

May 1, 2024

The Honorable Richard J. Durbin, Chair
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
711 Hart Senate Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Lindsey Graham, Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
211 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chair Durbin and Ranking Member Graham,

We write in strong support of Brian Murphy's nomination to serve as District Judge on the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts.

Each of us has served as President of the Massachusetts Chapter of the Federal Bar Association, a position that Brian currently holds. The Federal Bar Association (FBA), founded in 1920, is dedicated to the advancement of the science of jurisprudence and to promoting the welfare, interests, education, and professional development of all attorneys involved in federal law. Our members run the gamut of federal practice: attorneys practicing in small to large legal firms, attorneys in corporations and federal agencies, and members of the judiciary. The FBA is the catalyst for communication between the bar and the bench, as well as the private and public sectors. The FBA is non-partisan in its policies and relationships with lawmakers and other officials.

We all know Brian through our membership and joint work in leadership of our FBA chapter. Brian's reputation for professional competence is stellar, as is his integrity and anticipated judicial temperament.

Through his service as a member of the Chapter's Board of Directors, and as its Treasurer, Vice-President, President-Elect, and President, Brian has shown a true commitment to strengthening the bar and its connection to the bench. He has led programming that showed both interest and experience in the law. Specifically, during his year as President-Elect, Brian ran the chapter's "Breakfast with the Bench" program. During each of approximately eight sessions, Brian led a round-table discussion with a member of the Court covering issues of civil and criminal law, courtroom experience, and advice for practitioners. In his questioning and discussions with judges, Brian demonstrated a commitment to the rule of law and genuine care for litigants, understanding the difficulty that is involved in appearing in court as a party. We have no doubt that Brian will continue to exhibit this empathy as a judge.

We have also seen Brian lead the chapter this year. He was always professional, even tempered, kind, and insightful. He acknowledged when he needed help and led with vision and foresight.

For these reasons, we applaud Brian's nomination, and hope the Senate will promptly confirm him.

Sincerely,

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Massachusetts FBA President, October 2022-September 2023

Stephen I. Hansen
Massachusetts FBA President, October 2021-September 2022

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