

March 4, 2024

The Honorable Dick Durbin, Chairman
The Honorable Chuck Grassley, Ranking Member
United States Senate, Committee on the Judiciary
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Sent via email to Jessica Jensen (Jessica_Jensen@judiciary-dem.senate.gov) and Taylor Gibson (Taylor_Gibson@judiciary-dem.senate.gov)

Re: Letter of Support for the Confirmation of Hon. Dena Coggins, Nominee for the United States District Court for the Eastern District of California

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley,

We write to support and recommend Judge Dena Coggins to serve as a federal judge on the District Court for the Eastern District of California.

We have each served as colleagues of Judge Coggins in the Sacramento County Superior Court. We are in a position to be able to speak to the qualities that make her an exceptional nominee for this position.

In her years as a judge, she has demonstrated to us that she is a person of great integrity and character. Judge Coggins has a tremendous work ethic and is dedicated to serving her community. She has an unflagging commitment to the rule of law and equal justice.

Judge Coggins has been an extraordinary Presiding Judge for the Sacramento Juvenile Court and has also brought her insights to the court's Executive Committee. She is a humble and quiet leader, not seeking the spotlight or fanfare, simply working day in and day out to improve the court. We know that when she speaks, she has put considerable thought into her words and that her reasoning and judgement are sound. She provides steady support to her colleagues on the bench. She has quickly become an expert in juvenile law and has taken the time to provide training to many judges across the state and collaborate with other courts to improve the service provided to litigants. She collaborates well and is well-respected.

In the courtroom, she also demonstrates her steady and fair temperament. She is thorough and diligent. Judge Coggins is efficient with her time on the bench and has handled substantial caseloads. She analyzes issues in a careful and balanced manner and provides thoughtful, well-reasoned, and common-sense decisions. She is compassionate to all who appear before her and takes time to understand the impact each decision will have on them.

We have benefitted from her meaningful contributions to the Sacramento Superior Court and we have no doubt that Judge Coggins will make a stellar addition to the federal bench. We join together to give Judge Coggins our highest recommendation.

Sincerely,

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