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

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley  
Ranking Member Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Nominee Sarah Elisabeth Geraghty

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

The Georgia Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (GACDL) writes because we believe that Sarah Elisabeth Geraghty is extremely well-qualified and would be an excellent addition to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia. Sarah is a long-time GACDL member and it has been a privilege to witness her exceptional legal prowess during her career at the Atlanta-based Southern Center for Human Rights (SCHR).

In her two decades at the SCHR, Sarah's practice has been characterized by a commitment to fairness, equity, professionalism, and compassion. Sarah has frequently been the advocate to stand on behalf of people society often discounts and consistently manifests an ability to exercise forbearance under provocation, engaging with the court and her colleagues at the Bar with humility and poise undergirded with cunning intellect and unwavering integrity. It is for just these reasons that GACDL honored Sarah with its Indigent Defense Award in 2011 recognizing her unique and exemplary contributions to the criminal legal landscape and the men and woman daily impacted by the criminal legal system, especially those without fiscal means to hire counsel.

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Since completing her post-graduate education at the University of Michigan Law School and School of Social Work in the late nineties, where she earned both Juris Doctor and Master of Social Work degrees, the majority of Sarah's legal practice has been within the criminal legal system. This long-term investment has allowed her a broad variety of litigation experience including briefing and arguing criminal appeals as well as criminal trial, immigration, family law, civil rights, habeas corpus, and class action litigation in both federal and state courts. This expansive practice experience will certainly inform her fair and impartial administration of justice.

Sarah's reputation is one of thoughtfulness of her colleagues and adversaries alike, deliberate consideration of the legal intricacies in her cases, and a broad-minded willingness to consider perspectives different from her own. Sarah is a judicial candidate your committee can have confidence confirming because her outstanding character, work ethic, and professionalism will guide her fair and impartial application of the law to all parties who before her.

GACDL wholeheartedly knows that Sarah's appointment to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia would benefit the judicial system.

Respectfully submitted,



Kimberly A. Dymecki  
President