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October 7, 1994

Dear Mr. Davidson:

Thank you for writing to the White House to recommend Catherine Perry for appointment to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri.

The President recently nominated Judge Perry and we look forward to a speedy confirmation.

If you have further questions about this matter, please feel free to contact me at (202) 456-7901.

Sincerely,

Victoria L. Radd  
Associate Counsel to the President

Mr. John L. Davidson  
The Berkley Building  
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Saint Louis, Missouri 63105

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August 5, 1994

Vicki Radd, Esq.  
Associate Counsel to the  
President  
Room 128  
Old Executive Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20500

The Nomination of the Honorable Catherine Perry  
to be a Judge for the United States District Court  
for the Eastern District of Missouri

Dear Ms. Radd:

I recently read that the President had approved Magistrate Perry's nomination, which will shortly be forwarded to the Senate. Magistrate Perry is a splendid choice. I hope that the Senate will immediately confirm her nomination.

Hoping that my personal experiences in appearing before Magistrate Perry will offer a useful insight to the Senate, please let me take a few moments of your time to talk about one case.

I did not know Magistrate Perry before she became a district court magistrate. The first matter I tried before her was a bitter suit between a lawyer and an insurance company. The lawyer asked me to try the case; he and another firm had filed the suit.

The lawyer had represented a construction worker who had suffered catastrophic injuries and become a paraplegic in a construction accident. The injured worker fired the lawyer, shortly before his case was set to be tried. The case was then settled, with the worker being represented by a new attorney. Two frauds then took place. The injured worker and the new attorney worked a fraud in the settlement of the case, by not paying the earlier lawyer a part of the fee. And, the new attorney then stole money from the injured worker, there being no honor among thieves. The second attorney was ultimately convicted of mail fraud and put in jail. The case we tried was a complex question dealing with the liability of the insurance company, under very obscure and badly drafted statutes, to pay damages to the first lawyer for what he lost by reason of the fraud.

Although we lost the case, I came away with tremendous respect for Magistrate Perry. She knew the civil rules. She knew how to get the case ready for trial. She knew how and ran a prompt, efficient, and fair trial. The matter was tried in less than one

Vicki Radd, Esq.

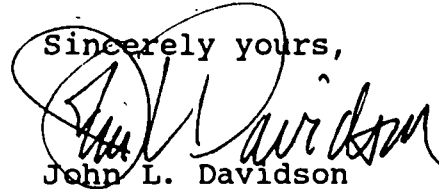
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day. And, she knew how to decide a case and to do such promptly, with a well written and reasoned decision. That decision convinced my client, who was the first lawyer who had filed the case on his own, that he had no case. How often does a judge get a lawyer to change his mind on the facts and the law, and especially when the lawyer is also the plaintiff?

I hope these words will give you insights into Magistrate Perry's qualifications and the energy to work for her prompt confirmation.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John L. Davidson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

John L. Davidson

jld/ahd

cc: Honorable Catherine Perry

June 22, 1994

Dear Ms. Winchell:

Thank you for writing to the White House to recommend Catherine Perry for appointment to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri.

I can assure you that we will give your endorsement serious consideration as we work with President Clinton to fill this important vacancy.

If you have further questions about this matter, please feel free to contact me at (202) 456-7901.

Sincerely,

/s/

Victoria L. Radd  
Associate Counsel to the President

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Patricia A. Winchell  
Associate Company Counsel

April 25, 1994

Ms. Vicki Radd  
Associate Counsel to the President  
Room 128  
Old Executive Office Building  
Washington, D. C. 20500

RE: Judge Catherine Perry

Dear Ms. Radd:

I am writing to endorse Congressman Gebhardt's recommendation that Federal Magistrate Judge Catherine Perry be nominated to serve as a Judge in the Federal District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri.

I have known Catherine since 1977 when we were both law students. Catherine is one of the brightest and most capable attorneys I know. Her approach to issues is consistently careful and unbiased and her resolutions are based on thorough understanding of all aspects of the problem and reasoned analysis.

In addition to her superior intellect, Catherine brings to the practice of law a strong code of ethics and professionalism. She is highly regarded by the legal community, particularly those who appear before her. I am confident that she will be a distinguished asset to the District Court.

I am pleased to unconditionally endorse her nomination.

Very truly yours,

*Patricia A. Winchell*  
Patricia A. Winchell

cc: Joyce Aboussi  
Gebhardt in Congress Committee  
7435 Watson Road - Suite 107  
St. Louis, Missouri 63119

June 22, 1994

Dear Mr. Clark:

Thank you for writing to the White House to recommend Catherine Perry for appointment to the United States District Court for Eastern District of Missouri.

I can assure you that we will give your endorsement serious consideration as we work with President Clinton to fill this important vacancy.

If you have further questions about this matter, please feel free to contact me at (202) 456-7901.

Sincerely,

/s/

Victoria L. Radd  
Associate Counsel to the President

Mr. Walter M. Clark  
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Clayton, Missouri 63105

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WALTER M. CLARK, P.C.

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314-721-1514

April 27, 1994

Ms. Vicki Radd  
Associate Counsel to the President  
Room 128  
Old Executive Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Re: Nomination of Catherine Perry as  
U.S. District Judge,  
E. D. Missouri

Dear Ms. Radd:

I have written to Congressman Richard Gephardt, congratulating him for proposing Catherine Perry as a U.S. District Judge. Copy of my letter is enclosed.

Catherine and I worked very closely together from the time she became licensed to practice law. Most of her work has been in the federal courts.

She worked so hard--and so well--she became my "lawyer". She is extremely bright--able to assume heavy responsibility much earlier in her career than her peers.

Anyone who might want to verify her ability--integrity--loyalty--judicial temperament--need only ask any lawyer, litigant, judge or other person who has observed her.

This is truly an opportunity for the President to make an appointment which cannot and will not be questioned or criticized. I join many, many lawyers, judges and others who praise this nomination.

Sincerely,

*Walter M. Clark*  
Walter M. Clark

WMC/km

WALTER M. CLARK, P.C.  
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16 SOUTHMOOR  
CLAYTON, MISSOURI 63105  
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April 27, 1994

The Hon. Richard Gephardt  
c/o Joyce Aboussie  
7435 Watson Road, Suite 107  
St. Louis, MO 63119

Dear Dick:

Congratulations on your decision to nominate Catherine Perry to the U. S. District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri.

I recently retired from the Armstrong, Teasdale law firm after 42 years of practice. Catherine first worked at the firm as a summer "intern" in 1979. Starting that summer her capabilities became so apparent that I "monopolized" Catherine's time. For the next eleven years (until the District Court judges appointed her a U.S. Magistrate) we worked together continuously on many diverse and complex matters--mostly federal court cases.

No one else has worked as closely with her during her professional career.

Catherine's ability is unquestioned--by lawyers, judges and litigants. More important is her integrity and judicial temperament. She has been an outstanding Magistrate and will be an exceptional District Judge.

With so many judicial vacancies, the White House should welcome an appointment that is a "sure winner".

While I assume that Catherine will be appointed and confirmed promptly, I do want to stress my desire to assist in any way I can. I should be pleased to contact others, to testify in Catherine's behalf or do whatever is helpful.

Sincerely,



Walter M. Clark

WMC/km

June 22, 1994

Dear Ms. Leonard:

Thank you for writing to the White House to recommend Catherine D. Perry for appointment to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri.

I can assure you that we will give your endorsement serious consideration as we work with President Clinton to fill this important vacancy.

If you have further questions about this matter, please feel free to contact me at (202) 456-7901.

Sincerely,

/s/

Victoria L. Radd  
Associate Counsel to the President

Ms. Patti Leonard  
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6716 Telegraph Road  
St. Louis, Missouri 63129  
April 20, 1994

Ms. Vicki Radd  
Associate Counsel to the President  
Room 128  
Old Executive Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Ms. Radd:

I am writing this letter to endorse Catherine D. Perry for a position as a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri. As Judge Perry's secretary for approximately five years, I feel I am in a unique position to have a real insight into her personality and character. In the last three years and eight months I have watched Judge Perry evolve from a fine private-practice lawyer into one of the finest Magistrate Judge's in this district. Judge Perry worked very hard (and continues to do so today) to prepare herself for her duties as Magistrate Judge, and in every situation where a bench ruling, memorandum, report and recommendation, etc., were required she labored diligently to follow the letter of the law. She has a tremendous respect and love for the law. She also has more integrity than any person I have ever known. Her logical mind and keen perception of any given situation astounds me. Let me say honestly that there are not many women I admire -- but I have worked with Judge Perry and there is no woman I respect more.

I fear I am getting redundant. Let me just say that the judicial system is far better for having Catherine Perry part of it.

Very truly yours,



Patti Leonard

/psl

cc: Congressman Richard Gephardt

June 22, 1994

Dear Mr. Roach:

Thank you for writing to the White House to recommend Catherine Perry for appointment to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri.

I can assure you that we will give your endorsement serious consideration as we work with President Clinton to fill this important vacancy.

If you have further questions about this matter, please feel free to contact me at (202) 456-7901.

Sincerely,

/s/

Victoria L. Radd  
Associate Counsel to the President

Mr. John G. Roach  
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April 26, 1994

Ms. Vicki Redd  
Associate Counsel to the President  
Rm 128, Old Executive Office Building  
Washington, DC 20500

Re: Proposed Appointment of Catherine Perry as Federal District Judge

Dear Ms Redd:

I am informed that Congressman Richard Gephardt has proposed the name of Catherine Perry as a Federal District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri. Ms Perry would be an excellent choice by virtue of her experience as a practicing attorney, her service as a Federal Magistrate and her character and outstanding personal qualities. She is a resident of the City of St. Louis and she and her husband have long been active in the development of historic neighborhoods in the City and contributors to its cultural life.

As a resident of the City and a member of the bar as well as a long term acquaintance of Judge Perry and her husband Sedgewick Mead, I can express complete enthusiasm and pride that our City might make such an outstanding contribution to the federal bench.

Very truly yours,

  
John G. Roach

cc Joyce Abbousie  
c/o Gephardt for Congress  
7435 Watson Rd  
St. Louis, Missouri 63119

June 22, 1994

Dear Ms. Fleissig:

Thank you for writing to the White House to recommend Catherine Perry for appointment to the United States District Court for Eastern District of Missouri.

I can assure you that we will give your endorsement serious consideration as we work with President Clinton to fill this important vacancy.

If you have further questions about this matter, please feel free to contact me at (202) 456-7901.

Sincerely,

/s/

Victoria L. Radd  
Associate Counsel to the President

Ms. Audrey G. Fleissig  
Women Lawyers' Association of Greater St. Louis  
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Room 401  
St. Louis, Missouri 63101

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# WOMEN LAWYERS' ASSOCIATION OF GREATER ST. LOUIS

Audrey G. Fleissig, President  
1114 Market St., Room 401  
St. Louis, MO 63101  
(314) 539-2200

April 29, 1994

Ms. Vicki Radd  
Associate Counsel to the President  
Room 128  
Old Executive Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Re: Nomination of Judge Catherine D. Perry

Dear Ms. Radd:

On behalf of the Board of the Women Lawyers' Association of Greater St. Louis, I am writing to recommend Magistrate Judge Catherine D. Perry for elevation to the position of United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri.

The Women Lawyers' Association endorses Judge Perry for the district bench whole-heartedly, and without reservation. She has demonstrated that she possesses the experience, intelligence, temperament and commitment necessary to make her an exemplary trial judge.

Prior to her appointment as a Magistrate Judge, in 1990, Catherine Perry had an excellent reputation as a litigator with one of the largest and most prestigious law firms in St. Louis. She was the first woman employed as a trial lawyer at that firm, and the first woman named as a partner. While in private practice, she was known for her hard work, keen intelligence and integrity.

Her reputation as a Magistrate Judge of this district is without equal. Lawyers for both plaintiffs and defendants are pleased to present their cases to Magistrate Judge Perry, for she is fair to all parties and always a consummate professional. Perhaps what distinguishes her most is the fact that she combines such sharp intellect with an approach that is always practical and down to earth.

I have known Catherine Perry both personally and professionally for more than fifteen years. We met as law students in 1978, and were both engaged in private practice

Ms. Vicki Radd  
April 29, 1994  
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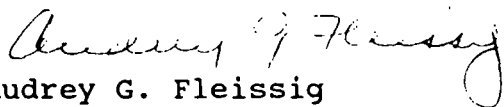
thereafter, sometimes representing opposing parties. Now, in my position as Assistant United States Attorney, engaged in white collar prosecutions, I and others in my office have occasion to appear before Judge Perry regularly.

Throughout these years, as fellow law student, practitioner and judge, I have never known Catherine Perry to exhibit anything but the highest standards of professionalism and integrity. As a judge, she has a reputation within the office of the United States Attorney for fairness and scholarship. Equally important for the administration of justice, and perhaps more rare in these days of excessive case loads, she is able to make rulings in a timely manner and keep her docket current.

As an active member of the Women Lawyers' Association, an adjunct professor at Washington University School of Law and by her example, Catherine Perry has been instrumental in paving the way for women and minorities within the practice of law. Her dedication to the principles of equality and justice has never wavered.

Both personally, and as President of the Women Lawyers' Association, I urge you to give prompt, favorable consideration to the appointment of Catherine Perry for the position of United States District Judge. She will do great honor to the office.

Very truly yours,

  
Audrey G. Fleissig  
President  
Women Lawyers' Association

cc: Congressman Richard Gephardt

June 22, 1994

Dear Mr. Dowd:

Thank you for writing to the President to recommend Catherine Perry for appointment to the United States District Court for Eastern District of Missouri.

I can assure you that we will give your endorsement serious consideration as we work with President Clinton to fill this important vacancy.

If you have further questions about this matter, please feel free to contact me at (202) 456-7901.

Sincerely,

/s/

Victoria L. Radd  
Associate Counsel to the President

Mr. Edward L. Dowd, Jr.  
United States Court and Custom House  
1114 Market Street  
St. Louis, Missouri 63101

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United States Attorney  
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April 22, 1994

The Honorable William J. Clinton  
President of the United States  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Re: Magistrate Judge Catherine D. Perry

Dear Mr. President:

I would like to recommend Judge Catherine D. Perry to you for nomination as a Federal Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri. She was recently recommended to you by House Majority Leader, Richard Gephardt.

Judge Perry currently serves as a United States Magistrate for this District. She has excelled as a Judge. She has a well deserved reputation for fairness to the Government and defendants in criminal cases and to plaintiffs and defendants in civil cases.

Judge Perry is thoughtful, thorough and conscientious. I have personal knowledge of her outstanding ability and good character. She has proven that she possesses all of these characteristics.

She was Managing Editor of the Law Review at Washington University School of Law, where she was also inducted into the Order of the Coif. After graduation, the Judge worked for one of the finest law firms in St. Louis, where she quickly became a partner before being appointed to the bench in 1990. She has truly distinguished herself as a judge.

The appointment of Judge Perry to the Federal Bench would be an appointment you would always be proud of making. If I can be of any further assistance, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,

*Edward L. Dowd, Jr.*

Edward L. Dowd, Jr.  
United States Attorney  
Eastern District of Missouri

June 22, 1994

Dear Mr. Dwyer:

Thank you for writing to the White House to recommend Catherine Perry for appointment to the United States District Court for Eastern District of Missouri.

I can assure you that we will give your endorsement serious consideration as we work with President Clinton to fill this important vacancy.

If you have further questions about this matter, please feel free to contact me at (202) 456-7901.

Sincerely,

/s/

Victoria L. Radd  
Associate Counsel to the President

Mr. Michael Dwyer  
Assistant Federal Public Defender  
1010 Market Street  
Suite 200  
St. Louis, Missouri 63101

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FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI  
AND  
SOUTHERN AND CENTRAL DISTRICTS OF ILLINOIS

DAVID R. FREEMAN  
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April 25, 1994

Ms. Vicki Radd  
Associate Counsel to the President  
Room 128  
Old Executive Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Ms. Radd:

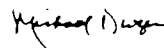
I am writing to support Congressman Richard Gebhardt's request that the President nominate United States Magistrate Judge Catherine D. Perry for a seat on the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri.

I have known Judge Perry since law school. We were in the same class at Washington University School of Law in St. Louis and lived in the same apartment building all three years. Close friends, we saw each other virtually every day, studied together and socialized together. She was then as she is now, one of the smartest most personable people I have ever known.

Since she became a Magistrate Judge, I have had the pleasure of practicing before her. In the Eastern District of Missouri, Magistrate Judges hear all pretrial motions in criminal cases. She listens carefully and rules evenhandedly, promptly, and firmly. Win or lose, any party before her realizes that she has thoroughly considered any argument presented. Further, her rulings and courtroom presence reflect her abundant common sense as well as her precise knowledge of substantive and procedural law.

The President could not nominate a more capable, qualified person.

Sincerely,



Michael Dwyer  
Assistant Federal Public Defender

cc: Congressman Richard Gephardt

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI  
U.S. COURT HOUSE & CUSTOM HOUSE  
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI 63101

CATHERINE D. PERRY  
U.S. MAGISTRATE

(314) 539-6192  
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April 27, 1994

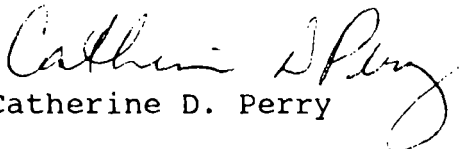
Ms. Victoria Radd  
Office of the Counsel  
Room 128  
Old Executive Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Ms. Radd:

Enclosed is my packet of completed forms as requested in your letter of April 20, 1994. As your instructions indicated that the ABA and Senate forms are drafts only, I have not signed those forms. I have signed and provided the requested number of FBI forms, attachments, tax waivers, consent forms, fingerprints, and medical certifications. The attachments to the ABA, Senate, and Attorney General forms are quite voluminous, and all are enclosed.

If you have any questions about these documents, please do not hesitate to call me and I will be glad to provide additional information.

Sincerely

  
Catherine D. Perry

**THE  
GEPHARDT-IN-CONGRESS  
COMMITTEE**

THE GEPHARDT-IN-CONGRESS COMMITTEE  
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE

JUDGE CANDIDATE

1. Full name and Social Security Number.

Catherine Delores Perry

(b)(6)

[001]

2. Work and home addresses, zip codes and telephone numbers.

(work address)

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1114 Market Street, Room 840  
St. Louis, MO 63101  
(314)539-6192

(home address)

2203 Menard St.  
St. Louis, MO 63104  
(314)771-4902

3. Date and place of birth.

(b)(6)

4. Are you a citizen of the United States?

Yes

5. For how long have you been a registered Missouri voter?

Since 1980

6. Family status:

a) Are you married? If so, state the date of marriage and your spouse's name before marriage.

I married Sedgwick Mead, Jr. on November 16, 1984.

b) Have you been divorced? If so, give the date(s), the name of the moving party(ies), the number of the case(s) and the court(s).

I was married to Robert B. Candler, III, in Norman, Oklahoma on July 29, 1971, and was divorced from him on July 20, 1976, by order on the District Court of Cleveland County, Oklahoma,

in Cause No. JFD-76-S74. I was the moving party (married name Catherine Candler); the divorce was uncontested; there were no children of the marriage.

c) Names of your children, with age, address, and present occupation of each.

I have two children, Nellie Perry Mead, age 4 (date of birth (b)(6)) and Marjorie Perry Mead, age 1 (date of birth (b)(6)).

7. Have you had any military service? If so, give dates, branch of service, rank or rate, serial number, and present status.

No

8. List each college and law school you attended, including dates of attendance, the degrees awarded and, if you left any institution without receiving a degree, the reason for leaving.

I attended Oklahoma State University for one semester, in the fall of 1970, and left to transfer to the University of Oklahoma.

I obtained my Bachelor of Arts from the University of Oklahoma in 1977, with a major in Urban Studies.

I obtained my Juris Doctorate from Washington University in 1980.

9. List all courts in which you have been admitted to practice, with dates of admission. Give the same information for administrative bodies which require special admission to practice.

I was admitted to practice in all Missouri state courts in 1980, and to all Illinois state courts in 1981. I am also admitted to practice before the United States District Courts for the Eastern District of Missouri (1980) and for the Southern District of Illinois (1987). I was admitted to practice before the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit in 1980.

10. Describe chronologically your law practice and experience after your graduation from law school and until you became a judge including:

a) Whether you served as clerk to a judge, and if so, the name of the judge, the court, and the dates of the period you were a clerk.

No

b) Whether you practiced alone, and if so, the addresses and the dates.

No

c) The dates, names, and addresses of law firms or offices, companies or governmental agencies with which you have been connected, and the nature of your connection with each.

I became an associate with what was then known as Armstrong, Teasdale, Kramer & Vaughan upon my graduation from law school in 1980. I became a partner at the firm on January 1, 1987, and it is the only law firm where I have practiced law. The firm's current name and address is Armstrong, Teasdale, Schlafly and Davis, and its address and telephone number is One Metropolitan Square, St. Louis, MO 63101, (314)621-5070.

11. What was the general character of your practice before you became a judge, dividing it into periods with dates, if its character changed over the years?

In the first few years I had a varied litigation practice, including domestic relations, torts and business disputes. Later I focused exclusively on business litigation, including, but not limited to, the areas of securities litigation, accountants' liability, general contract disputes, and construction litigation.

12. With respect to the last five years of your law practice:

a) Did you appear in court regularly, occasionally or not at all? If the frequency of your appearances in court varied during this period, describe each such variance, giving the dates thereof.

I regularly appeared in court during the last five years of my practice.

b) Approximately what percentage of these appearances were in

- 1) Federal Courts. 60%
- 2) State Courts of Record. 15%
- 3) Other Courts or Administrative Agencies.  
The remaining 5% was in commercial arbitration, before the American Arbitration Association or the National Association of Securities Dealers.

c) Approximately what percentage of your litigation was

- 1) Civil.
- 2) Criminal.

100% was civil.

d) State the approximate number of cases in courts of record you tried to verdict or judgment before becoming a judge (rather than settled), indicating whether you were sole counsel, chief counsel or associate counsel.

I tried eight cases to verdict in the last five years of my practice. In four of those I was sole counsel, in three I was "second chair", and in one I was lead counsel. The shortest of these cases was two days, the longest was four weeks. The average length of trial was seven trial days. During this time I also was lead counsel in a week-long commercial arbitration.

13. With respect to any period preceding the last five years in which you practiced law, summarize your experience indicating as to that period. (Answer only if you have been a judge for less than 10 years.)

a) Whether your appearances in court were more or less frequent.

My court appearances were less frequent during the first five years I practiced law.

b) Any significant changes in the percentages stated in your answers to questions 12b) and c).

The percentage of state court matters I handled was higher during the first five years of my practice, and probably accounted for 25% of my court appearances, with arbitration remaining the same and federal court being approximately 70%.

c) Any significant changes in the number of cases per year in courts of record you tried to verdict or judgment

(rather than settled), as sole counsel, chief counsel or associate counsel.

As with associates in most large firms, I worked on many briefs and handled discovery in many different types of cases, and my trials and actual court appearances were limited. I believe that my trial experience was limited to handling two contested child custody matters and second chairing one bench trial, with approximately three to four uncontested domestic matters and six to twelve motion appearances each year during the years 1981 to 1985. My first jury trial was in 1985, and was a four day customer-broker securities fraud case before Judge Roy Harper in federal court.

During the years of 1980 to 1986 I spent approximately fifty percent of my time working on one major piece of securities litigation, and I worked on both the SEC investigation and the civil litigation involved in that matter. Our client was a party to seven different lawsuits pending in state and federal courts arising from this action, and one partner and I essentially handled the cases, including depositions of over eighty witnesses taken over two hundred different days. I was responsible for all the document discovery, handled roughly half of the depositions, wrote most of the briefs and memoranda, and made many of the court appearances required in the cases, which were all ultimately settled without trial. Reported opinions in the case on preliminary legal issues appear at 742 F.2d 408 (8th Cir. 1984) and 770 F.2d 717 (8th Cir. 1985), both with a case name of Alexander Grant & Co. v. Tiffany Industries, Inc.

14. Describe not more than three of the most significant litigated matters which you personally handled as a lawyer and give the citations, if the cases were reported. Give a capsule summary of the substance of each case, and a succinct statement of what you believe to be the particular significance of the case. Identify the party or parties whom you represented, describe in detail the nature of your participation in the litigation and the final disposition of the case. Also state as to each case, a) the dates of the trial period or periods, b) the name of the court and the name of the judge before whom the case was tried, and c) the name, address, and telephone number of counsel for the other parties.

The following is based on my memory and the few briefs and other documents that I have retained from my former law practice, as I do not have the files to verify this information. I believe all information is accurate, although some of the figures may be slightly off.

USX Corporation v. Lock & Dam 26 Constructors, Cause No. unknown, Southern District of Illinois. In this case our client, USX, had provided steel sheet piling for construction of Lock & Dam 26 near Alton. A piece of that sheet piling split during construction, and the contractor withheld partial payment from our client, claiming the piling was defective. No injuries resulted from this incident. I did all of the trial preparation, and then second chaired the trial, handling all of the technical and financial expert witnesses and many of the fact witnesses. The three-week jury trial before Judge Beatty in January of 1990 resulted in a jury verdict for our client in an amount slightly over one million dollars.

We were able to show the jury that the contractor had mishandled the steel, causing it to fracture. The case was particularly challenging for me because my role included conveying to the jury some very complicated concepts involving metallurgy, fracture mechanics, and construction accounting, including the use of the critical path method.

Opposing counsel was Mike Wilson, of Greensfelder, Hemker & Gale, 10 S. Broadway, St. Louis, Mo. 63102, phone 241-9090. No appeal was taken.

Homestake Mining Company v. Amax Inc., AAA Case No. 58 199 001 87 (arbitration before the American Arbitration Association). Although this matter was not tried in a court of record, it was prepared by stipulation according to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and was tried in a five-day arbitration proceeding to a panel of three arbitrators, one of whom was a retired state-court judge. The proceeding took place from May 2, 1988 to May 7, 1988.

Our client, Homestake, brought a claim against its former partner, Amax, for its one-half share of certain excess pension benefits from their joint operation of the Buick lead mine and smelter at Herculaneum, Missouri. The parties had operated the property under a partnership agreement for many years, and in approximately 1986 Homestake sold its interests in the property to Amax. Amax later contended that the sale contemplated that it receive all excess pension benefits that reverted to the owners, and Homestake contended that it was entitled to half of that reversion.

I worked closely on the case with Homestake's general counsel, Bill Langston, and my partner Walter Clark. Mr. Clark and I shared the taking of depositions and discovery, Mr. Langston and I wrote all the briefs, and the three of us jointly prepared the strategy for the case. I served as lead trial counsel, and presented or cross-examined all but two or three of the witnesses.

The arbitration panel awarded our client what it sought, which was approximately \$1,200,000, representing half of the pension reversion. Opposing counsel was Bob Lucy, of Bryan Cave, One Metropolitan Square, St. Louis, Mo. 63101, phone (314)259-2000.

C & J Delivery Inc. v. Emery Air Freight Corp., U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Missouri, Cause No. 86-358-C(1). In this case I represented Emery Air Freight in a dispute with its former distribution agent. Emery had a contract with C & J to do handle its St. Louis and Miami operations, including the collection, sorting and delivery to and from the airport of items shipped via Emery's air services. Emery decided to terminate the contract and perform the services with its own employees, and C & J sued, claiming violations of its contracts and of the Missouri franchise law.

The case resulted in a two-week jury trial before Judge John F. Nangle, in August of 1987. This was my longest "sole counsel" jury trial. I believe that plaintiff asked the jury to return a verdict of close to a half a million dollars, and it in fact returned a verdict for the plaintiff of around \$30,000, which was less than half the amount I had offered in settlement of the case. Opposing counsel was Bill Higley, who was at that time with Shifrin, Trieman, but is now with Monsanto Co., 800 N. Lindbergh, phone (314)694-8503.

A reported decision in the case appears at 647 F. Supp. 867 (E.D. Mo. 1986). Although that decision reports a denial of my motion for summary judgment on the Missouri franchise claim, at trial the jury found for my client on the franchise claim, and awarded damages only on the contract claims.

15. a) Identify the judicial office you now hold and any judicial offices you have previously held, giving dates and details, including the courts involved, whether elected or appointed, periods of service and a description of the jurisdiction of each of such courts with any limitations upon the jurisdiction of each.

I am currently a United States Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri, and was appointed to this position on June 29, 1990. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 631, I was appointed by the then-active District Judges in our district. The position has a term of eight years, and a magistrate judge may be reappointed.

The jurisdiction of the magistrate judge is established by 28 U.S.C. § 636, and essentially includes, upon referral from a United States District Judge, all pretrial criminal and civil matters and the trial of civil cases with consent of the

parties. It also includes what may be thought of as traditional magistrate duties, including the issuance of search and arrest warrants, and initial appearances and bail determinations for criminal defendants. A magistrate judge may handle trials and sentencings in misdemeanor cases, but may not handle felony trials.

In our district, magistrate judges handle all the habeas corpus, social security, and most of the pretrial motions in prisoner civil rights suits on a "Report and Recommendation" basis, that is, we issue recommendations to the district judge, and those opinions may be accepted and adopted, or rejected. We handle all pretrial motions in felony cases, issuing orders on non-dispositive matters and recommendations on dispositive motions and motions to suppress evidence.

We also decide many discovery and pretrial matters in routine civil cases, and hold trials of civil cases with consent of the parties. In consent cases a magistrate judge has essentially the same power and scope of duties as a district judge. Last year I presided over 19 jury trials and 3 non-jury trials. In the first four months of this year I have handled six jury trials and two non-jury trials, covering a total of 30 trial days.

b) Have you ever held public office other than judicial office? If so, give details, including the office involved, whether elected or appointed, and the length of your service, giving dates.

No

16. Have you ever been a candidate for elective, judicial or other public office, other than those offices described in your previous answer? If so, give details, including dates.

No

17. If you are currently an appellate judge, describe up to three of the most significant opinions you have written, or attach copies of them to your answers and give the citations if the opinions were reported, as well as citations to any appellate review of such opinions. If a trial judge, attach no more than three case opinions or decisions on motions or on the merits with citations to appellate review, if applicable.

United States v. Jerry Lewis Bey, et al., No. 91-1CR(6). In this multi-defendant racketeering and drug case I handled all the pretrial motions filed by the thirteen defendants who were originally indicted. I also made the bail determinations for

the defendants, including issuing orders detaining certain defendants, which were affirmed on appeal. There were dozens of motions filed, including motions to suppress evidence obtained from over sixty different searches, seizures, or wiretaps. I held the suppression hearings on all of those matters, and issued orders on the discovery motions and recommendations on the dispositive and suppression motions. Because my orders, reports and recommendations, and memoranda from that case are quite lengthy, I have not attached them to this application (the memorandum on the suppression motions alone is 167 pages), but I would be glad to provide them if the commission desires. Five of the original thirteen defendants have pleaded guilty, and the trial of the remaining eight defendants has been proceeding before Judge George F. Gunn for the last six months, and is expected to end in the near future.

In re: Chrysler Motors Corporation Overnight Evaluation Program Litigation (Tag Along Cases), MDL No. 740A -- in this multi-district litigation I was referred all pretrial matters in the so called "tag-along" cases, which were the cases brought by plaintiffs who chose to opt out of the class action. There were approximately twenty such cases at the time I became involved, and I ruled on all discovery matters and made reports and recommendations on all dispositive motions to the district judge, which were adopted. I have attached one such report and recommendation, which was adopted by the district court judge.

Kunkel v. Moore, Nos. 91-261-C(7), 91-1552-C(7), 91-1553-C(6) and 91-1719-C(2). These four prisoner civil rights suits were consolidated for a bench trial before me. Our court handles a great volume of prisoner civil rights cases, and most are disposed of on summary judgment or by jury trial. I include this case not for its particular legal or other significance, but as an example of my work product, as the enclosed opinion rules on four cases following a bench trial. The cases are currently on appeal.

18. Have you ever been engaged in any occupation, business or profession other than the practice of law or holding judicial or other public office? If so, give details, including dates.

I was employed for approximately four years at Aetna Life and Casualty in Oklahoma City, which was the Part B Medicare carrier for the state of Oklahoma. I began working there in 1971 and last worked there in 1976, with one break of approximately eight months when I returned to college on a full-time basis. I began as a file clerk, and later worked as a claims processor and physician/supplier profile analyst.

In addition to the Aetna job (during which time I went to college at night), I held a number of part-time jobs while in college between 1970 and 1977, including working in the student union, working as a medicare claims consultant for a claims service (a business that helped physicians and suppliers file medicare claims), and working in a bar as a waitress.

I worked in my father's law firm in Sentinel, Oklahoma, as a secretary the summer of 1970, after my graduation from high school, and again the summer of 1977, after my graduation from college and before law school. I worked there again as a secretary/legal assistant/law clerk the summer after my first year in law school (1978).

I worked as a summer law clerk at Armstrong Teasdale after my second year of law school (1979).

I have also worked as an adjunct professor of law at Washington University Law School. From 1981 to 1984 I taught as a legal writing instructor, and I taught the pretrial procedure course for two semesters during the 1991-92 school year.

19. Are you now an officer or director or otherwise engaged in the management of any business enterprise? If so, give details, including the name of the enterprise, the nature of the business, the title or other description of your position, the nature of your duties and the term of your service.

No

20. Have you ever been charged by federal, state, or other law enforcement authorities with a violation of any federal law, state law or regulation, county or municipal law or ordinance? If so, please give details. Do not include traffic violations for which a fine of \$50.00 or less was imposed.

(b)(6)

21. Have you, to your knowledge, ever been the target of a federal, state or local investigation for possible violation of criminal statute? If so, please give particulars.

No

22. Are all of your taxes currently paid in full? Have you ever failed to timely pay any of your taxes? If so, please explain.

**Yes. I have never failed to timely pay my taxes.**

23. Have you ever hired an illegal alien? If so, please fully explain the circumstances.

**No**

24. Have you ever failed to pay or withhold any taxes due on any employee of yours? If so, please explain.

(b)(6)

25. Have you ever been personally involved in any legal proceedings, including bankruptcy? If so, give the particulars. Do not list proceedings in which you were merely a guardian ad litem or stakeholder. Include all legal proceedings in which you were a party in interest, a material witness, were named as co-conspirator and any grand jury investigation in which you figured as a subject, or in which you appeared as a witness.

**I have been involved in the uncontested divorce set forth in answer 6(b) above, and also have been involved in the adoption proceedings involving both of my daughters.**

(b)(6)

**I have been involved in no other legal proceedings.**

26. Have you ever been disciplined or cited for a breach of ethics or unprofessional conduct by any court, administrative agency, bar association, disciplinary committee, or other professional group? If so, please give the particulars.

**No**

27. With respect to your judicial service,

a) Have you participated in any proceeding in which you had a stock or other financial interest in one of the parties or in the matter in controversy? If so, give particulars.

No

b) Is there a rule or custom in your court as to judges sitting on such cases? If so, state the rule or custom and whether or not you have complied with it.

Yes. 28 U.S.C. § 455(b)(4) requires disqualification in all such cases, as does Canon 3C(1)(c) of the Code of Conduct for United States Judges. In practice, the custom in our court is for all judges to provide a list of companies in which they own stock or otherwise have a financial interest to the clerk of the court for automatic reassignment in the event a case involving such a party should be assigned to that judge. As I have no financial interests in any companies, I have not done this, but would, of course, do so if I obtained any such interest.

c) Have you to the best of your knowledge and belief complied with applicable statutes and Supreme Court Rules relative to such matters as were in force and applicable at the time? If not, give particulars.

Yes. I have disqualified myself pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 455(b)(2) from matters involving my former law firm. For the first two years I disqualified myself from all cases handled by my former firm, regardless whether disqualification was required under § 455. I now review each case on a case by case basis to determine if disqualification is required or appropriate, and make full disclosure of my former partnership in the firm to all parties. To date, I have never handled a matter involving any of my former partners, but I probably will do so in the future if to do so does not violate any applicable statutes, rules or canons.

d) Have you ever received compensation from outside sources for services rendered (other than fees or expenses for lectures or teaching)? If so, give particulars.

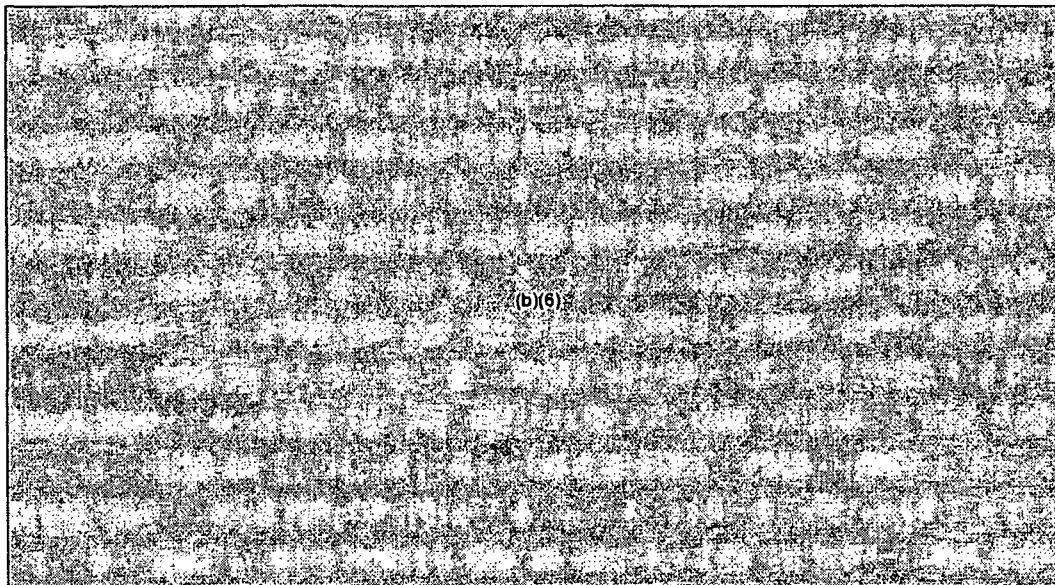
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28. Health:

a) What is the present state of your health?

**Excellent**

b) Have you ever (i) been hospitalized due to injury or illness or (ii) been prevented from working due to injury or illness or otherwise incapacitated for a period in excess of ten days? If so, give the particulars, including the causes, the dates, the places of confinement, and the present status of the conditions which caused the confinement or incapacitations.



c) Do you have any physical or mental impairment that would prevent you from performing any of the essential functions of a U.S. District Judge? If so, give details.

**No**

d) Are you currently under treatment for an illness or physical condition? If so, give details.

**No**

e) Have you ever been treated for or had any problem with alcoholism or any related condition associated with consumption of alcoholic beverages or any other form of drug abuse or dependency? If so, give details.

No

f) Have you ever been treated for or suffered from any form of mental illness? If so, give details.

No

29. List all books or articles on a legal subject which you have written or published with citations.

Co-Author, Chapter 8, Missouri Farm Law, Federal Regulatory, Marketing and Licensing Agencies (Mo. Bar CLE Series, 1980)

Note, Right of Privacy Challenges to Prostitution Statutes, 58 Wash. U. Law. Q 439 (1979)

Case Comment on Stump v. Sparkman, 435 U.S. 349 (1978), entitled Torts--Judicial Immunity--State Court Judge Has Absolute Immunity in § 1983 Action, 1979 Wash. U. Law Q. 288

30. Furnish ten (10) copies of not more than two (2) examples of legal articles, books, briefs, or other legal writing which reflect your personal work. If briefs are submitted, indicate the degree to which they reflect your personal work. Shorter writing examples would be preferred over longer, where possible.

Jones v. Colonial Penn. Insurance Co., No. 889-103C. This was a fire insurance (arson) case that was tried to a jury in our Cape Girardeau (Southeastern) Division. I have enclosed my opinion ruling on the motions in limine, and my ruling on the post-trial motions, which was affirmed by the Eighth Circuit in an unpublished per curiam opinion, Cause No. 91-2818EM, March 20, 1992.

Nelson v. Boatmen's Bancshares, No. 90-2444-C(6). This was an age discrimination case, and the jury returned a verdict for the plaintiff. I have enclosed my order on equitable issues and the post-trial motions. The case is currently on appeal.

31. List all bar associations and professional societies of which you are a member and give the titles and dates of any offices which you have held in such groups. List also chairmanships of any committees in bar associations and professional

societies, and memberships on any committees which you believe to be of particular significance. Describe also your participation, if any, on judicial committees, in judicial conferences, and in sitting, by designation, as a temporary member of a court which reviews decisions of your court.

I am a member of the Federal Magistrate Judges' Association, the National Association of Women Judges, the American Bar Association, the Missouri Bar Association, the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis, and the Women Lawyers Association of Greater St. Louis. I am a past member of the Illinois State Bar Association. I served for one year (1989-90) as a member of the Board of Directors of the Women Lawyers Association.

I currently serve as a member of the Courtroom, Chambers and Libraries Automation Umbrella Group established by the Administrative Office of the United States Courts. This group advises the AO on priorities for allocation of automation funding for judges' chambers, courtrooms and libraries. The group consists of one circuit judge, one district judge, one bankruptcy judge, one magistrate judge, one circuit executive, one circuit librarian, one clerk of court, and various automation experts.

I serve as the umbrella group's representative on an ad hoc group for the development of a judiciary-wide office automation training plan, which has been directed by the Committee of Automation and Technology of the Judicial Conference of the United States to develop a plan for automation training of all federal judges, law clerks, secretaries, and clerk's office personnel.

I am also a member of the Magistrate Judge's Advisory Group, a seven-member group of magistrate judges from around the country, which considers and reports to the Administrative Office on matters affecting magistrate judges.

32. List all organizations other than bar associations or professional associations or professional societies of which you are or have been a member, including civic, charitable, religious, educational, social, and fraternal organizations, including dates of membership.

Soulard Restoration Group, member 1980 to present

Noonday Club, member from 1987 to 1991

I am currently or have been in the past a member of the Missouri Botanical Garden, the Zoo Friends, the Friends of

Tower Grove Park, the St. Louis Art Museum, and the Missouri Historical Society.

33. Do you belong to any club or organization which excludes individuals from membership on the basis of race, sex or religion? If so, please describe.

No

34. List any honors, prizes, awards or other forms of recognition which you have received (including any indication of academic distinction in college or law school) other than those mentioned in answers to the foregoing questions.

Law school honors:

Order of the Coif; Am Jur Awards in Constitutional Law, Property, Future Interests, and Criminal Law; 1978 CJS Award (given to the first year student with the second highest grade average); Managing Editor, Washington University Law Quarterly; Dean Search Committee, 1979-80.

35. State any other information which you believe may reflect positively or adversely on you, or which you believe should be disclosed in connection with your candidacy.

NOTE: Please include one (1) recent photograph with your response to this Questionnaire, attached to the Chairman's copy.

By my signature to this form, I hereby waive any and all objections and/or rights I have with reference to the privacy or confidentiality of any and all police, credit, medical, hospital, employment, school or college, disciplinary or other records I may have; and I authorize the Commission to make whatever inquiries and receive whatever information it shall desire with respect thereto, with the understanding and provided such information is available only to the members of the Judicial Selection Commission presently serving or hereafter named to such office, and with further understanding that if I am one of the nominees selected a copy of this questionnaire will be supplied to Congressman Richard A. Gephardt, Senator John C. Danforth, and Senator Christopher S. Bond.

I further release the members of the Commission and their duly appointed agents from any liability in connection with their investigation of my qualifications for possible nomination by the Commission for consideration for appointment to the judicial vacancy for which I have applied.

I hereby certify that all my statements made above are correct and that if I am appointed to the office of Judge, I will accept the appointment, qualify and promptly enter upon the performance of the duties of that office.

Date: April 23, 1993 Signature: Catherine D. King

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23rd day of April, 1993.

Notary Public in and for the  
State of Missouri  
County of St. Louis

Norma S. King  
Norma S. King, Notary Public  
City of St. Louis, State of Missouri  
My Commission Expires May 21, 1995

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 20, 1994

Dear Judge Perry:

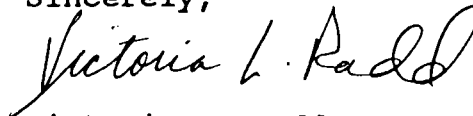
As you know, you have been recommended to the President for nomination to the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri.

Enclosed you will find several forms that we will need you to complete, to facilitate the President's consideration of your potential nomination. While the forms are somewhat duplicative, each is required for a separate purpose; your patience in completing them all is appreciated.

Please return the completed forms, within seven days if possible, to me at the following address: Office of the Counsel, Room 128, Old Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20500. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (202) 456-7901.

Congratulations on the recommendation of your nomination. I look forward to receiving your completed forms as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



Victoria L. Radd  
Associate Counsel to the President

The Honorable Catherine D. Perry  
2203 Menard Street  
St. Louis, Missouri 63104

Enclosures

May 5, 1994

Dear Mr. Dowd:

Thank you for writing to the President to recommend Catherine D. Perry for appointment to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri.

I can assure you that we will proceed expeditiously as we work with President Clinton to fill this important vacancy.

If you have further questions about this matter, please feel free to contact me at (202) 456-7901.

Sincerely,

Victoria L. Radd  
Associate Counsel to the President

Mr. Edward L. Dowd, Jr.  
United States Attorney  
Eastern District of Missouri  
US Court and Custom House  
1114 Market Street  
Saint Louis, Missouri 63101

PLEASE RETAIN THIS COPY OF THE SIGNED ORIGINAL, FOR YOUR RECORDS.



U.S. Department of Justice

United States Attorney  
Eastern District of Missouri

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US Court and Custom House  
1114 Market Street  
St. Louis, Missouri 63101

314-539-2200  
FAX/314-539-2309

April 22, 1994

Ms. Vicki Radd  
Associate Counsel to the President  
Room 128  
Old Executive Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Ms. Radd:

Enclosed please find a copy of a letter I sent to the President recommending Catherine D. Perry as a Federal Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri. The Judges in our District are greatly overworked.

Any assistance you can give to expediting this nomination would be greatly appreciated by the judges and attorneys.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edward L. Dowd, Jr." with a flourish at the end.

Edward L. Dowd, Jr.  
United States Attorney  
Eastern District of Missouri

Attachment



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April 22, 1994

The Honorable William J. Clinton  
President of the United States  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Re: Magistrate Judge Catherine D. Perry

Dear Mr. President:

I would like to recommend Judge Catherine D. Perry to you for nomination as a Federal Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri. She was recently recommended to you by House Majority Leader, Richard Gephardt.

Judge Perry currently serves as a United States Magistrate for this District. She has excelled as a Judge. She has a well deserved reputation for fairness to the Government and defendants in criminal cases and to plaintiffs and defendants in civil cases.

Judge Perry is thoughtful, thorough and conscientious. I have personal knowledge of her outstanding ability and good character. She has proven that she possesses all of these characteristics.

She was Managing Editor of the Law Review at Washington University School of Law, where she was also inducted into the Order of the Coif. After graduation, the Judge worked for one of the finest law firms in St. Louis, where she quickly became a partner before being appointed to the bench in 1990. She has truly distinguished herself as a judge.

The appointment of Judge Perry to the Federal Bench would be an appointment you would always be proud of making. If I can be of any further assistance, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,

Edward L. Dowd, Jr.  
United States Attorney  
Eastern District of Missouri

May 5, 1994

Dear Majority Leader Gephardt:

Thank you for writing to the President to recommend Catherine D. Perry for appointment to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri.

I can assure you that we will proceed expeditiously as we work with President Clinton to fill this important vacancy.

If you have further questions about this matter, please feel free to contact me at (202) 456-7901.

Sincerely,

Victoria L. Radd  
Associate Counsel to the President

The Honorable Richard A. Gephardt  
Majority Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

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April 18, 1994

President William J. Clinton  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

It is my pleasure to nominate United States Magistrate Catherine D. Perry to fill the vacancy on the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri.

Judge Perry has served with distinction as a United States Magistrate for the Eastern District of Missouri, as a private attorney, and as an adjunct professor of law at Washington University School of Law in St. Louis. Judge Catherine Perry is a 1980 graduate of Washington University School of Law where she was awarded the Order of the Coif and was the Managing Editor of the Washington University Law Quarterly.

Please withdraw the nomination of the Honorable Gary M. Gaertner from consideration for the vacancy on the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri.

Sincerely,

*Richard A. Gephardt*  
Richard A. Gephardt  
House Majority Leader

May 5, 1994

Dear Mr. Bailis:

Thank you for writing to the White House to recommend Catherine Perry for appointment to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri.

I can assure you that we will give your endorsement serious consideration as we work with President Clinton to fill this important vacancy.

If you have further questions about this matter, please feel free to contact me at (202) 456-7901.

Sincerely,

/s/

Victoria L. Radd  
Associate Counsel to the President

Mr. David P. Bailis  
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April 22, 1994

Ms. Vicki Radd  
Associate Counsel to the President  
Room 128  
Old Executive Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Re: Judicial Nomination of Catherine Perry

Dear Ms. Radd:

I am very pleased to learn that Catherine Perry has been nominated to serve as a Judge in the Federal District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri. I have known Catherine since 1977, first in law school where she devoted substantial time and effort in assisting me in my law review publications and then while in private practice in Missouri prior to my relocation. On the basis of my personal knowledge of Catherine, I unconditionally endorse her nomination to the Bench.

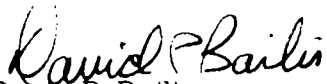
Catherine demonstrates the critical qualities establishing her as one of the most effective attorneys I have had the pleasure to observe and work with. She is extremely thoughtful and bright. Her intellect and superior analytical skills produce excellent legal work. Catherine is a careful listener, examining in an unbiased and systematic way all aspects of the issues confronting her before reaching a conclusion on how to fashion a solution or position. She is consistently very prepared.

Catherine Perry's appointment would be a very positive contribution to the Federal Judiciary and to those who appear in her court. I am very confident that she will discharge her responsibilities with diligence, fairly and in the utmost ethical and professional manner. I strongly endorse her nomination.

Ms. Vicki Radd  
April 22, 1994  
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If I can be of any assistance to you, please call me at 402/222-5566.

Very truly yours,

  
David P. Bailis  
General Counsel

DPB:jm

cc: Joyce Aboussi  
Gebhardt in Congress Committee  
7435 Watson Road-Suite 107  
St. Louis, Missouri 63119

May 5, 1994

Dear Ms. Harper:

Thank you for writing to Richard Gephardt to recommend Catherine Perry for appointment to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri.

I can assure you that we will give your endorsement serious consideration as we work with President Clinton to fill this important vacancy.

If you have further questions about this matter, please feel free to contact me at (202) 456-7901.

Sincerely,

/s/

Victoria L. Radd  
Associate Counsel to the President

Ms. Donna L. Harper  
U.S. Equal Employment  
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April 22, 1994

The Honorable Richard A. Gephardt  
c/o Ms. Joyce Aboussie  
Gephardt-in-Congress Committee  
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Re: Nomination of CATHERINE PERRY

Honorable Sir:

This letter is written in support of the Honorable Catherine Perry for judicial appointment to the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri. Since becoming a Magistrate Judge, Catherine Perry has earned praise from the attorneys and litigants who have come before her because she works hard and follows the law. Judge Perry also continues to make valuable contributions to the profession in her law school teaching activities and through her involvement in continuing legal education activities. She is extremely well-qualified by her experience to become a federal judge.

Most important to me as a plaintiff's employment discrimination attorney is her personal sense of fairness. Those of us in the plaintiff's bar come to the Court with heavy burdens that make success difficult, but possible. We simply cannot shoulder unwarranted hostility from the bench because a judge has personal views antithetical to the laws we enforce or the people we represent. Catherine Perry has shown herself to be a person of intellect and integrity who will not use the powers of a federal bench to unfairly defeat the powerless who come to the bench for justice and equal treatment. She will be an asset to the bench.

I urge you most strongly to consider her appointment favorably.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Donna L. Harper".

Donna L. Harper  
Senior Lead Trial Attorney

cc: Ms. Vicki Radd  
Associate Counsel to the President

May 5, 1994

Dear Mr. Francis:

Thank you for writing to the White House to recommend Catherine D. Perry for appointment to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri.

I can assure you that we will give your endorsement serious consideration as we work with President Clinton to fill this important vacancy.

If you have further questions about this matter, please feel free to contact me at (202) 456-7901.

Sincerely,

/s/

Victoria L. Radd  
Associate Counsel to the President

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April 22, 1994

Ms. Vicki Radd  
Associate Counsel to the President  
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Re: Nomination of Catherine D. Perry for United States  
District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri

Dear Ms. Radd:

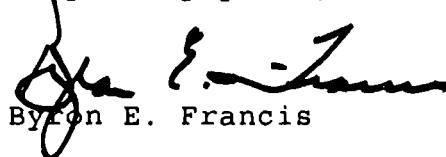
I am writing in support of the nomination of Catherine D. Perry for United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri. I have known Judge Perry for almost fifteen years and practiced law with her at this firm for ten of those years. She was an outstanding lawyer exhibited not only by her high intellect and hard work, but also her toughness and poise under fire. Obviously, we miss her dearly as a partner of the firm, but we believe that we have gained in having an outstanding United States Magistrate for the last four years.

While she has not taken any of our firm's cases for these four years, I know from colleagues at other firms that she is a fair, hard-working and extremely bright United States Magistrate capable of presiding over even the most complex of cases.

Most importantly, Judge Perry is a fine person who would make all of those practicing and living in the Eastern District proud to have as a District Judge.

Please let me know if I can provide any additional information. Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

  
Byron E. Francis

May 5, 1994

Dear Ms. Freeman:

Thank you for writing to the White House to recommend Catherine Perry for appointment to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri.

I can assure you that we will give your endorsement serious consideration as we work with President Clinton to fill this important vacancy.

If you have further questions about this matter, please feel free to contact me at (202) 456-7901.

Sincerely,

Victoria L. Radd  
Associate Counsel to the President

Ms. Leslie V. Freeman  
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Ms. Vicki Radd  
Associate Counsel to the President  
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Washington D.C. 20500

April 25, 1994

Re: Nomination of Magistrate Catherine Perry  
for the Federal District Court, Eastern District of Missouri

Dear Ms. Radd:

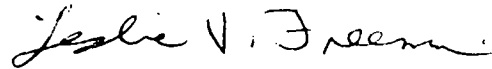
I write to express my wholehearted support for Congressman Gephardt's selection of Magistrate Catherine Perry for federal district judge in the Eastern District of Missouri. Catherine possesses all the qualities that one might hope for in a federal judge.

I have known Catherine Perry for fifteen years, since we attended Washington University School of Law together. During that time I have been engaged in the practice of law in St. Louis, as a plaintiff's attorney in the employment discrimination field and as a trial attorney for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. In recent years I served as the Executive Director of the Missouri Task Force on Gender and Justice, a group of lawyers and judges appointed by the Missouri Supreme Court to study sex discrimination in the state court system. The Task Force Report was published at 58 Missouri Law Review 486 (Summer 1993). I remain active as a member of the Gender Fairness Implementation Committee charged with overseeing institutional reforms designed to correct gender bias in the Missouri courts. Catherine has followed my career with interest and provided support and encouragement for the Task Force project. She has demonstrated to me her sensitivity to equal justice issues and a clear understanding of the ways in which bias can adversely affect the administration of justice.

As you are well aware, Catherine Perry went into litigation in a large prestigious St. Louis law firm. You may not know, however, that in doing so she pioneered new ground for women lawyers in St. Louis and achieved partnership at a time and place when such an accomplishment by a woman was still rare. She has been a loyal and active member of the Women Lawyers Association and has served as a role model and mentor to many. She is well respected by her colleagues, male and female, for her intelligence, ability, hard work and sense of fairness. I am sure you will find she has a broad base of support throughout the St. Louis legal community, as well as strong support from those of us who have specific interests in equal justice issues.

If I can be of any further assistance in your research concerning Catherine Perry, please feel free to call. I am sure that President Clinton will be proud to appoint her to serve as a federal district judge.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leslie V. Freeman".

Leslie V. Freeman

cc: Congressman Richard Gephardt  
Magistrate Catherine Perry