

January 30, 2023

U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Michael Delaney

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Members Grassley and Graham,

We are honored to write in full support of Michael Delaney's confirmation to the First Circuit Court of Appeals. He would serve there with distinction. We are all retired judges, some with years of experience on our Superior Court and all with service on the New Hampshire Supreme Court. Two of us served there as Chief Justice. We practiced law in New Hampshire for many years and feel especially informed about its culture of competence, service and collegiality. During our years in practice and during our time on the bench, we had the unique opportunity to work with and among many great lawyers, to later preside at their trials and to read their briefs and hear their arguments on appeal. In that context, we came to know Mike Delaney. We hold him in the highest personal and professional regard.

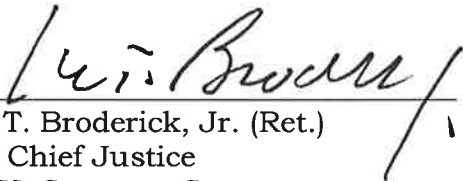
During his formative years in the bar, Mike practiced as a trial lawyer at a highly respected firm in Manchester. He quickly got a reputation for being prepared, highly ethical, decent and talented. He was well-liked and had no sharp edges. After several more successful years in private practice, Mike was drawn by a desire for public service to seek opportunity for employment at the New Hampshire Attorney General's Office. Not surprisingly, he rose through the ranks there. To no one's surprise, he was highly regarded during his years of service in that office.

Because of his obvious talent, character and reputation in the bar, he caught the attention of Governor John Lynch and was offered the opportunity to serve as his legal counsel. Again, he added value to that post. His visibility increased and his reputation for thoughtful and ethical lawyering grew, as well. Ultimately, he was appointed Attorney General by the Governor and his appointment was widely praised. He was totally non-political in that very important position of public trust and was widely respected by those who served with him. When his term as Attorney General ended, he re-entered private practice at the largest law firm in New Hampshire.

Mike Delaney is a gifted and respected lawyer in our state. His character, competence, ethics and decency are above reproach and widely admired. He has every skill required to be a valued addition to the First Circuit and a wonderful colleague to those with whom he would serve.

We strongly endorse his confirmation.

Respectfully submitted,



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