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The Honorable Dick Durbin
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The Honorable Chuck Grassley
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Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

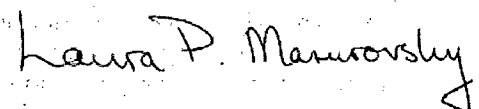
We write to voice strong support for the pending nomination of Judge Leonard P. Stark, USDC D. Delaware to a seat on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

We write on behalf of the private-practitioner members of the Federal Circuit Bar Association. Our Association is a national organization for the bar of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit and its related practice community. Our members come from across the country and seek to serve the Court and the portfolio which Congress has tasked the Circuit to review. The Association offers a forum for common concerns and dialogue between bar and court, government counsel and private practitioner, litigator, and corporate counsel. Our government-practitioner members have not participated in the preparation and submission of this letter given their governmental roles.

Judge Stark is respected in the community as a leading jurist and a fair and considerate judge. Judge Stark has served on the district court for the District of Delaware since 2010, as Chief Judge from 2014 to 2021, with a broad portfolio, which includes bench and jury trials in patent litigation – an important perspective needed in the national court of appeals tasked by Congress to bring uniformity to patent law. Judge Stark brings a wealth of experience presiding over trials, as well as substantive expertise that will benefit the Federal Circuit community and an appreciation for the appellate process, having previously sat with the Federal Circuit by designation. Even before his appointment to the District Court, Judge Stark's practice experience underscored complex litigation. Uniquely well-suited by this practice and judicial experience to the position on the Circuit, Judge Stark is known to the Circuit community as possessing the integrity, professional competence (including peer respect and legal ability), and judicial temperament fundamental to a judicial position of this significance to the federal system and the interests of the United States. These additional factors, in our view, are particularly important in the consideration of appointments to the Bench.

We strongly support this nomination of a highly qualified and esteemed district court judge. If we can be of assistance in any manner, please contact me or our Executive Director, Deborah Miron (miron@fedcirbar.org or 202-558-2421).

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