

Opening Statement of Sharon E. Goodie
Nominee to be Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Superior Court
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Mr. Chairman, Ranking Member, and members of the Committee, thank you for holding this hearing to consider my nomination to serve as an Associate Judge on the Superior Court for the District of Columbia. I want to thank President Donald J. Trump for nominating me to be an Associate Judge for the D.C. Superior Court not once, but twice. I also want to thank United States Attorney Jeanine Pirro for recommending me for the position. I also want to thank the District of Columbia Judicial Nomination Commission for supporting my journey to this goal.

My son is sitting behind me with some longtime family friends. I am grateful for their support, and for the support of those who could not be here and are rooting for me from afar.

I work as an Administrative Law Judge for the D.C. Office of Administrative Hearings, or OAH. OAH is an independent administrative court with jurisdiction over more than 50 D.C. agencies, commissions and boards. I hear cases covering a range of issues, including poverty benefits, disability benefits, property violations, licensing, and child support. Through this work, I have upheld the rule of law while moving and resolving high volume caseloads.

Before I was appointed as an Administrative Law Judge, I served as a prosecutor for the D.C. Office of Attorney General. I handled criminal cases with juvenile defendants, from trespass through sex offenses and homicides. I also handled civil cases of child abuse and neglect. I appeared almost daily before the D.C. Superior Court, and at least 30 different Superior Court judges.

My career has afforded me many wonderful opportunities to serve my community. I volunteered to serve three terms as a Commissioner on the DC Access to Justice Commission, which focuses on finding legal assistance for DC residents who cannot afford counsel. I am a Judicial Board Member of the Council for Court Excellence. I also teach trial skills, deposition skills, and negotiation skills workshops for the National Institute for Trial Advocacy and the District of Columbia Bar.

Having an opportunity now to serve on the court where I began my legal career as a law clerk for D.C. Superior Court Associate Judge Harriett R. Taylor is the honor of a lifetime. If I am so fortunate to be confirmed, I will use the lessons and systems I learned as an Administrative Law Judge, from Judge Taylor, and from my daily practice at Superior Court as a prosecutor, to organize and efficiently resolve my cases. Above all, I will continue to apply the law evenhandedly, without favor or prejudice.

Thank you again for the opportunity to address this Committee. I look forward to answering your questions.