

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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Dear Mr. Kessell:

We wanted to inform you of two upcoming judicial vacancies on the United States District Court for the District of Maryland, Southern Division. As we prepare to make recommendations to the President for these vacancies, we strongly encourage interested individuals from your membership to apply. We would appreciate your help in getting this information to your members, so that we can get a wide range of the most qualified applicants. We enclose an advertisement in case you would like to include it on your website, in your next newsletter, or in an email communication with your membership.

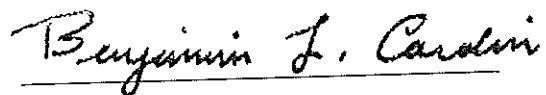
We conduct a fair and open process in making our recommendations. After a public announcement, we ask applicants to submit comprehensive applications, recommendations, writing samples, and other materials. Applicants are then interviewed by our judicial nominating committee which assists in reviewing all of the submissions. By February 14, 2013, a thorough judicial questionnaire and information on the application will be posted at www.mikulski.senate.gov. The application deadline is Thursday, March 14, 2013.

Thank you so very much for all that you do in Maryland's legal community and beyond. We very much look forward to hearing from your members as we seek the most qualified candidates to serve in the critically important position of federal district court judge. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Teri Weathers of Senator Mikulski's staff at 202-224-4654 or teri_weathers@mikulski.senate.gov.

Sincerely,



Barbara A. Mikulski
United States Senator



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United States Senator