

Opening Statement of Sherri Malloy Beatty-Arthur
Nominee to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia

Chairman Peters, Ranking Member Paul, and members of the Committee, I am humbled and honored to appear before you today as you consider my nomination to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. I would like to thank the Committee's staff for its time and dedication in preparing for this hearing.

I would like to thank President Joseph R. Biden for nominating me. I would also like to thank all the members of the District of Columbia Judicial Nomination Commission, especially its Chair, the Honorable Marie Johns, for recommending me to the White House and its former Chair, the Honorable Emmett Sullivan, for his continued support. I would also like to thank Chief Judge Anita Josey-Herring for her leadership and constant encouragement, and former Chief Judge Robert Morin for appointing me as a Magistrate Judge of the Superior Court in 2020.

I am proud to be a native Washingtonian and my education and career has been in Washington, D.C. or its nearby jurisdictions. But my story really begins in rural Alabama and North Carolina through my parents: Howard and Wynell. My father came to Washington after serving this country in the Air Force in the early days of Vietnam and my mother traveled here from Alabama the day after her graduation, seeking opportunities. My parents came here and made a good life for me and my brother, Tony. They taught us that if we worked hard in both school and in our professional lives, anything would be possible. Frankly, they gave up everything so that we could have everything. My dad passed away in 2001, but I continue to carry his many lessons with me especially about the importance of hard work. I would also like to thank my wonderful mother, Wynell Beatty, for her never-ending encouragement and for constantly championing the importance of my education.

I would like to thank my brothers Tony and Reggie; my in-laws Errol and Violet Arthur; my sisters-in-law Sheyna Arthur and Justine Jaquez; my brother-in-law Justin Jaquez; and my nephews Kevin, Isaiah, Jeromy and Jacob for cheering me on in all of my pursuits. And I must thank all of my friends who keep me in constant prayer.

I reserve a special thanks to my husband and best friend, the Honorable Errol R. Arthur. For 31 years, he has been a constant and unwavering support. Errol and I have walked together in our life-long pursuits in public service, and I wouldn't be here without him. I am also a proud mother of two spectacular children. I am joined by my son, Miles Arthur, who is a proud graduate of Morehouse College and my daughter Layla Arthur, who is a rising senior at Spelman College. I consider Miles and Layla to be my greatest accomplishments and my greatest blessings.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve at the Superior Court for the District of Columbia where I began my legal career as a student attorney with D.C. Law Students in Court almost 25 years ago. I began my career handling employment law cases at both the United State Department of Agriculture and at the United States Securities and Exchange Commission. After that I worked as a partner at Arthur & Arthur PLLC where I represented clients in family law matters, small business development and other civil matters. Thereafter, I served as the Director of Human Resources for the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia. After that, I served as an

Administrative Law Judge at the District of Columbia Office of Administrative Hearings, where I heard thousands of cases in every jurisdiction including public benefits, unemployment compensation, public works, licensing and enforcement and rental housing. Since 2020, I have been a Magistrate Judge for the District of Columbia Superior Court where I have presided over thousands of cases in paternity and support, juvenile new referrals and in Abuse and Neglect.

It has been an honor to serve the citizens of Washington, D.C. throughout my career. I am humbled by this opportunity, and if confirmed to be an Associate Judge, I will continue to serve my community. I look forward to answering any questions you may have. Thank you.