We are here. We fight every day and will not stop. (b) (6) is one of us. This is the time to show everyone that that struggle and sacrifice is sometimes rewarded. That our hard work and determination are valued. Democrats should not receive the spoils when we have a Republican President. Nominating (b) (6), (b) (6)

(b) (6), will send a much-needed message of hope and reward to all of us who work for our values and you.

It is my understanding that (b) (6) has already met with your Department of Justice team. I am also aware that the Heritage Foundation recommended (b) (6) to you. If I can be of any help in moving (b) (6) nomination forward, please contact me. I will do all I can.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Patricia Morgan  
Former RI House Minority Leader

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