

Opening Statement of Michael Christopher DiLorenzo
Nominee to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Superior Court
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Chairman, Ranking Member, and members of the Committee, thank you for considering my nomination to serve as an Associate Judge on the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. I would like to thank President Donald J. Trump for the honor of nominating me to serve this great city as an Associate Judge. I am humbled that the District of Columbia Judicial Nomination Commission recommended me, among many highly qualified candidates, to President Trump. I also want to thank the U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia, Judge Jeanine Pirro for her encouragement and support throughout this process. Most importantly, I want to thank my family and friends for their steadfast love and support throughout my career – including my parents, Marion and Henry; my wife, Paula; and our two children, Michael and Christopher.

I am a third-generation Washingtonian. I grew up in the Washington metropolitan area and attended high school just down the street at Gonzaga College HS. My roots in this city run deep. My family built their lives here, and my wife and I chose to raise our children here because we love this city and believe in its future. Washington, D.C. is not simply where I work – it is home. That connection to this community is one of the primary reasons I want to serve as a judge here.

Throughout my life, I have been guided by a strong sense of service and responsibility to give back to the community that helped shape me. Over the course of my legal career – from clerking for the Honorable William M. Jackson on the D.C. Superior Court to serving more than thirty years as a state and federal prosecutor – I have seen firsthand the profound impact judges have on individual lives and public confidence in the justice system. I have handled thousands of cases ranging from misdemeanors to complex felonies matters, including cases involving transnational criminal organizations and acts of terrorism. Through that work, I have had the privilege of working with people from every walk of life and, as a result, have gained a true appreciation for the importance of a fair and impartial judiciary committed to the rule of law.

Serving as a judge is among the highest forms of public service in the legal profession. What draws me most to this role is the opportunity to positively impact both the individuals who come before the court and the justice system itself. For many, appearing in court is one of the most significant and stressful experiences of their lives. A judge must ensure that every person is treated with fairness, dignity, and respect, and leaves the courtroom knowing they were heard and that the decision was based on the law and facts. I have also seen how a judge's conduct – in the courtroom and in decision-making – shapes public confidence in the judiciary, a trust essential to the courts and the community they serve.

If I am fortunate enough to be confirmed, I would approach this responsibility with humility, discipline, and deep respect for the rule of law. Thank you again for your time and consideration.