

March 16, 2023

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**RE: Support of Magistrate Judge S. Kato Crews to US District Court (CO) opening**

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Graham:

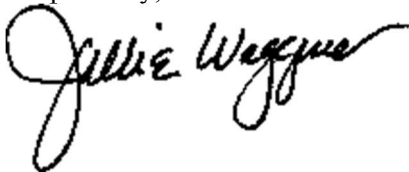
I write to you on my own behalf (and have been authorized by each of the Colorado attorneys named below) to state that I speak for them as well, in supporting the nomination of Honorable S. Kato Crews, U.S. Magistrate Judge for the District of Colorado, to fill a current vacancy as an Article III U.S. District Court Judge for the District of Colorado.

Judge Crews is eminently qualified to fill this position. Admitted to the Colorado Bar in 2000, Judge Crews is a graduate of the University of Arizona Law (2000), JD, and University of Northern Colorado (Greeley) (1993-1997) BA. He first worked for the US National Labor Relations Board (1 year), then spent 9 years at Rothgerber Johnson & Lyons LLP (now Lewis Roca Rothgerber Christie, LLP), including as partner. Following several years of other small firm experience, he became partner at Hoffman Crews Nies Waggener & Foster LLP (now Hoffman Nies Dave & Meyer) for five years until July 2018, when he was appointed US District Court Magistrate Judge, his current post.

Judge Crews has served on the Boards of University of Northern Colorado (Board of Trustees); CLE of Colorado; and COLTAF (including as Chair). He was selected as a member of the first class of the prestigious COBALT (Colorado Bar Association Leadership Training Program) in 2007. He also has served on various other non-profit boards including Colorado Humanities and Urban League of Pikes Peak (including as President). He was selected as a Rising Star and then a Super Lawyer (Employment & Labor Law and Business Litigation) by Colorado Super Lawyers Magazine from 2009 through his appointment to the bench in 2018.

Judge Crews' professional accomplishments including his nearly five years of service as a United States Magistrate speak loudly of his qualifications, to which those of us who both have known and worked with Judge Crews during his legal career can add our view of him as a very careful, thoughtful, humble, fair, dedicated, even-tempered and committed lawyer, community leader, public servant and citizen. And at the heart of it all he a good human being. Judge Crews also brings more racial diversity to the bench, as the only African American Federal Magistrate judge in Colorado. If appointed, he would be the second sitting African American on the Federal District Court Bench. We all request that you give Judge Crews your favorable consideration for this position.

Respectfully,



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(for myself and on behalf of all of the attorneys named below, see page 2)

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**We Colorado attorneys named below enthusiastically endorse and support nomination of Honorable S. Kato Crews, U.S. Magistrate Judge, as a United States District Court Judge for the District of Colorado:**

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