



Aug. 22, 2025

The Honorable Chuck Grassley
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Dick Durbin
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
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224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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Re: Nomination of Prof. Jennifer Mascott

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin:

We write in support of Prof. Jennifer Mascott's nomination to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

Both of us previously served as law clerks on the Third Circuit. Prof. Squitieri clerked on the court during the 2017–18 term, and Prof. Schmidt clerked on the court during the 2022–23 term. As former Third Circuit clerks, we hold the Third Circuit in high regard. And we think that Prof. Mascott would make for a wonderful addition to the court.

We currently serve as colleagues of Prof. Mascott at the Catholic University of America, where we also serve as Director (Prof. Squitieri) and Fellow (Prof. Schmidt) of the Separation of Powers Institute. The Separation of Powers Institute, which was founded by Prof. Mascott, serves as a hub for academic research and debate on legal and constitutional questions related to the roles and functions of the three federal branches of government within the U.S. constitutional system. The Separation of Powers Institute's continued commitment to academic research is just one of the ways that Prof. Mascott's hard work and respect for the rule of law should continue to influence the legal academy well into the future.

As Prof. Mascott's colleagues and friends, we have observed Prof. Mascott to have demonstrated the legal acumen and collegiality that would make her an excellent judge on the Third Circuit. Her scholarly achievements and related experiences—such as her expert testimony before members of Congress and her status as a national legal commentator—are extraordinary. And her kindness to others, including both her colleagues and students, is additionally noteworthy.

We urge the Senate to confirm Prof. Mascott's nomination to the Third Circuit.

Respectfully,

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Prof. Chad Squitieri
Director, SPI

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Natalie Schmidt", written over a horizontal line.

Prof. Natalie Schmidt
Fellow, SPI