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Re: *Nomination of John D. Russell to the United States District Court for the United States District Judge for the Northern District of Oklahoma*

Dear Chair Durbin and Ranking Member Graham:

I am pleased to write and offer my full support for the nomination of John D. Russell to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Oklahoma. He will be a welcome addition to the bench in our venue.

I have been practicing law for 28 years and have known John in a professional capacity for at least half that time. I have consulted with him on cases and even referred two of my clients to him who had been the subject of an investigation by the Oklahoma Securities Commission. I had a front row seat to watch how John handled those matters. He was always well prepared, was able to offer excellent advice to the clients, and he had the knack for engaging the Commission with professionalism and competency, but without appearing obnoxious or petulant. I have never

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known John to appear angry, short-tempered, or distressed. He is endowed with ideal judicial temperament. I recently got to know him and his wife much better as he was inducted as a Fellow into the American College of Trial Lawyers in San Diego. My wife and I spent considerable time with them. They are as humble as they are intelligent, and John's wife is fully supportive of his practice and aspirations.

In addition to my own personal comments about him, I can assure you his reputation in the greater Tulsa area legal community and particularly with the local federal bench is impeccable. I am Chairman of our firm's Litigation and Trial Practice Group in our Tulsa office and have served the Northern District of Oklahoma court in many capacities, as a current Adjunct Settlement Conference Judge, as a member of the Local Rules Committee, and as a past member of the Admissions and Grievances Committee. Within those connections and my own practice in federal court, I have become familiar with how well-regarded John is among our local judiciary. My observation is the local bench highly values his service.

I heard someone once refer to John as a true "Lawyer's lawyer". I could see that. When I think of the many potential candidates who could have been put forward, John Russell would be top of my list for this role. I believe you have an outstanding candidate before you. He would serve the people of Oklahoma and all litigants appearing in this venue with exactly the judicial excellence you want for this role. I am happy to be of further service if need be.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "J. Christopher Davis". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

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For the Firm

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