

**Opening Statement of Errol R. Arthur**  
**Nominee to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia**  
**July 12, 2022**

Chairman Peters, Ranking Member Portman, and members of the Committee, I am both honored and humbled to appear before you today as you consider my nomination to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. I would like to thank the Committee's staff for all of its hard work and dedication in preparing for this hearing.

I thank President Joseph R. Biden for nominating me. I thank all of the members of the District of Columbia Judicial Nomination Commission, specifically its Chair, the Honorable Emmet Sullivan for recommending me to the White House. I also thank Chief Judge Anita Josey-Herring, and former Chief Judges Robert Morin and Lee Satterfield for their leadership and guidance.

I am blessed to come from a very large, loving and supportive family many of whom are watching online. This includes my sisters Sheyna Arthur and Justine Jaquez, brothers in-law Antonio Beatty and Justin Jaquez, nephews Jeromy and Jacob Jaquez, and mother in-law Wynell Beatty. My grandparents, John and Esther Sewchand and Priscilla Arthur are here in spirit as well.

I am thrilled that my parents, Errol and Violet Arthur, are watching from their home. They left their native Guyana over 50 years ago and settled just outside of Washington, D.C. In raising my two sisters and me, they instilled in each of us the importance of hard-work, family, and community service. It was with their unwavering support and encouragement that I devoted my life to public service.

I reserve a special acknowledgment to my partner and biggest cheerleader, the Honorable Sherri Beatty-Arthur, my wife. For over 27 years she has been my rock. I am especially proud to be joined by my son, Miles Arthur, a recent graduate of Morehouse College, and daughter, Layla Arthur, a rising sophomore at Spelman College. I consider Miles and Layla to be my greatest accomplishments, and it is a great joy to watch them in their own journeys.

It is certainly a great honor to be considered for Associate Judge on the Court where I have worked for nearly 25 years. I have been a Magistrate Judge since 2010, serving in the Family, Criminal, and Domestic Violence Divisions, where I have presided over thousands of cases in some of the Court's highest volume calendars. From 2016 to 2021, I served as the Deputy Presiding Magistrate Judge and Presiding Magistrate Judge where I served on the Chief Judges' Leadership teams, and covered cases in all divisions of the Court. I began my career at the Superior Court serving as a judicial law clerk to the Honorable Mary A. Gooden Terrell. After my clerkship, I served as a staff attorney with the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia where I represented juveniles and adults in matters in the Superior Court, Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services, and U.S. Parole Commission. I then formed my own law practice where I worked until my appointment to the bench.

I was born in this great city, and this is my home. It has been an honor to serve the citizens of Washington, D.C. throughout my career. I am humbled by the opportunity, if confirmed, to be an Associate Judge and to continue to serve my community and the Court that I have been a part of for decades. I look forward to answering any questions you may have. Thank you.