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## Via Email

The Honorable Richard J. Durbin  
Chairman  
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United States Senate  
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The Honorable Lindsey O. Graham  
Ranking Member  
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### **Re: Endorsement of the Honorable Judge Julia Munley, Nominee for District Judge on the United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania**

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Graham:

It is a distinct honor and privilege as President of the Lackawanna Bar Association to submit this letter in strong and enthusiastic support of Judge Julia Munley's nomination and confirmation for the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania.

Judge Munley served as a law clerk to the Honorable Stephen McEwen, Jr. of the Pennsylvania Superior Court. In private practice as a trial attorney she was certified in civil trial and pre-trial advocacy by the National Board of Trial Advocacy, and had the highest, preeminent peer-review rating with Martindale-Hubbell – an AV Rated Attorney.

Judge Munley was a Fellow with the trial lawyer honorary society of the Litigation Counsel of America, an invitation-only society representing less than one-half of one percent of American lawyers selected after evaluation for effectiveness and accomplishment in litigation, along with ethical reputation.

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Judge Munley has been recognized by Trial Lawyers Care and the Association of Trial Lawyers of America, Boston, Massachusetts, for her commitment in successfully representing, *pro bono*, a victim of the World Trade Center disaster before the September 11<sup>th</sup> Compensation Fund.

In the community, Judge Munley served as president and currently is a member of the Board of Directors of St. Francis of Assisi Kitchen, and served as chair and was a member of the Board of Directors of Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority. Judge Munley also served as a member of the Board of Trustees of Lackawanna College and of the Board of Directors of Goodwill Industries. She is past president of The Association of Women Lawyers of Lackawanna County.

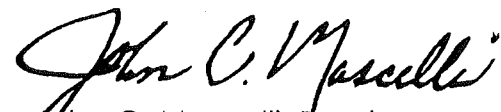
Thus, Judge Munley is the perfect nominee. A person of high moral character, she has a reputation in the legal community, forged from years of practice as a private attorney, and in sitting as a Judge for the Lackawanna County Court of Common Pleas, for being honest, intelligent, legally astute and hardworking all the while being down to earth and approachable.

Her skill sets include a professional demeanor balanced with a temperament of treating all parties who appear in her courtroom, non-lawyers and lawyers alike, with respect. Judge Munley creates a level playing field by consistently demonstrating a willingness to listen and weigh both sides of an argument before objectively applying the law. Plus, these exemplary qualifications are further enhanced by her unwavering commitment to fairness, impartiality, and equal justice for all.

To summarize, Judge Munley has earned the highest grades possible for professionalism, legal acumen and ethical standards. I know she has all the qualities to make for an excellent federal judge, she will be an outstanding addition to the federal bench.

Thus, I am proud as the President of the Lackawanna Bar Association to support her nomination and urge a swift confirmation.

Very truly yours,



John C. Mascelli, Esquire  
President, Lackawanna Bar Association