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George W. Crawford Black Bar Association

June 5, 2023

The Honorable Richard J. Durbin Chairman,
Committee on the Judiciary United States Senate
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Lindsey Graham Ranking Member,
Committee on the Judiciary United States Senate
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

*Re: Letter of Support for the Nomination of Hon. Judge Vernon D.
Oliver to be United States District Judge of the District of
Connecticut*

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Graham:

The George W. Crawford Black Bar Association ("Crawford") submits this letter in support of The Honorable Vernon D. Oliver's judicial nomination to be United States District Judge of the District of Connecticut. As set forth more fully below, Crawford submits that Judge Oliver has excelled as a Superior Court Judge and would serve with distinction as a Judge of the District Court.

Judge Oliver has served as a Superior Court Judge for approximately fourteen years, presiding over both civil and criminal matters. His experience as a trial judge, administrative judge, and a presiding judge make him the best choice for the District Court. His work throughout various locations in Connecticut has given him experience with the many diverse populations in this state.

He also continues to serve the legal community with activities outside the courtroom. He is the Chair of the Wiretap Panel, serves on the Connecticut Sentencing Commission, and the Committee on Judicial Ethics. Judge Oliver also presents on Juvenile and Criminal Law to colleagues at the Connecticut Judges' Institute and has testified on Habeas Corpus reform.

Prior to his appointment to the bench, he worked as an Assistant Attorney General with the Connecticut Office of the Attorney General. He worked as a Connecticut state prosecutor with the State of Connecticut Division of Criminal Justice at the Office of the Chief State's Attorney. Judge Oliver also practiced with Monstream & May LLP.

He is well regarded in the legal community as a wonderful person and a fair judge. For all attorneys, Judge Oliver is the mentor and advisor to know. He is inquisitive, the steady calm, and is the quintessential of judicial temperament. Within judicial proceeding, Judge Oliver is well known for listening to parties, not being quick to judge, and being compassionate. He is the Jurist people in proceedings want on their case. He commands the respect of the courtroom and knows how to move cases. His rulings are clear and fair. Those who appear before him come out knowing they have been heard. His decisions are well reasoned and thoughtful. Put simply, he is a phenomenal judge.

Crawford believes that Judge Oliver's experience and wisdom will make him an asset to the U.S. District Court. He is held in the highest regards. I thank you for your consideration of Judge Vernon D. Oliver and your service on the committee.

Sincerely,

/s/ Aza G. Mosley

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