



January 13, 2023

The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
Chair, Judiciary Committee
United States Senate
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Lindsey Graham
Ranking Member, Judiciary Committee
United States Senate
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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Re: Nomination of the Hon. Matthew P. Brookman to the U.S. District Court

Dear Senator Durbin and Senator Graham:

The Evansville Bar Association was founded in 1911 with the purpose of furthering the study and development of law as a science, the elevation and the standing and dignity of the profession, and the establishment of a law library. We currently have over 550 attorney and paralegal members. We have a distinguished Board of Directors and are fortunate to call Magistrate Matthew Brookman a Board Member. I write this letter to submit the Bar Association's strong support of his nomination and confirmation for Article III status in the Southern District of Indiana, Evansville Division.

Judge Brookman's reputation as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Department of Justice, and his reputation as a Magistrate operating out of Evansville and Indianapolis is beyond reproach. He is the past Chief of the Drug and Violent Crime Unit for the United States Attorney's Office in the Southern District of Indiana. He is always well prepared, fair, and extremely knowledgeable in his practice. I speak for all attorneys who appear before him in telling you that we have been treated fair and received well-reasoned judgments from him. On a personal level, my clients have always felt they were treated in a fair and equitable fashion and, frankly, that justice was done.

Judge Brookman has a fantastic reputation off the bench. He is actively engaged in the leadership of the legal community in the Evansville area and also is involved with many organizations outside the legal community. He is looked at as a respected leader in the Bar Association but at the same time an approachable colleague who has a surprisingly openness to



volunteer when the time comes. He served as an adjunct professor at the University of Evansville and has taught at the University of Southern Indiana. He also taught at the United States Department of Justice National Advocacy Center and the Southwest Indiana Law Enforcement Academy.

The Evansville Bar Association strongly and with much pride, supports Judge Brookman's nomination to the Southern District of Indiana, Evansville Division. We collectively believe that he will continue to serve our legal community and country in the highest regard.

Sincerely,

Joseph H. Langerak, IV
2023 President, Evansville Bar Association