



Workers' Compensation Court of Rhode Island
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ROBERT M. FERRIERI
CHIEF JUDGE

February 1, 2024

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

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

RE: *Melissa DuBose*

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Graham:

With genuine enthusiasm, we, the current members of the Rhode Island Workers' Compensation Court, respectfully offer our emphatic endorsement for the nomination of Melissa DuBose to the United States District Court for the District of Rhode Island.

We are a Court composed of former practitioners with varied backgrounds, including civil and criminal trial work throughout Rhode Island and Federal Court. Even with our varied backgrounds, we are united in our endorsement of Melissa's nomination, as we are confident from our interactions and experiences with her that her legal talent, commitment to fairness, and staunch interpretation of the law will make her an excellent nominee to the United States District Court for the District of Rhode Island.

Anyone familiar with Melissa's story, resume, and legal background knows of her tremendous legal achievements and passion for the rule of law. Throughout her career as an attorney, she demonstrated an ability to practice law with intellectual honesty and grace that often-inspired respect in fellow attorneys and judges alike. Not surprisingly, Melissa took that same intellectual honesty and commitment to fairness and communication and has utilized it to establish herself as a tremendously fair and respected state judge.

Rather than attempt to summarize Melissa's lifetime of legal accomplishment and commitment to fairness and justice, we will simply highlight that we do not make this recommendation lightly. Through years of work as an attorney and state court judge, Melissa has proven that she has the intellect, demeanor, and compassion to be a great asset to the United States District Court for the District of Rhode Island.

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She has demonstrated a level of character and poise, which have proven time and time again that she will weigh the facts and then apply the law in the manner it was intended. She is a candidate which this committee and this great country should proudly support.

If we can be of any further assistance or you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Chief Judge Robert M. Ferrieri

Judge Robert E. Hardman

Judge Michael J. Feeney

Judge Alfredo T. Conte

Judge Steven A. Minicucci

Judge Susan Pepin Fay

Judge Keith A. Cardoza, Jr.

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