

Opening Statement of Stephen F. Rickard
Nominee to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Superior Court
October 23, 2025

Chairman Paul, Ranking Member Peters, members of the Committee, and Committee staff, thank you for considering my nomination to serve as Associate Judge on the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

I am honored to have been nominated by President Trump. I am grateful to him. I would also like to thank the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, Jeanine Ferris Pirro. Further, I thank Principal Assistant United States Attorney Alicia Long, for her support and encouragement throughout this process.

I would also like to thank the members of the District of Columbia Judicial Nomination Commission for providing my name to the President; Superior Court Chief Judge Milton Lee, and previous Chief Judge Anita Josey-Herring for their support; and, indeed, all of my current colleagues at the District of Columbia Superior Court and former colleagues at the United States Attorney's Office, from whom I have learned much while serving together.

Finally, I would like to thank my family, including but not limited to my parents, Martha Holland and John Rickard; my wife Kelly Rickard, and my son. I would not be here without their support.

As an Assistant United States Attorney and as a Magistrate Judge, I have dedicated my career to the fair, efficient, and impartial administration of justice for the citizens of the District of Columbia. I truly believe in the mission of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia as being a place trusted by all to hear disputes and seek justice. I would be honored, if confirmed, to continue that work as an Associate Judge.

Thank you for your consideration.