



## DFW Asian-American Citizens Council

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United States Senator John Cornyn  
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Attn: Mr. Noah Phillips

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United States Senator Ted Cruz  
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Washington, D.C. 20510  
Attn: Mr. Zach West

Re: Support for Hon. Karen Gren Scholer for United States District Judge

Dear Senator Cornyn and Senator Cruz:

We are writing you enthusiastically and without any reservation in support of the appointment of Hon. Karen Gren Scholer to the United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas, Sherman Division, Plano Courthouse and the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas, Dallas Division.

DFW Asian American Citizens Council (DFWAACC) is an organization co-founded by State of Texas Representative Angie Chen Button and Dr. Keh-Shew Lu in 2001 with a mission to promote and assist Asian American involvement in local, social, and civic activities that increase community awareness, improve representation, and enhance the quality of life. It is no coincidence that we are based in Plano, Texas, where Asian Americans are the largest minority population at close to 20%. In the decade since our organization's inception, the Asian population of Texas has increased by over 70%.

DFWAACC was founded in part to help identify and encourage highly qualified Asian Americans to aspire to public and judicial office. As the first Asian American elected judge in Dallas County, Judge Scholer was an inspiration to the Asian American community. As a result, Judge Scholer was the inaugural keynote speaker at our September 2001 kick-off event in Richardson, Texas. Among the many other awards and recognitions she has received, Judge Scholer has received *Role Model Award* (2001), *Civil Servant of the Year Award* (2007) and *You Are Always Here for Us Award* (2008) from DFWAACC. In 2004, the Greater Dallas Asian American Chamber of Commerce honored her with its first *Judicial Excellence Award* and in 2008, the Dallas Asian American Bar Association gave her its very first *Lifetime Achievement Award*.

With respect to qualifications for this position, Judge Scholer has impressive academic credentials, a distinguished litigation career in top-tier law firms, and a proven track record as a highly-rated State District Judge for eight years. She is in high demand as a key note speaker and instructor for many universities, communities and bar organizations on a wide

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variety of topics -- particularly in the areas of legal ethics, civil litigation and community service.

Judge Scholer has also served on many nonprofit boards, including the executive board for Special Camps for Special Kids – Camp John Marc, the board of directors of the Dallas Women’s Foundation, and Literacy Instruction for Texas. She is a past co-chair of Attorneys Serving the Community and on the Advisory Board for Victims Outreach. Recognizing her many contributions to the community, Judge Scholer was honored by Girls, Incorporated in 2004 as a recipient of their most prestigious award, and by the Dallas Women Lawyers Association in 2007 of their most prestigious award for “her significant contributions toward the Advancement of Women in the Legal Profession.”

There has never been an Asian American United States District Judge in all of Texas. On behalf of DFWAACC leaders, we respectfully recommend Judge Karen Gren Scholer to what will be a historic appointment as our first United States District Court Judge.

Respectfully yours,

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