

**Nominations of Joshua A. Deahl to be Associate Judge,  
District of Columbia Court of Appeals, Deborah J. Israel and Andrea L. Hertzfeld to be  
Associate Judges, Superior Court of the District of Columbia and, Robert A. Dixon to be a  
U.S. Marshal, Superior Court of the District of Columbia**

**Opening Statement of Ranking Member Kyrsten Sinema  
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Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

And thank you to our nominees for their willingness to serve. Our nation's courts need the best possible people to serve, and all four of our nominees bring excellent qualifications for the positions they seek.

I am especially pleased that one of our nominees is from my state of Arizona. Joshua Deahl, a nominee to be an Associate Judge for the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, was born in Tucson and later graduated from Arizona State. It is always great to have another Sun Devil in the hearing room.

I will let the nominees share their own biographies, but I do want to note that all three of our judicial nominees are part of the first generation in their families to graduate from college.

Best of luck to all our nominees, and I look forward to our conversation.