

May 19, 2022

The Honorable Richard Durbin
Chair

The Honorable Charles Grassley
Ranking Member

Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Nomination of Tiffany Cartwright to the United States District Court for the Western District of Washington

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

We write in enthusiastic support of Tiffany Cartwright's confirmation to the United States District Court for the Western District of Washington. Like Ms. Cartwright, we are former law clerks to the Honorable Betty Binns Fletcher of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Although we are all former clerks of Judge Fletcher, we are diverse in our viewpoints, backgrounds, and careers. We include non-profit leaders, law professors, and attorneys practicing in a wide variety of areas of law (commercial litigation, civil rights, Indian law, immigration, intellectual property, energy, real estate, labor, administrative law, and more), as well as former government attorneys and public defenders. Despite our differences, we all firmly believe that Ms. Cartwright deserves swift confirmation.

Ms. Cartwright is extraordinarily well qualified to serve as a trial judge in the Western District of Washington. She is an experienced civil litigator, having represented individual plaintiffs and corporations in state and federal courts. She has tried multiple cases to verdict in the Western District of Washington. She has efficiently litigated disputes over discovery, taken or defended countless depositions, and briefed and argued motions in limine and *Daubert* challenges to expert qualifications. She has also served the Western District of Washington as a member of its Local Rules Committee. Ms. Cartwright's practical knowledge of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure will be an asset to her as a trial judge. Ms. Cartwright also has experience with federal criminal procedure and sentencing laws and guidelines

as result of her representation of accused and incarcerated persons. Finally, Ms. Cartwright has briefed and argued appeals in both the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and the Washington State Supreme Court.

Ms. Cartwright has the temperament that every lawyer and litigant hopes for when they go before a judge. She works incredibly hard, so she will always go on to the bench knowing both the applicable law and the factual record. Ms. Cartwright treats everyone she encounters with dignity and respect. She has impeccable ethics. As a judge, she will listen to arguments with an open mind, make prompt decisions, and give reasons for them that all parties can understand, even when they disagree with the outcome.

Ms. Cartwright has demonstrated a lifelong commitment to the Puget Sound region. Ms. Cartwright grew up in Kitsap County, which is within the Tacoma Division of the Western District of Washington that she has been nominated to serve. After living in other parts of the country for college, law school, and her early career, Ms. Cartwright returned to Washington. Her success as an attorney at MacDonald Hoague & Bayless over the last eight years has been remarkable. Those of us who practice in Western Washington have become accustomed to reading about Ms. Cartwright's trial and appellate successes in the local news.

Ms. Cartwright is a wonderful colleague and mentor. As former clerks, each of us benefited from Judge Fletcher's mentorship. Judge Fletcher was an example for those of us who were already or planned to be both parents and lawyers, particularly the women among us. She instilled in each of us a lifelong commitment to excellence, accuracy, and fairness. Ms. Cartwright will be the same kind of mentor to her own law clerks. We know this because some of us have been her colleagues in chambers and in practice. Ms. Cartwright is always willing to review a colleague's work and provide feedback that results in improved legal analysis.

We urge the Judiciary Committee and the Senate to promptly advance Tiffany Cartwright's nomination.

Sincerely,

Blythe Chandler, 2011-2012

Eric Lindberg, 2011-2012

Joseph Shaeffer, 2004-2005

Shilpi Agarwal, 2010-2011
Lindsay Barenz, 2004-2005
Jorge Barón, 2003-2004
Daniel Blank, 1997-1998
E. Lindsay Calkins, 2012-2013
Bob Choo, 2000-2001
Madeline Cohen, 1996-1997
Leon Dayan, 1989-1990
Elisa Della-Piana, 2003-2004
Mitra Ebadolahi, 2010-2011
Maxine Eichner, 1990-1991
Benjamin Gould, 2009-2010
Charles Gussow, 2012-2013
Vanessa Hernandez, 2010-2011
Professor Barry L. Johnson, 1988-1989
Riyaz Kanji, 1991-1992
Chris Kemmitt, 2006-2007

Aaron Keyt, 1988-1989
Josef M. Klazen, 2007-2008
Arthur Liou, 2008-2009
Julie Loughran, 2001-2002
Allison Mendel, 1980-1982
Scott Michelman, 2004-2005
Peter Mostow, 1993-1994
Lisa Powell, 2003-2004
Robert Riggs, 1982-1983
Margaret L. Satterthwaite, 1999-2000
David Schwartz, 1987-1988
Charles Sipos, 2007-2008
Ellyde R. Thompson, 2009-2010
Naomi Tsu, 2006-2007
Genevieve Vose Wallace, 2005-2006
Elizabeth Wang, 2006-2007

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