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Hon. Dick Durbin, Chair
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Hon. Chuck Grassley, Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
152 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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October 4, 2021

RE: Nomination of Samantha Elliott to the United States District Court for the District of New Hampshire

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

On behalf of the unanimous Board of Directors of the New Hampshire Women's Bar Association¹, and in my personal capacity as her law partner, I write, collectively with the Board, in support of Samantha Elliott's nomination for the United States District Court for the District of New Hampshire. We urge the Committee and full Senate to promptly review and confirm her nomination.

Since admission to the bar, Attorney Elliott has spent her entire legal career practicing in New Hampshire. She has represented plaintiffs and defendants, individuals, corporations, and governmental entities. She has handled matters in nearly all areas of civil practice, such as commercial disputes, employment and discrimination, product liability, property rights, and municipal defense in civil rights litigation. She has successfully represented clients in litigation, trials, and appeals in every New Hampshire state court, the United States District Court for the District of New Hampshire, and the First Circuit Court of Appeals.

In addition to her legal work, Attorney Elliott has dedicated over a decade towards volunteer board work in service to legal aid, first with New Hampshire Legal Assistance and the Legal Advice and Referral Center, and then 603 Legal Aid. Attorney Elliott frequently speaks on

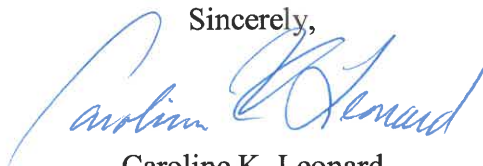
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lawyers' continuing legal education panels, including multiple years with the Federal Practice Institute. She is an active member of the American Inns of Court, and has served on both the New Hampshire Court Accreditation Commission and the Federal Court Advisory Committee.

The New Hampshire Women's Bar Association Board of Directors strongly supports Attorney Elliott's nomination to the federal bench. Attorney Elliott is an outstanding member of our legal community. She possesses the mental acumen and temperament to decide matters fairly and impartially. She would be an asset to the federal judiciary, and we strongly recommend her appointment.

Sincerely,



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