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The Honorable Charles E. Schumer  
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The Honorable Richard J. Durbin  
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The Honorable Charles E. Grassley  
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Re: Confirmation of the Honorable Tomika Montgomery-Reeves to the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

Dear Majority Leader Schumer, Minority Leader McConnell, Chair Durbin, and Ranking Member Grassley:

On behalf of the Delaware Barristers Association, I write to recommend the confirmation of the Honorable Tamika Montgomery-Reeves to a seat on the Third Circuit Court of Appeals.

In 1993, a group of innovative lawyers created the Delaware Barristers Association as the local affiliate of the National Bar Association. The Delaware Barristers promote professional and social interaction among the members of the Delaware legal community and strive to uphold and extend the principles of justice in every phase of American life to the end that no person shall be discriminated against by reason of his or her color, race, sex, religious beliefs or national origin. The Barristers' Executive Board determines and communicates the official position of the Delaware Barristers Association on various issues.

We are proud that Justice Montgomery-Reeves calls Delaware home and is a member of the Delaware Bar. She is a trailblazer, and her career exemplifies the spirit of the Barristers.

After graduating *magna cum laude* from the University of Mississippi and the University of Georgia Law School, Justice Montgomery-Reeves arrived in Delaware in 2006 as a clerk on our esteemed Court of Chancery. Former Chancellor William B. Chandler III identified Justice Montgomery-Reeves as a rising star and soon, the State took note. After a successful career in

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the private sector, obtaining partnership at Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, Justice Montgomery-Reeves accepted the call to public service.

In 2015, then Delaware Governor Jack Markell appointed Justice Montgomery-Reeves to the Court of Chancery, the first jurist of the African diaspora to serve on that court. In 2019, Governor John Carney elevated her to the Delaware Supreme Court, again the first of her race and ethnicity to hold a seat. At every level, Justice Montgomery-Reeves' opinions demonstrate a thorough knowledge of the law, detailed analysis of the facts, and a strong ability to apply precedent to contemporary legal challenges.

In sum, Justice Montgomery-Reeves is, in our opinion, an ideal candidate for the Third Circuit Court of Appeals. We will ultimately miss the wise counsel of Judge Thomas Ambro, but Justice Montgomery-Reeves is the ideal appointee to replace him.

Please accept this letter as our enthusiastic endorsement of the nomination of Tamika Montgomery-Reeves to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

Sincerely,

Darryl A. Parson, Esq.  
President  
Delaware Barristers Association