

Opening Statement of Nicholas George Miranda
Nominee to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia

Good morning, Chairman Peters, Ranking Member Paul, and members of the Committee. I am honored and humbled to appear before you today. I thank you and your staff for holding this hearing, and I thank you for your consideration of my nomination to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. I also wish to thank the District of Columbia Judicial Nomination Commission and its chair, the Honorable Marie C. Johns, for recommending me for this position to the White House, and President Joseph Biden for nominating me.

I would like to express my gratitude to my current and former colleagues at the U.S. Attorney's Office, and especially to U.S. Attorney Matthew Graves and Principal Assistant United States Attorney Bridget Fitzpatrick, for their leadership and encouragement.

I owe an immense debt to all of my friends and family for their support and guidance, and I especially want to acknowledge those members of my family that are here with me today: my daughter Eleanor, my wife Caroline, my mother in-law Nga, my stepfather Vic, and my mother Susan. Words simply cannot express how grateful I am for all that they have sacrificed and given to me. Without them, I would not be here, and I am so incredibly proud to call them my family.

I have dedicated my legal career to serving the public, inspired by the path blazed by my mother, who had me while she was putting herself through night law school. Since 2012, I have been an Assistant United States Attorney at the U.S. Attorney's Office in the District of Columbia. In this role, I have prosecuted hundreds of violent crimes in our community--with a focus on sexual assault and child sexual abuse--and I have tried approximately 40 cases in D.C. Superior Court. Since May 2021, I have also served as the Chief of the Office's Victim Witness Assistance Unit. In this role, I lead a team dedicated to helping victims and witnesses of crime in the District by providing them with trauma-informed care, safety planning, emergency housing, and service referrals.

Throughout my career, I have seen the important work that the D.C. Superior Court does, and how it touches the life of every single one of us in the community. It would be a great privilege to have the opportunity to continue to serve the District in a new role as an associate judge on the Court. Thank you again for the opportunity to appear before you today. I look forward to your questions.