

Opening Statement of Elizabeth Carroll Wingo
Nominee to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Superior Court
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Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity 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 Judicial Nomination Commission and its chair, the Honorable Emmet Sullivan, for recommending me to the White House, and I would like to thank President Obama for nominating me. I would also like to thank Congresswoman Norton for taking the time out of her busy schedule to introduce me at this hearing today. In addition, I would like to express my appreciation to the Committee members and the Committee staff for their hard work and for considering my nomination so expeditiously.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank Chief Judge Lee F. Satterfield for his leadership, his support, and his presence here today. I am also very fortunate to have a number of members of my family, who have been very supportive, here with me to today, and I would like to introduce and thank them: my husband, Harry Wingo, and my children, Alexandra and Natalie; my parents, Tony and Judy Carroll; my brother and sister-in-law, Tom and Katherine Carroll; my sister and brother-in-law, Michaela and Ted Lizas, and their children, my nieces Amy and CC Lizas. I would also like to acknowledge and thank my step-daughter Hailey, who is a junior in high school and unfortunately could not be here today. Finally, I would also like to thank the many friends, and current and former colleagues, who have supported me over the years, some of whom are present today.

I was born and raised in the District of Columbia, and have spent most of my legal career serving the citizens of the District of Columbia. After clerking for the Honorable T.S. Ellis in the Eastern District of Virginia, I spent four years at the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia, prosecuting a wide variety of crimes, ranging from misdemeanor simple assaults to homicides. Following my time at the U.S. Attorney's Office, I continued to work on behalf of the people of the District of Columbia at the Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia, where I served as the Chief of the Criminal Section, and then as the Assistant Deputy Attorney General for Public Safety. Since 2006, I have had the honor of serving as a Magistrate Judge in the Superior Court, where I have had the opportunity to preside over calendars in the Criminal and Civil Divisions, as well as in the Family Court and Domestic Violence Unit. It would be a privilege and an honor for me to continue my public service as an Associate Judge of the Superior Court.

Thank you for your consideration, and I look forward to answering your questions.