Opening Statement of Fernando Campoamor-Sánchez
Nominee to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Superior Court

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 first like to thank the D.C. Judicial Nomination Commission for recommending me to President Donald J. Trump, and to the President for nominating me for this important role in our city. I would also like to thank the U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia, Judge Jeanine Pirro, and Principal Assistant U.S. Attorney Alicia Long, for their support.

And finally, I need to thank my family and friends for their love and support throughout my career. Without them, I would not be here today. Thank you to Michele, my wife and life-companion since our days at Georgetown University; Sofía and Fernando Antonio, our talented children who make me look at the world through their eyes and keep me grounded and honest; my mother and biggest cheerleader, who sacrificed much to give me the best life and education possible; and my father, who passed in 2018 but taught me at an early age the value of hard work and the importance of treating everyone, no matter their background or social standing, with respect.

I was born and raised in Puerto Rico, but DC is my adopted home – it is where I have spent most of my career in public service and as a prosecutor, it is where our children were born and raised, and it is where I have lived for many years. As a DC resident and prosecutor, I have been fortunate to meet many of my fellow residents and help some of them navigate our justice system.

Public service is important to me, and I have spent close to twenty-five years serving our country and our community. Most of that time was spent working as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in DC between 2004 and 2019 handling criminal cases and training and supervising prosecutors. I have tried over 60 criminal cases, mostly in Superior Court, from simple misdemeanors to homicides. The rest of my time in public service was spent handling complex civil litigation, first as a Trial Attorney at DOJ's Civil Division between 1995 and 1999, and later as Litigation Counsel at the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission between 2019 and 2024.

In addition to my public service experience, I have also benefited from different work experiences and perspectives. For example, I worked at the DC law firm of Covington & Burling for five years handling civil matters, and I have also served as Counsel to WMATA's Inspector General, and currently serve as General Counsel to the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association.

From first-hand experience I understand the essential role that Superior Court judges play in the administration of justice and the impact that they have on our community. It would be an honor to use the skills and experience I have gained throughout my legal career to continue to serve our community. It is a solemn responsibility that I take seriously and, if confirmed, I will ensure that anyone that appears before me is treated with respect, has a meaningful opportunity to be heard, and that the law is faithfully applied without favor or prejudice. Thank you for your consideration.