

December 6, 2023

The Honorable Richard Durbin, Chairman  
Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
224 Dirksen Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Lindsey Graham, Ranking Member  
Committee on the Judiciary  
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Re: Nomination of Judge Cristal C. Brisco to the United States District Court for the  
Northern District of Indiana

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Graham:

We are attorneys at the law firm SouthBank Legal who wholeheartedly support the nomination of Judge Cristal C. Brisco to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Indiana. We live and practice throughout the Midwest and the DC metro area, specialize in different legal areas, and have extensive experience both in the federal and Indiana civil and criminal systems. While we have a range of perspectives on various issues, legal and otherwise, we are united in our belief that Judge Brisco is particularly qualified to serve the Northern District of Indiana.

Judge Brisco has sat on the St. Joseph County Superior Court since 2021 and, concurrently, on the Indiana Commercial Court since 2022. Prior to this, she served as a magistrate judge for the St. Joseph County Circuit Court. Since Judge Brisco began serving as a judge in St. Joseph County, many of us have appeared before her and consistently have been impressed with her thorough preparation, measured manner, and well-reasoned opinions.

Her professional background also includes roles as the general counsel to Saint Mary's College in Indiana, a law firm associate at the Barnes & Thornburg law firm, and corporation counsel for the City of South Bend. Many of us worked, both in collaborative and adversarial roles, with Judge Brisco during those stints. Our experience was universally positive. Judge Brisco consistently was the consummate legal professional, treating everyone with dignity and kindness.

Some of us also had the pleasure of attending law school with Judge Brisco while she was a student at the Notre Dame Law School. She was a conscientious, gracious, and engaging student. She led various law student groups and activities with the same vigor and commitment that she subsequently brought to private practice and to the bench.

We know Judge Brisco to be an excellent jurist. She is fair, reasonable, and even-tempered, all critical traits for a federal judge. We urge that she be confirmed promptly to the Northern District of Indiana.

Sincerely,

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