

**Nomination of William Scott Hardy**  
**United States District Court**  
**For the Western District of Pennsylvania**  
**Statement for the Record Submitted by Senator Pat Toomey (R-PA)**  
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I am grateful to Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Lindsey Graham (R-SC) and Ranking Member Diane Feinstein (D-CA) for holding a nomination hearing for my fellow Pennsylvanian Scott Hardy, who has been nominated to serve on the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania. I enthusiastically support Mr. Hardy's nomination.

I am also grateful to my colleague Senator Bob Casey (D-PA) for his long-standing collaboration in working to fill federal district court vacancies in Pennsylvania. For the past nine years, Senator Casey and I have worked together, in bipartisan fashion, to fill vacancies on the federal bench in our home state. Together, we have vetted, recommended, and confirmed 27 federal district court judges. Only two states—New York and Texas—have had more district court judges confirmed to their federal benches during this time. I look forward to working with Senator Casey to fill the remaining district court vacancies in Pennsylvania.

Mr. Hardy is a native of Pittsburgh, where he currently lives with his wife and children. He has an impressive set of legal credentials that will make him an excellent judge. For more than twenty years, he's been a respected litigator and leader in Pittsburgh's legal community. Currently, he is a shareholder at Ogletree Deakins in Pittsburgh, where his practice focuses on labor and employment matters. Prior to joining Ogletree Deakins, Mr. Hardy worked as a litigator at Cohen & Grigsby, P.C. in Pittsburgh. Mr. Hardy earned his B.A., *magna cum laude*, from Allegheny College and his J.D. from Notre Dame Law School.

Mr. Hardy understands that the proper role of a judge in America's constitutional system is to treat everyone who comes before him fairly, and to decide cases neutrally on the basis of the law—not a preferred policy or outcome. He was recommended to Senator Casey and me by our bipartisan judicial nomination advisory panel. The American Bar Association (ABA)—which several of my Democratic colleagues in the Senate have called “the gold standard by which judicial candidates are judged”—has rated Mr. Hardy as “well qualified” to serve as a judge on the basis of his integrity, professional competence, and judicial temperament.

In addition, the Senate Judiciary Committee has received multiple letters of support for Mr. Hardy's nomination from a diverse group of attorneys and community members, including Pennsylvania state court judges, attorneys Mr. Hardy has litigated against, and labor union members and lawyers for SEIU Healthcare Pennsylvania, the state's largest union of healthcare workers.

Like Mr. Hardy's colleagues in the legal community, I enthusiastically support his nomination. I am confident that he has the experience, intellect, integrity, and respect for the limited role of the judiciary in America's constitutional system that are needed to excel as a federal judge.