

**Introductory Remarks for the Record
Senator Maria Cantwell
Senate Judiciary Committee Nominations Hearing
September 21, 2022**

Nominee: Jamal Whitehead for Federal District Court Vacancies in the Western District of Washington

Chair Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley, it is a privilege to be here to introduce Jamal Whitehead, an outstanding nominee for the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington, out of committee.

I nominated Mr. Whitehead to the President's White House Counsel Office because he has demonstrated impartiality and an allegiance to the rule of law throughout his impressive career.

Mr. Whitehead has spent his entire career in the Western District, making him uniquely knowledgeable of the district in which he will be serving if appointed.

He is a graduate of the University of Washington and went on to earn his J.D. from Seattle University School of Law in 2007, both located in the Western District.

Prior to his current position in private practice in Seattle, Mr. Whitehead spent two years as Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Western District of Washington's U.S. Attorney Office where he focused on employment law and civil lawsuits. Mr. Whitehead also spent four years as a federal prosecutor for the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission where he enforced federal laws against employment discrimination.

Beyond his legal experience in the Western District, Mr. Whitehead is deeply involved in his community. He serves on the Executive Committee for the ACLU of Washington, as well as the board of Amara, a child welfare organization in the Seattle and Tacoma area dedicated to meeting the needs of children and families who have been impacted by foster care. Mr. Whitehead has also served on the Board of the Judicial Institute, which is dedicated to diversifying the State of Washington's judiciary through outreach and education.

As my colleagues on the Committee can see, Jamal Whitehead is well prepared to serve on the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington.

I urge the Senate Judiciary Committee to support this important nomination. Thank you.