

**Senator Marco Rubio Statement for the Record
United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary
Nominations Hearing
February 12, 2020**

John L. Badalamenti to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida

Chairman Graham, Ranking Member Feinstein, and Members of the Committee:

Regretfully, due to a scheduling conflict, I am unable to attend today's nominations hearing to introduce a highly qualified judicial nominee from my home state of Florida – Judge John L. Badalamenti. Judge Badalamenti has been nominated to serve as a United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida. I commend and support his nomination and the committee's work toward Senate confirmation of Judge Badalamenti.

Judge Badalamenti is a long-time resident of Florida and has served as Judge for Florida's Second District Court of Appeal since 2015. He earned three degrees from the University of Florida: a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminology and Law; a Master of Arts degree in Sociology, specializing in Criminology and Law; and a Juris Doctor degree. Judge Badalamenti has extensive experience in the courtroom. As Judge for Florida's Second District Court of Appeal, he has adjudicated over 3,500 civil and criminal appeals and presided over 315 oral arguments. Prior to his service as a judge, he spent nine years as an Assistant Federal Defender in the Federal Defender's Office for the Middle District of Florida, where he tried cases to verdict in federal jury and bench trials.

I thank the committee for its work on Judge Badalamenti's nomination and believe that the committee will find him to be highly qualified to serve in this very important capacity.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this statement in support of Judge Badalamenti's nomination and confirmation.