

Opening Statement of John F. McCabe
Nominee for Associate Judge, 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 as a nominee for a position as an Associate Judge in the District of Columbia Superior Court. I am grateful to the Judicial Nomination Commission and its chair, Judge Emmet Sullivan, for recommending me to the White House, and am grateful to the President for nominating me for this position. I would also like to thank the Committee and its staff for handling this process expeditiously, despite all the other important matters pending before the Senate.

I grew up in New Jersey, and attended college in North Carolina, and law school in Louisiana. I worked for three years at a law firm in Atlanta, Georgia, and then moved to the District of Columbia in 1989. For the past 22 years, I have worked in public service positions in the District of Columbia. As a staff attorney at the Legal Aid Society, I represented indigent clients in family law and Social Security disability matters. From 1990 to 1998, I was an Assistant Attorney General, and handled civil matters and cases involving victims of child abuse and domestic violence. From 1998 to 2002, I was a prosecutor with the United States Attorney's Office. For the past nine years, I have served as a Magistrate Judge in the District of Columbia Superior Court, and have presided in both criminal and family law matters. I am currently the Deputy Presiding Magistrate Judge, and the Alternate Chairperson of the District of Columbia Commission on Mental Health.

I am honored to be considered for a position as an Associate Judge and I look forward to the opportunity to continue my career in public service. Thank you very much for your consideration.