

The Honorable Dick Durbin
Chair, Committee on the Judiciary
U.S. Senate
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Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Chuck Grassley
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary
U.S. Senate
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June 23, 2022

Dear Senators Durbin and Grassley:

I am a professor at Harvard Law School and a former Assistant Attorney General in the administration of George W. Bush. I write in support of my former student Brad Garcia for a position on the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

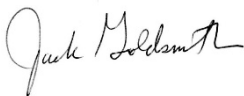
Mr. Garcia is highly qualified for the job. He graduated *magna cum laude* from Harvard Law School, where he served on the Harvard Law Review. He then clerked for Judge Thomas Griffith on the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, and for Justice Elena Kagan on the Supreme Court. He had a robust appellate practice at O'Melveny & Myers, where he argued thirteen appeals. He is currently serving in the Office of Legal Counsel in the Justice Department.

I first got to know Mr. Garcia when he took a class from me on "Law and the International Economy." He got a Dean's Prize, the top available grade, in the class. Based on his outstanding performance in the classroom and on the exam, I asked him to do research for me, which he did for the next year and a half or so. He worked on a range of matters, including difficult questions of statutory interpretation and separation of powers. His work was always superb.

Mr. Garcia's work for me revealed lawyerly skills and qualities of mind that I think will make him an outstanding judge. He is extremely bright and highly analytical, he thoroughly examined every legal question I gave him, he gave precise answers, and his memos and other written work were very clearly written. He was great at looking at all sides of an issue, and his analysis was always fair-minded and balanced. Beyond these qualities of his written work, Mr. Garcia was very articulate in discussing legal issues. He was also thoughtful, deliberate, polite, mature, and engaging. I am not surprised, based on these experiences, that he went on to have such an outstanding legal career.

For these reasons, I am confident that Mr. Garcia would serve on the D.C. Circuit with distinction, both through his opinions and as a colleague more generally.

Best wishes,



Jack Goldsmith