

September 9, 2022

The Honorable Richard Durbin
Chair, Senate Judiciary Committee
Hart Senate Office Building, SH-711
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Charles Grassley
Ranking Member, Senate Judiciary Committee
Hart Senate Office Building, SH-135
Washington, D.C. 20510

**Re: Nomination of Kymberly Evanson
U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington**

Dear Chair Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

We are writing to support the nomination of Kymberly Evanson to the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington. We have known Ms. Evanson for nearly twenty years and can speak to her strong qualifications, as well as her longstanding commitment to access to justice.

We both first met Ms. Evanson when she served from 2002-2004 as the program coordinator at the Access to Justice Institute (AtJI) at Seattle University School of Law. Mr. Ward was a staff attorney with AtJI, and Judge Chung was a legal writing professor and advisor to a student journal that worked closely with AtJI.

Ms. Evanson helped to found and run several of AtJI's programs, including a community legal clinic program, an immigration court program that supported survivors of domestic violence, and a program that provided resources for cases involving the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction. Ms. Evanson's work helped to establish a strong foundation for AtJI, which has grown to be an institutional support to the broader legal community as well as to students at Seattle University School of Law.

We again had the opportunity to work with Ms. Evanson after she had earned her law degree and started practicing back in Seattle. We both served as attorneys at Legal Voice, a nonprofit gender justice organization serving the Northwest. As a volunteer attorney, Ms. Evanson worked on amicus briefs for Legal Voice in a case that involved the interpretation of Washington's sexual assault protection order statute. Ms. Evanson's work was impressive, and she was subsequently asked to join Legal Voice's board.

Ms. Evanson has deep experience in complex litigation and federal court practice – specifically, unique experience in public and constitutional law. Significantly, along with her active regular practice, she has also consistently devoted substantial amounts of time to pro bono work – more

than 1200 hours over the past 10 years including immigration, civil rights, and clemency cases, as well as her amicus work and board service.

We are proud to have watched Ms. Evanson grow from a pre-law advocate to the excellent attorney that she is now, recognized as a *Washington Super Lawyer* since 2013. She is a proactive mentor of other attorneys, especially women and parents, and she is compassionate, thoughtful, and patient. We believe she possesses the characteristics we hope to see in our federal judiciary: high intellectual caliber, strong work ethic, integrity, and commitment to justice. The people of Washington would be well-served to have Ms. Evanson as a federal district court judge, and we recommend her without hesitation.

Sincerely,



Janet Chung
Judge, Washington State Court of Appeals



David Ward
Attorney