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The Honorable Dick Durbin
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The Honorable Chuck Grassley
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Re: John Frank Murphy, Judicial Nominee to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

Since John Frank Murphy first entered the private practice of law, he has demonstrated a knowledge of the law beyond his years, a keen interest in understanding the underpinnings of that law, and an unmatched talent and outright enthusiasm for communicating both the law and its underpinnings in concise, clear, and understandable terms. In sum, he is a student as well as a respected practitioner of the law. And it is, in part, for this reason that we, the undersigned current and former colleagues of Mr. Murphy, strongly support his confirmation to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. Among us are Mr. Murphy's clients, Fellows of the American College of Trial Lawyers, general counsels, adjunct professors at Philadelphia-area law schools, law-firm managing partners, past presidents of the Philadelphia Intellectual Property Law Association, mediators, arbitrators, special masters, and former mentors to and mentees of Mr. Murphy. We know his skills, knowledge, and judgment and therefore endorse and encourage his confirmation to the judiciary. Parties who will come before him will be in amply-capable hands – hands that will first properly interpret and understand law before applying it to facts – where justice and fairness will prevail.

Mr. Murphy started his career at a sprint, graduating *summa cum laude* from Cornell University with a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering, earning a doctorate in Chemical Engineering from the California Institute of Technology, and then graduating *cum laude* from Harvard Law School where he was Editor-in-Chief of the *Harvard Journal of Law & Technology*. Upon completion of a clerkship at the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, he continued in private practice where, over the course of fifteen years, we have come to not only know and respect Mr. Murphy but to learn from him.

Mr. Murphy quickly surmounted the challenge of understanding intellectual property law, one of the most complicated legal and factual areas of practice. And despite the rigors of private practice in high-stakes patent litigation – and the time and energy such a career exacts – Mr. Murphy not only co-authored the fourth and fifth editions of the West Academic Publishing casebook, *Patent Litigation and Strategy*, but also taught a course in patent litigation at Rutgers Law School where he has been an adjunct professor since 2014. While his private-practice career has centered on intellectual property law, Mr. Murphy’s keen intellect and curiosity, his sense of fairness, and his drive for justice have led him to *pro bono* representations in veterans’ rights and prisoner civil rights cases. These same attributes will well serve all parties who come before him on the bench.

As evidenced by the number of signatories to this letter, Mr. Murphy’s success also lies in his devotion to his colleagues and clients, his loyalty, his sense of justice, and his enthusiasm for helping others. Mr. Murphy loves the law not as an end but as a means – a means for solving problems. And we know Mr. Murphy – through his hectic life in private practice, as a devoted husband and father, as an adjunct professor, and as an author – to be an inexhaustible and indefatigable problem solver. It is for this reason as well that we encourage his speedy confirmation.

Parties bring problems to the court, and the sooner Mr. Murphy is in a position to solve those problems through application of the law and practical common sense, the better off those parties, our system, and this Republic will be.

Sincerely,

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