

September 7, 2016

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

The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy  
Ranking Member  
Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Letter of Support for Karen G. Scholer,  
Nominee to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Leahy:

On behalf of the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA), we strongly support Karen Gren Scholer, nominee to the United States District Court for Eastern District of Texas. Ms. Scholer has the experience, intellectual capacity, integrity, and judicial temperament to serve as an excellent district court judge.

We thank Senators Cornyn and Cruz for their support of Ms. Scholer and recommending her to the President, and the President for her nomination.

NAPABA is the national bar association representing the interests of Asian Pacific American attorneys, judges, law professors, and law students. NAPABA represents the interests of over 50,000 attorneys nationally and 75 local Asian Pacific American bar associations. Its members include solo practitioners, large law firm lawyers, corporate counsel, legal service and nonprofit attorneys, judges, and lawyers serving at all levels of government. Through its national network of affiliates and committees, NAPABA provides a strong voice for increased diversity of federal and state judiciaries, advocates for equal opportunity in the workplace, seeks to eliminate anti-Asian crime and anti-immigrant sentiment, and promotes professional development of minorities in the legal profession.

This nomination is especially important to NAPABA and the Asian Pacific American community in Texas. If confirmed, Ms. Scholer would become the first Asian Pacific American to serve as a federal district court judge in Texas, or any of the courts encompassed by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, which includes Texas, Louisiana, and Mississippi.

Ms. Scholer is currently a partner at Carter Scholer Arnett Hamada & Mockler, PLLC, in Dallas, Texas. She is an experienced litigator and former Texas state court judge who has participated in and presided over numerous trials as well as multidistrict litigation.

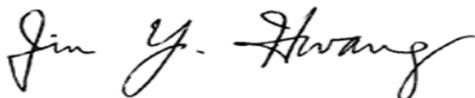
Ms. Scholer has extensive judicial experience at the state level that has prepared her to serve as a U.S. District Judge. She served as a Texas state district judge for eight years on the 95th Judicial District Court, Dallas County, Texas, and presided over thousands of cases, including more than 100 jury trials. She served as Presiding Judge of the Dallas County Civil Court District Judges and was appointed by the Supreme Court of Texas to serve as a multidistrict litigation judge. In 2013, Governor Rick Perry appointed her to serve as a temporary Justice on the Tenth Court of Appeals.

Prior to her service on the bench, Ms. Scholer was already recognized for her successful litigation practice, including being a partner at Jones Day, Andrews & Kurth, LLP; and Strasburger & Price, LLP. Her expertise has been recognized by her peers and legal publications, including the State Bar of Texas, the University of Texas at Austin, and Super Lawyers. She regularly speaks on trial practice and was a visiting faculty member at the University of Notre Dame School of Law.

Ms. Scholer also has a long history of service and involvement in the Texas and Dallas legal community. She has served as co-chair of Attorneys Serving the Community, a group of over 400 women lawyers and law students from Dallas/Fort Worth who support local non-profit organizations that serve women, children, and families, as well as in leadership positions in the Dallas Bar Association and Asian Pacific American community organizations. Among her honors, she is a past recipient of the NAPABA Trailblazer Award in recognition of her contributions to the profession and the community.

Ms. Scholer would make an immediate contribution as a federal district court judge. Her qualifications, integrity, intellect, and commitment to the justice system are unquestionable. She brings a wealth of experience that would be valuable to the court. Given that she would be the first Asian Pacific American to serve as a federal district court judge in any of the courts encompassed by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, the swift confirmation of Ms. Scholer is important to NAPABA and the Asian Pacific American community. Accordingly, the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association extends its strong support for and urges the speedy confirmation of Ms. Karen G. Scholer for the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas.

Sincerely,



Jin Y. Hwang  
President



Tina Matsuoka  
Executive Director