

Opening Statement of Adrienne Noti
Nominee to be an Associate Judge on the Superior Court of the District of Columbia

Chairman Peters, Ranking Member Portman, and members of the Committee, I thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today and for considering my nomination to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. I would like to thank all the members of the Judicial Nomination Commission and specifically its chair, the Honorable Emmet Sullivan, for recommending me to the White House, and to President Joseph Biden for nominating me. I also wish to recognize and thank current D.C. Superior Court Chief Judge Anita Josey-Herring, former Chief Judge Robert Morin, and former Chief Judge Lee Satterfield, who appointed me as a Magistrate Judge in 2014. I would also like to thank my current Magistrate Judge and Associate Judge colleagues for their support. And, I thank the committee staff for their work in preparing for this hearing.

Today, I am pleased to be joined by my members of my family. My husband, Adav Noti, is here supporting me today, as he has done for every day of our marriage. We are joined by our children: our daughter Lila, who is 11, and our son Emmett, who is 9. Even though it entails wearing dress clothes, they are excited to be here, and not just because they get to miss school. I am also joined by my mother, Carolyn Lockie. I owe her for all that is good in me. I am a proud native Washingtonian, and my children attend the same public elementary and public middle school that I attended. My mother raised me all alone, while working full time, without any support, and making it look easy. She instilled in me the value of education, of hard work, of respecting others, and the strength of will power. As an adult, I now see that although she made being a single-parent look easy, it most certainly was not. Her constant and ongoing sacrifices are a direct cause of my success. My whole family is a constant source of inspiration, support, and positivity, and I am grateful to them for all they do to allow me to grow and to serve the citizens of the District.

I am currently a Magistrate Judge in D.C. Superior Court where I have served since 2014. I have been honored to serve in every division of the court: Family, Criminal, Civil, Probate, and the Domestic Violence Divisions. I have presided over thousands of cases in our most high-volume courtrooms, rendered verdicts over a hundred bench trials, and explained my decisions to numerous *pro se* litigants. Throughout my time as a judicial officer, I have cherished serving my city and playing a role in the fair and efficient administration of justice for District residents.

Prior to my appointment as a judicial officer, I served the federal Office of Child Support Enforcement, where I worked to develop and implement federal child support policy and led national child support initiatives to improve access to justice. Before that, as a Managing Attorney for the D.C. Bar *Pro Bono* Program, I arranged *pro bono* representation of family law matters in D.C. Superior Court. And as a clinical law professor and director of legal clinics first at Rutgers School of Law – Newark, and then at American University’s Washington College of Law, I taught students how to zealously represent people in crisis and supervised the representation of low income clients in local courts. I also previously represented survivors of domestic violence and served as a federal law clerk for the Honorable Carol Bagley Amon of the Eastern District of New York.

My first case ever was as a law student in a clinic at Georgetown University Law Center where I had an opportunity to appear before the D.C. Superior Court. Since that first case, the D.C. Superior Court has become my second home. I am humbled by the opportunity, if confirmed, to be an Associate Judge in D.C. Superior Court and to continue to serve the District. I look forward to answering any questions you may have.