

Jeff Westerman
6420 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1080
Los Angeles California, 90048
213-505-3090
Jeff.westerman@zimmreed.com

To the United States Senate Judiciary Committee:

This letter is to strongly recommend, without reservation, nominee the Hon. Michelle Williams Court, for a seat on the United State District Court for the Central District of California.

I have known Judge Court for approximately 30 years, including as a co-worker about 25 years ago. She has the requisite intellect to perform the duties of a District Judge with distinction. She consistently generates confidence in her abilities from those around her. This is demonstrated by her career path.

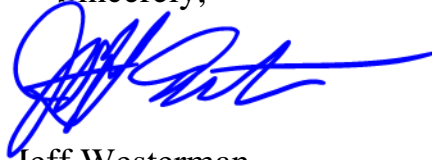
She served as the Vice President and General Counsel for many years of a large public service organization. More recently, as a judicial officer on the Los Angeles Superior Court-possibly the largest trial court in the world- she gained the confidence of several Presiding Judges who appointed her to different roles at the Court. This demonstrated a great deal of respect for her intellect and people skills. She currently serves as the Supervising Judge of the Civil Courts, and but for her nomination to the Federal bench, was viewed as a strong, well-regarded candidate to ascend to the Presiding Judge position. She also has strong relationships with the Bar and has had a great deal of interaction with the local attorney organizations as the point person for bringing on technological improvements at the Court and currently for Supervising Judge of the Civil Courts. All of this is in addition to the respect for her strong performance as a judge handling cases responsibly in the normal course of her duties.

Just as significantly, Judge Court is one of the most considerate, even tempered, and unflappable people you will ever meet.

Over the years, I have seen Judge Court in numerous public and private conversations. She is always a good listener, thoughtful, and calm. She has the best judicial temperament that any nominee or sitting judge could have.

Judge Court is an excellent candidate for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Jeff Westerman

- Past President, Federal Bar Association, Los Angeles Chapter
- Past Chair, Attorney Discipline Committee, U.S. Central District of California
- Past President, Association of Business Trial Lawyers
- Current Member of the Executive Committee, Los Angeles County Bar Association