



November 1, 2021

The Honorable Richard J. Durbin  
Chairman  
Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley  
Ranking Member  
Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Letter of Support for John Chun for the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

The National Asian Pacific American Bar Association extends its strong support for John Chun to serve on the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington. If confirmed, Judge Chun would be the first Asian American male to serve as an Article III judge on that court. Asian Americans represent nearly 20% of the population in King County, the largest county in that district.

NAPABA is the national association of Asian Pacific American attorneys, judges, law professors, and law students. NAPABA represents the interests of over 60,000 attorneys and over 90 national, state, and local bar associations. Its members include solo practitioners, large firm lawyers, corporate counsel, legal services and non-profit attorneys, and lawyers serving at all levels of government.

Judge Chun has served on the bench for over 7 years. In 2015, he was appointed to the King County Superior Court, where he presided over civil, criminal, and family law dockets. In 2018, Judge Chun was elevated to the Washington State Court of Appeals. He chairs the Washington State Center for Court Research Advisory Board, is a member of the Court of Appeals Rules Committee, and serves on the advisory board of the Judicial Institute.

In private practice, Judge Chun practiced complex commercial litigation and employment litigation at the Summit Law Group, K&L Gates, and Mundt MacGregor. He received recognition from various

organizations, including AV Rating by Martindale-Hubbell; Benchmark Litigation Washington State "Litigation Star" listing; and Top 100 Washington "Super Lawyers" listing.

Judge Chun is the son of South Korean immigrants and was the first in his family to earn a law degree. Active in the AAPI community, he served as the President of the Korean American Bar Association of Washington and on the board of the Asian Bar Association of Washington Student Scholarship Foundation. He is the recipient of the Community Leadership Award from the Korean American Bar Association of Washington.

In the greater legal community, Judge Chun served as a board member of the King County Bar Association and the Federal Bar Association of the Western District of Washington. He presents regularly on a wide range of legal topics at continuing legal education seminars, bar events, and law schools. In 2020, he received The Catlin Gabel School's Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award. He previously clerked for the Hon. Eugene A. Wright on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Judge Chun is a graduate of Columbia University and the Cornell Law School.

NAPABA proudly support Judge Chun's nomination and urge for the swift confirmation of his nomination.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Priya Purandare". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Executive Director