

## REPUBLICAN HOME-STATE [IA, UT, OK, FL, PA, IL] SENATORS SUPPORT FOR DISTRICT COURT NOMINEES AWAITING FLOOR VOTES

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Stephanie Rose (S.D.IA) Comm. Voice Vote (Lee No) 4/19/12 Floor Vote 9/10/12

[Sen. Grassley Statement at March 14, 2012 Judicial Nominations Hearing on Stephanie Rose and other judicial nominees](#)

(Republican - Iowa) 03/14/12

"I would especially like to extend a warm Iowa welcome to Stephanie Marie Rose ... Ms. Rose is a Hawkeye through and through... The American Bar Association's Standing Committee on the Federal Judiciary unanimously rated Ms. Rose as "Well Qualified" for this position."

Robert Shelby (D. Utah) Comm. Voice Vote (Lee No) 4/26/12 [Judicial Emergency](#)

[Sen. Lee on Robert Shelby nomination to a District of Utah judgeship](#)

(Republican - Utah) 04/26/12

Shelby has the support of Utah's two senators — Orrin Hatch and Mike Lee — though Lee voted against his nomination Thursday as part of his protest against four recess appointments President Barack Obama made at the beginning of the year. Lee's was the only vote in opposition, though he made clear to express his "unequivocal support" for the nominee. Lee called Shelby, a partner in the Salt Lake City firm of Snow, Christensen & Martineau, "a pre-eminently qualified lawyer with a very distinguished career both within and outside the legal profession. He'll be an outstanding judge, and I look forward to his confirmation."

[Sen. Hatch on Judiciary Committee Approval of Robert Shelby to U.S. District Court for Utah](#)

(Republican - Utah) 04/26/12

"Mr. Chairman, I appreciate your including on the agenda today Robert Shelby's nomination to the U.S. District Court for the District of Utah. Our state is growing fast and our federal judges work hard. Filling this final vacancy is important and I appreciate you helping to move it forward.... I strongly support Bob Shelby's nomination and commend him to my Committee colleagues. I hope this Committee and the full Senate will approve his nomination as soon as possible."

[Sen. Lee at Hearing on Utah lawyer Robert Shelby's judicial nomination](#)

(Republican - Utah) 03/28/12

Lee introduced Shelby at a Judiciary Committee hearing Wednesday as a "preeminently qualified" nominee, and the senator said he fully supports the Utah lawyer and expects Leahy to call for a vote soon. Lee, however, wouldn't say Wednesday how he would vote on Shelby's confirmation. Lee has voted against every executive and judicial nominee so far this year. "I make a practice of not forecasting which way I'm going to vote, so I'm not going to break from that today," Lee said after the hearing.

[Sen. Lee's Judiciary Committee Testimony for Robert Shelby's District Court Nomination](#)

(Republican - Utah) 03/28/12

"It's my pleasure to say a few words in support of the nomination of Robert Shelby to be a federal district court judge in the state of Utah. Mr. Shelby is a preeminently qualified lawyer, and he has a distinguished career of service both within and outside of the legal profession. ... He's an accomplished litigator, and one who has tried about 35 cases to verdict, and he has experience before federal, state, and appellate courts. ... Over the course of his career, Mr. Shelby has worked with distinction to serve the bar and the bench. ... I'm confident of Mr. Shelby's qualifications, his experience, and his judgment, and I'm certain that those will serve

our country's judiciary well. I ask for your full consideration of this very outstanding nominee from the president."

#### [Sen. Lee Statement on Senate Delay of Judicial Confirmation](#)

(Republican - Utah) 12/23/11

"I am frustrated, particularly with regard to Judge Nuffer. He came out of committee two months ago," said Utah Republican Sen. Mike Lee on Friday. "There is absolutely no reason why we shouldn't have confirmed him before we got out. I expected he would be confirmed."

#### [Sen. Lee on Delayed Filling of Utah Judicial Vacancies](#)

(Republican - Utah) 12/07/11

"It is frustrating," said Sen. Mike Lee, R-Utah. "I wish we would have had Judge Nuffer through faster." Lee said he also intends to support Shelby. ... I don't want to suggest that it has had no impact because certainly it has,... They've just had to do more with fewer resources and they can maintain that over the short run, but it's time we get these vacancies filled," he said.

#### [Sen. Hatch on Nomination of Robert Shelby to U. S. District Court for Utah](#)

(Republican - Utah) 11/30/11

U.S. Senator Orrin Hatch (R-Utah), a member and former chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, issued the following statement on the nomination of Robert J. Shelby for the United States District Court for the District of Utah: "A man of keen intellect, Robert Shelby is a strong choice to serve on the U. S. District Court. Throughout his legal career, he has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to the law. I look forward to the Judiciary Committee evaluating his nomination."

### **John Dowdell (N.D.OK), Comm Voice Vote 6/7/12 (Lee No)**

#### [OK Senators Support 10th Circuit & District Court Nominees](#)

(Republican - Oklahoma) 05/09/12

Sens. "Coburn and Inhofe pledged support for Bacharach and Dowdell at the hearing on Wednesday."

#### [Sen. Inhofe Testimony of John Dowdell District Court Nomination at Committee Hearing](#)

(Republican - Oklahoma) 05/09/12

"Mr. Dowdell ... has been extensively involved in the community, in addition to being widely recognized for his work on behalf of his clients. I received a number of letters from members of the legal community throughout Tulsa highlighting Mr. Dowdell's work ethic, his character, and his abilities as an advocate for his clients. Mr. Dowdell already has experience as a mediator and arbitrator, has served as an adjunct settlement judge in the Northern District for nearly the past 14 years. ... It is my honor to recommend him to this committee."

#### [Sen. Coburn Testimony for John Dowdell District Court Nomination at Committee Hearing](#)

(Republican - Oklahoma) 05/09/12

"I think our two nominees [Bacharach and Dowdell] are a great example of how we have chosen to work with the Administration on getting quality candidates for federal positions. I am pleased to be able to support both of these nominations, not because of their legal excellence, necessarily, not because of what other people have said about them in term of their legal capability, but what other people have said about their character and their integrity. ... I've had great conversations with both of these nominees, and I've talked to literally hundreds of people in Oklahoma who sincerely back and believe in their character and integrity, as well as their unqualified support by the ABA. So with that, I'll tell you that I support the nominations and hope that we can move them through the process."

#### [Sen. Inhofe: Hopeful John Dowdell District Court Nomination Will Move Swiftly Through the Senate](#)

(Republican - Oklahoma) 03/01/12

A spokesman for Republican U.S. Sen. Jim Inhofe said the senator "is supportive of Mr. Dowdell's nomination, and he is hopeful that his confirmation process will move swiftly through the Senate."

**Mark Walker (N.D.FL), Comm. Voice Vote (Lee No) 6/7/12 &  
Brian Davis (M.D.FL), Comm. 10-7 (Graham NV) 6/21/12 [Judicial Emergency](#)**

**[Senator Rubio Introduces Mark Walker & Judge Brian Davis at Senate Judiciary Committee Nominations Hearing \[Video\]](#)**

(Republican - Florida) 05/09/12

"One of the pleasant surprises of this job is the quality of individuals who offer themselves for public service, and the quality of individuals who we've been able to forward to the president, to the White House, today being no exception. ... As you can see, their records are pretty impressive, and I encourage you to give them [Mark Walker and Brian Davis] full consideration."

**Matthew Brann (M.D.PA) Comm. Voice Vote (Lee No) (7/19/12) [Judicial Emergency](#)**

**Malachy Mannion (M.D.PA) Comm. Voice Vote (Lee No) (7/19/12) [Judicial Emergency](#)**

**[Senate Judiciary Committee Approves Two PA Judicial Nominees](#)**

(Republican - Pennsylvania) 07/19/12

Matthew Brann and Malachy Mannion, judicial nominees for the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, were approved by voice vote after a June confirmation hearing. U.S. Senators Bob Casey (D-Pa.) and Pat Toomey (R-Pa.) spoke at their June confirmation hearing and congratulated the nominees after the vote. ... "Matthew Brann has a wealth of legal experience gained from more than two decades in private practice, and I look forward to seeing him on the federal bench in Williamsport soon," Sen. Toomey said. "Malachy Mannion has served honorably for more than a decade as a U.S. District magistrate judge, and his intellect, experience and knowledge of the law will serve him well in his new role. I hope the Senate will confirm these qualified, experienced nominees in a timely manner."

**[Sen. Toomey Introduces Pennsylvania Judicial Nominees At Confirmation Hearing](#)**

(Republican - Pennsylvania) 06/27/12

Following my and Sen. Casey's recommendation, President Obama nominated these two very qualified individuals for the federal bench on May 17, and I appreciate very much your timely scheduling of this hearing today. ... Sen. Casey ... and I continue to work in a truly bipartisan fashion to fill the remaining federal district vacancies in Pennsylvania. ... Today's hearing marks yet another important step forward in our collaborative efforts to fill the seven remaining district court vacancies across the commonwealth of Pennsylvania. ... Having extensively reviewed each of today's nominees' records and having spoken with each at length, I am very confident that they possess the crucial qualities necessary to be outstanding federal judges: intelligence, wisdom, integrity, commitment to public service, impartiality, justice, and respect for the limited role of the judiciary."

**[Sens. Casey And Toomey Support Two Middle Pa District Judicial Nominees](#)**

(Republican - Pennsylvania) 05/17/12

"Matthew Brann has a wealth of legal experience gained from more than two decades in private practice, and I look forward to seeing him on the federal bench in Williamsport soon," Sen. Toomey said. "Malachy Mannion has served honorably for more than a decade as a U.S. District magistrate judge, and his intellect, experience and knowledge of the law will serve him well in his new role. "On a bipartisan basis, I have been working closely with Sen. Casey on judicial nominations for our state to help confirm qualified, experienced individuals with unquestioned honesty and integrity. I am confident that these two nominees will live up to these standards and hope that the Senate confirms them in a timely manner," Sen. Toomey continued.

## Thomas Durkin (N.D.IL) Comm. Voice Vote (8/2/12) [Judicial Emergency](#)

### [Sen. Kirk: Senate Judiciary Committee Approves Durkin Nomination for Illinois Northern District](#)

(Republican - Illinois) 08/02/12

"Tom Durkin would be an excellent judge for the Northern District Court of Illinois and I am pleased the Judiciary Committee has approved his nomination today," said Senator Kirk. "I thank Senator Durbin for his leadership and look forward to working with my Senate colleagues to confirm Mr. Durkin for the federal bench." Durkin was one of Senator Kirk's judicial recommendations submitted to the White House in July 2011.

### [Senator Mark Kirk Statement for the Record: Senate Judiciary Hearing on Thomas Durkin's Judicial Nomination to Northern District of Illinois](#)

(Republican - Illinois) 07/11/12

"I offer my strong support for Thomas Durkin to fill a vacancy on the U.S. District Court in the Northern District of Illinois. I am confident that Mr. Durkin will be an excellent judge.... I urge my colleagues to support this bipartisan nomination and look forward to working closely with Senator Durbin and members of this Committee to expeditiously confirm Mr. Durkin to the federal bench."

### [Sens. Kirk, Durbin: Illinois Judicial Nomination for Northern District Receives Senate Committee Hearing](#)

(Republican - Illinois) 07/11/12

Tom Durkin has outstanding legal experience and a strong record of public service," said Senator Kirk. "I was pleased to join Sen. Durbin in recommending Mr. Durkin to the White House, and I am confident he will be an excellent judge. I thank the Judiciary Committee for scheduling today's hearing and look forward to working with my colleagues to expeditiously confirm Mr. Durkin to the federal bench." Durkin was one of Senator Kirk's judicial recommendations submitted to the White House in July 2011.

### [Sens. Kirk, Durbin: White House Nominates Durkin to Fill Federal Judgeship in Northern District](#)

(Republican - Illinois) 05/21/12

"Thomas Durkin will be an excellent judge for the Northern District Court of Illinois," said a spokesperson for Senator Kirk. "Durkin's outstanding legal experience and proven community leadership will serve the Northern District well." Durkin was one of Senator Kirk's judicial recommendations submitted to the White House in July 2011.

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