

January 28, 2022

The Honorable Richard J. Durbin  
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Chuck E. Grassley  
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
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Re: Letter in support of Nancy Abudu, nominee for United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

We write to you and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee in support of President Joe Biden's nomination of Nancy Abudu to serve as a Circuit Court Judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit. We are law professors writing in our individual capacities from across the political spectrum at a variety of well-respected academic institutions across the country, including Ms. Abudu's alma mater, Tulane Law School.

We are charged with preparing the next generation of legal practitioners to do honor to the profession. We teach them to provide zealous advocacy to their clients, comply with the rules of professional conduct, and serve their communities as members of the bar—all with intellectual rigor and the utmost of integrity. Ms. Abudu's exemplary career as an attorney is a shining example to our students and she is exceptionally well-qualified to serve on the bench.

Ms. Abudu's record as a federal court litigator with a sophisticated understanding of the law and its interplay with people's lives speaks for itself. We, the undersigned, have not always agreed with every case that Ms. Abudu has litigated, but we observe that she has comported herself with the same dignity she accords her clients—and that those clients come from a variety of walks of life.

The legal profession is a service profession. It exists to provide access to the justice system for those without law degrees, whether they be Fortune 500 CEOs or someone living without a house, and whether the claim has to do with millions of dollars or the potential for physical incarceration. The stakes for those whose cases are before the court are never low and the

judges in our system—particularly those at the circuit court level to which Ms. Abudu has been nominated—carry the weight of ensuring every person’s claim is heard with an open mind.

We have no doubt that Ms. Abudu will continue to be an exemplary member of the profession and role model for our students. We support her nomination without reservation, and we urge the Senate Judiciary Committee to advance her nomination to the full Senate.

Sincerely,

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