

Opening Statement of John Cuong Truong
Nominee to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia

Chairman Paul, Ranking Member Peters, and members of the Committee. I thank you for considering my nomination to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. I also thank the Committee's dedicated and hardworking staff.

I was extremely humbled and honored to be nominated by President Donald J. Trump in May 2020 and I am equally humbled and honored to once again be nominated by President Trump. I am deeply grateful. I also want to thank the D.C. Judicial Nomination Commission and its Chair for recommending me to the White House.

I am eternally grateful to the U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia, the Honorable Jeanine Ferris Pirro, for her support. It is a privilege to serve under her leadership. I extend my deep gratitude to Principal Assistant U.S. Attorney Alicia Long for her encouragement and support. I also thank Civil Division Chief Brian P. Hudak, for his support and whose high expectations and tutelage inspire me to become an even better attorney on behalf of the United States.

I am very grateful for the support of my family and friends. My wife, Sabrina Vasa, is an accomplished attorney and an amazing mother. We are blessed to have two loving daughters. They are the loves and joys of our lives. I am equally grateful to my parents, Brian Truong and Mai Nguyen, who instilled in me the value of education, good work ethic, and perseverance. I also want to thank my younger brother, Kent Truong, and my sister-in-law, Dr. Ngoc Bui, for their love and support. I am a proud uncle to my niece, Grace, who is a senior at George Washington University and my nephew, Ben, a freshman at California Polytechnic State University. In addition to my gratitude for my family, I am grateful to my friends who have supported me throughout my career.

I have been a part of the District of Columbia's legal community for more than twenty-five years. I began as a federal judicial law clerk and went on to private practice. I later joined the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia. During my twenty years as a civil and criminal Assistant U.S. Attorney I gained a broad spectrum of legal experiences in advocating the interests of the United States. In 2022, I was promoted to Deputy Chief for the Civil Division where I supervise and counsel Assistant U.S. Attorneys in all aspects of federal district court litigation.

It has been a great honor representing the United States to enforce the law and defend its interests in court. I hope to now have the opportunity to serve the members of this community in a new role if confirmed to serve as an Associate Judge.

Thank you again for considering my nomination.