

**SENATOR RICK SCOTT STATEMENT FOR THE RECORD
NOMINATION OF RAÚL M. ARIAS-MARXUACH**

Thank you, Chairman Graham, Ranking Member Feinstein, and Members of the Committee.

It is my distinct pleasure to introduce to you an outstanding nominee from Puerto Rico – the Honorable Raúl Arias-Marxuach.

He earned his undergraduate degree from Boston College, graduated *Magna Cum Laude* from the University of Puerto Rico School of Law, and later received a Master of Laws Degree from Harvard Law School.

After law school, he served as a law clerk to Associate Justice Antonio S. Negrón-García of the Supreme Court of Puerto Rico before entering private practice. He worked at McConnell Valdés, LLC, for nearly 25 years, where he maintained a diverse commercial litigation practice and served as the Vice Chair of the firm's Litigation Practice Group.

In 2019, the Senate confirmed his nomination to serve as a Judge on the United States District Court for the District of Puerto Rico by a near-unanimous 95-3 vote, and he has served in that role with distinction.

Mr. Chairman, as you can see Judge Arias-Marxuach has a strong legal background and is well-qualified to continue his federal judicial service with this nomination to the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the First Circuit.

Our courts need judges who respect the separate roles of our three branches of government. We need judges who will apply and follow the law as-written, and who will not legislate from the bench.

I am proud to introduce Judge Arias-Marxuach to you today, and I fully support his nomination before this Committee.

Thank you.