

**Prepared Statement by Senator Chuck Grassley of Iowa
Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee
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Good morning. I want to welcome everyone to the third nominations hearing this year.

Today we will hear from two nominees to the federal bench: Kara Stoll nominated to be a Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit and Roseann Ketchmark nominated to be a District Judge for the Western District of Missouri.

Ms. Stoll is nominated to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit. She's currently a partner in the Washington D.C. office of Finnegan, one of the world's largest Intellectual Property firms.

Ms. Stoll graduated from Michigan State University in 1991 with a degree in electrical engineering. She worked as a patent examiner in the United States Patent and Trademark Office for 6 years.

In 1997, Ms. Stoll graduated from Georgetown University Law Center. After graduation, she clerked on the Federal Circuit for Judge Schall. Ms. Stoll joined Finnegan in 1998 as an associate and made partner in 2006. Her legal career has focused on the area of patent litigation. In addition to her patent litigation practice, she often appears on panels and gives lectures addressing recent developments in intellectual property law.

In 2013, she was named a Washington D.C. "Super Lawyer" in Intellectual Property Litigation. Ms. Stoll has also taught courses on Federal Circuit Practice and Procedure and Patent Law and Public Policy at Howard University School of Law and George Mason University School of Law.