## Opening Statement of Peter A. Krauthamer Nominee to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia November 8, 2011

Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee, I am grateful for the opportunity to appear before you today as a nominee to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. I want to thank President Obama and the District of Columbia Judicial Nomination Commission, in particular, its Chair, the Honorable Emmet G. Sullivan, for this great honor. I also want to thank you, Mr. Chairman, and this Committee for holding this hearing and the Committee staff for all of the work that goes into making these hearings possible.

I would like to acknowledge and thank my family and friends. My wife, Tanya Chutkan, and my two sons, Nicholas and Max Krauthamer; my mother, Eleanor Krauthamer; my sister, Michele Krauthamer, and her daughter, Sarah Bohannon; I also want to thank my many friends, colleagues, and other family members, a number of whom are in attendance today or who are watching from their home or from their offices. I would like to thank them all for inspiring and supporting me over the years.

I have dedicated my career to working to promote fairness in our justice system, particularly for those least able to afford representation and advocate for themselves. After graduating from Boston University Law School, I worked for eleven years at the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia (PDS); I joined the D.C. Federal Defender Office for a little under a year, before being fortunate enough to teach at Howard University School of Law. When I left Howard University, I joined the District of Columbia Pretrial Service Agency and finally returned to PDS. During the course of my career, I have primarily represented and supported indigent clients in the District of Columbia local and federal courts.

Over my twenty-eight years of practicing law in the District of Columbia, I have had the honor to appear before many thoughtful and talented judges for whom I have tremendous respect and admiration. I have a good understanding of the challenges and rewards that come with serving on the bench and it would be an honor and a privilege to continue serving the city that has been my home for so many years. I will endeavor to be worthy of the trust that has been placed in me and to continue to uphold the high standards of judicial fairness and integrity. Thank you for considering my nomination, and I look forward to answering your questions.