

**Opening Statement of Kendra Davis Briggs**  
**Nominee to be Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia**  
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Chairman Peters, Ranking Member Portman, and members of this Committee, I am honored by the opportunity to appear before you today as a nominee to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. I am deeply grateful to you and your dedicated Committee staff for considering my nomination. I would like to take a moment to thank the District of Columbia Judicial Nomination Commission, chaired by the Honorable Emmet G. Sullivan, for recommending me to the White House, and I am thankful to President Joseph R. Biden for nominating me to this position. I must also thank the current U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia Matthew Graves, and former U.S. Attorneys Ronald Machen, Vincent Cohen, Jessie Liu, and Channing Phillips for their support and guidance throughout my career as a prosecutor and through this process. I must also acknowledge my current and former colleagues at the U.S. Attorney's Office, whose dedication to public service and the citizens of the District of Columbia have made it an honor to serve alongside them for the last twelve years.

I am the eldest of four daughters born to Lindsey Davis and Patricia Moss Davis in Miami, Florida. Affectionately known as the "K" girls, my sister Khea is a decorated high school teacher, my sister Keshara is an outstanding attorney, and my baby sister Kaneisha, was unfortunately only with us for one year before she passed away. My parents' hard work and many sacrifices served as a roadmap for our professional pursuits, and is a large part of why I am able to sit before you today. I also thank the rest of my family and friends from all over the country for their support and prayers throughout this process.

I am the proud wife of Joe Briggs, Sr., who has been instrumental in the success of my career. It was my husband who encouraged me to finally pursue my goals of first becoming an Assistant United States Attorney, and now to seek judicial office. It is also my husband who makes parenting our son, his namesake Joe Jr., seamless in the face of both of our demanding careers. For that I want to publicly thank him for his unwavering love and support.

Since 2010, I have served as an Assistant United States Attorney at the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia. As a dedicated public servant, I have handled a wide range of criminal cases on behalf of the United States and have served under three presidential administrations. Prior to joining the Department of Justice, I worked for eight years as a civil litigator, representing both plaintiffs and defendants in complex civil litigation matters. All of my legal experience, appearing in both federal and state courts and handling both criminal and civil cases, has prepared me to serve as a judge. It is my most fervent hope to continue my service to the District of Columbia by becoming an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

I thank you for your consideration of my nomination and I look forward to answering your questions.