

July 5, 2022

The Honorable Richard Durbin Chairman Senate Judiciary Committee 224 Dirksen Senate Office Building United States Senate Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Charles Grassley Ranking Member Senate Judiciary Committee 224 Dirksen Senate Office Building United States Senate Washington, DC 20510

RE: Nomination of Hon. Doris L. Pryor to the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit

Dear Senator Durbin & Senator Grassley:

The Marion County Bar Association, founded in 1925, is an organization of predominantly African American attorneys. Our organization is guided by the principles of fairness, justice, and equality within our judicial system and the community at large. As an affiliate of the National Bar Association, the oldest and largest national network of predominantly African American attorneys and judges, today Marion County Bar Association has over 100 active members. Among our ranks are many distinguished attorneys and jurists who represent and serve our community on both the state and federal level. We are proud to call Magistrate Doris Pryor one of those members and submit this letter in strong support of her nomination and confirmation.

Magistrate Pryor has a reputation in the legal community as an ever prepared, fair, and knowledgeable jurist. All litigants and attorneys who appear before Magistrate Pryor can expect to be treated with the most reasoned judgment and appropriate judicial temperament. Her level of familiarity and preparedness with each matter before her is apparent. Parties conclude matters with Magistrate Pryor believing in the fairness of our judicial system and that they have been heard. This is an invaluable trait of any great jurist.

Further, Magistrate Pryor has an equally impeccable reputation off the bench. She is actively engaged in the Marion County Bar Association and many organizations within and outside of the legal community. She is always one of the first to volunteer mentorship to new and younger attorneys and never misses an opportunity to offer guidance, networking opportunities, and support. She is a respected leader in our bar association but also an approachable colleague who always has a spirit of teamwork and giving. I have personally benefited from her mentorship and consider her a shining example for younger attorneys to follow.

Additionally, she is a committed public servant who diligently works to better our broader community. Her work in developing the Southern District of Indiana's reentry court is just one of many ways that she has served the community in a way that is directly in line with the mission of our bar association. While working as a federal prosecutor, Magistrate Pryor was instrumental in developing resources and opportunities for individuals re-entering society after incarceration. Through this work, she contributed to over 1,000 formerly incarcerated individuals receiving access to needed services and resources. This is a clear example of her commitment to public service and the overall goal of bettering our community.

The Marion County Bar Association strongly and with much pride, supports Magistrate Doris Pryor's nomination to the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. We collectively believe that she will continue to serve our legal community and country as well.

Sincerely,

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2022 President, Marion County Bar Association

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