

July 25, 2023

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

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

Re: Nomination of Karoline Mehalchick to the District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

I write in support of the nomination of Judge Karoline Mehalchick to serve as a judge on the United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania.

I have known Judge Karoline Mehalchick personally and professionally for decades. I preceded her as a Magistrate Judge in the Middle District of Pennsylvania's Scranton Courthouse. Before she took the bench, she appeared in front of me numerous times as an attorney. She was at all times professional, intelligent and well-prepared.

While I have never appeared in front of her since she took the bench, I have heard countless reports of Judge Mehalchick having the appropriate demeanor and integrity which the position demands. Having sat on that same bench for 23 years, I have a good idea what it takes to make an excellent District Court Judge. Karoline Mehalchick is the perfect candidate to join this court. Her experience as a Magistrate Judge and her prior experience as a federal litigator make her the ideal candidate. Experience in federal court in both civil and criminal matters is a rare commodity.

In short, Karoline checks all the boxes. I can assure you that you will never regret her selection.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tom Blewitt', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Honorable Thomas M. Blewitt (Ret.)