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The Honorable Richard Durbin, Chair
The Honorable Lindsey Graham, Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Nomination of Brian E. Murphy for the U.S. District Court, District of Massachusetts


Dear Honorable Judiciary Committee Members:

I write in support of the nomination of Brian E. Murphy for the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts. I have known Attorney Murphy for many years through the Worcester County Bar Association and the Federal Bar Association where he has been an active member, rising to a leadership position as Chapter President of the FBA. I first became familiar with him while planning FBA events for the Worcester Division of the District Court. At the time, I was working as Head Litigator and Assistant City Solicitor for the City of Worcester Law Department, representing the City of Worcester and members of the Worcester Police Department in civil rights lawsuits in federal court. I continue to represent municipalities and members of law enforcement as well as individuals and entities in insurance defense litigation in my current position as a partner with the law firm of Hassett & Donnelly, P.C. Although we were not involved in cases together because of Attorney Murphy's concentration in criminal defense work and mine in civil defense, I developed an awareness of the high esteem in which he is held by the judiciary and practitioners alike. Through the years, I have valued his insight, legal knowledge and collegiality.

Attorney Murphy possesses the qualifications one would like see in a federal court judge. He is highly intelligent and a skilled practitioner, as well as thoughtful, fair and empathetic. Attorney Murphy has handled the defense of clients facing severe criminal penalties, and has assumed the difficult position of serving as standby counsel for a self-represented litigant. He has also taken on challenging federal civil litigation in the filing of a citizen suit against a developer pursuant to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act. Although Attorney Murphy has demonstrated his legal acumen through his representation, he is also very personable and approachable. He would certainly be an asset to the federal bench.

Thus, as fellow member of the bar familiar with his excellent qualifications, I enthusiastically support Attorney Murphy for a judicial position with the United States District Court, District of Massachusetts.

Very truly yours,


Wendy L. Quinn, Esq.