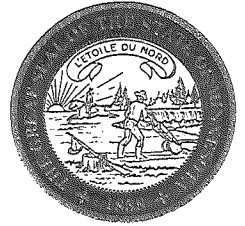


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MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA 55487-0422

August 21, 2023

The Honorable Richard Durbin
Chair
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Lindsey Graham
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
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Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Graham:

I am writing to express my strong support of the nomination of Judge Jeffrey Bryan to serve as a United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota. I have known Judge Bryan for over twenty years, most significantly when I worked with him on large cases at the U.S. Attorney's Office in Minnesota. Having known Judge Bryan as a mentor, colleague, and friend, I know Judge Bryan is an outstanding person with the intellect and character to be an excellent United States District Judge.

I was an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of Minnesota for over ten years before my appointment as a Hennepin County Judge. During my tenure at the U.S. Attorney's Office, I was fortunate to work on several of the most significant cases in the District of Minnesota. For example, I prosecuted both domestic and international terrorism cases and I was one of the prosecutors who helped recover the remains of Jacob Wetterling, who was missing for 27-years, and prosecute his murderer. Having appeared before United States District Judges nearly every week for ten years on a variety of difficult cases, I am acutely aware of the work they do, and I know Judge Bryan has the exact experience necessary to perform the tremendous responsibilities of a United States District Judge.

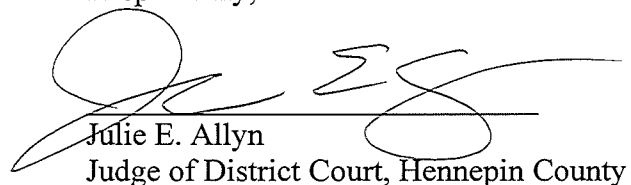
When I first started at the U.S. Attorney's office, I was fortunate to have Judge Bryan as a mentor when I was his co-counsel on a massive prosecution involving a methamphetamine-trafficking organization spanning several years, involving six states, and eight federal districts. Judge Bryan worked closely with the Drug Enforcement Agency and the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal

Apprehension to prepare over 60 search warrants resulting in seizures of over 9,000 grams of methamphetamine, (which was 192 times over the threshold for a 10-year mandatory minimum sentence). Judge Bryan then expertly led the prosecution by managing a staggering amount of discovery and several grand jury proceedings, ultimately resulting in charges against more than 60 defendants in the District of Minnesota, not to mention charges in other states such as Arizona and California. Judge Bryan skillfully juggled the multiple plea negotiations and tenaciously sought significant but fair sentences for the numerous defendants. Although I had previous trial experience, I had no prior familiarity with Drug Trafficking Operations. Judge Bryan was an excellent partner and teacher to me throughout the case. I watched Judge Bryan navigate the complex drug hierarchies involved and amass incontrovertible evidence to topple the drug organization. Judge Bryan was able to do so because he is incredibly hard working and innately intelligent with an ability to navigate complex facts and legal material. Throughout the case I witnessed Judge Bryan's excellent judgement as he was fair-minded but firm at every stage and with each defendant.

When I wanted to become a judge, I immediately sought out Judge Bryan for advice. I did so because I knew Judge Bryan had an excellent reputation as a fair and neutral judge; a prosecutor who seamlessly made the transition from advocate to impartial judge. Judge Bryan was able to make this transition because he is not seeking to create new law, but he understands and respects legal precedent. I also reached out to Judge Bryan because having the pleasure to know him personally, I know Judge Bryan to be a considerate and thoughtful person with a deep commitment to the law.

Judge Bryan has the experience, work-ethic, and temperament to be an excellent United States District Judge. I am honored to recommend Judge Jeffrey Bryan and I do so without hesitation or reservation.

Respectfully,



Julie E. Allyn
Judge of District Court, Hennepin County