

Opening Statement of John Barlow Timmer
Nominee to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Superior Court
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Chairman Paul, Ranking Member Peters, members of the Committee, and Committee staff, thank you for considering my nomination to serve as an Associate Judge on the Superior Court for the District of Columbia. I would like to thank President Donald J. Trump for the great honor of nominating me to the Superior Court. I would also like to thank the D.C. Judicial Nomination Commission for recommending me to President Trump.

I am deeply grateful to U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia Jeanine Pirro and Principal Assistant U.S. Attorney Alicia Long for their support. I am thankful for my colleagues at the U.S. Attorney's Office and at the Securities and Exchange Commission, who have taught me so much and whose counsel I have depended on during my career in public service. I also thank the Honorable Ellen Segal Huvelle of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, with whom I began my law career by serving as a law clerk.

Finally, I want to thank my family for their support. Thank you to my wife, Jennifer Xi, an extraordinary lawyer, and an even better parent, spouse, and person, whose boundless energy and love are the center of my life, and who has always believed in me. Thank you to my two daughters, who were born here in the District, and who push me to make this world better. Thank you to my father, Paul Timmer, whose life was cut short more than thirty years ago, and whose example as a public servant and father I think about every day. Thank you to my sister, Caroline Timmer, whose work helping children inspires me. And thank you to my mother, Susan Goff Timmer, who raised my sister and me with infinite patience and kindness.

I have dedicated my career to serving the public. First, as an Assistant U.S. Attorney at the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia, where I spent seven and a half years practicing criminal law exclusively in Superior Court. And more recently, for the last four and a half years, I have served as a trial attorney in the Enforcement Division for the Securities and Exchange Commission, litigating complex civil fraud cases in federal district courts around the country. During my tenure at the U.S. Attorney's Office, I tried dozens of cases and served as lead counsel in matters involving domestic violence, violent felonies, and homicides. I also advised and guided other prosecutors as they handled cases ranging from misdemeanors to armed carjackings. I saw firsthand the way in which a Superior Court judge can touch the lives of every resident of this city. I know the great responsibility that comes with this role and, if confirmed, I would work every day to uphold the law and the Constitution.

As a District of Columbia resident for the last seventeen years, and as someone fortunate enough to spend every day with the next generation of Washingtonians, I am passionate about serving this city and its people. I would be honored to serve as an Associate Judge on the Superior Court.

Thank you for your consideration.