

Delaware Delegation Lauds Confirmation of Judge Kent A. Jordan to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit -- December 8, 2006

WASHINGTON - Delaware's congressional delegation - Sens. Joe Biden and Tom Carper and Congressman Mike Castle - today issued the following statement on the heels of the Senate's confirmation of Judge Kent A. Jordan to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit:

"I am extremely pleased by the Senate's confirmation of Kent Jordan today," said Senator Biden. "Judge Jordan has sterling academic credentials, and, more importantly, the admiration and respect of his colleagues, all of whom have come to value his intellect, integrity and friendship. Judge Jordan will be an asset to the appellate bench and a model of responsible jurisprudence for years to come. I have full confidence that he will bring to the Third Circuit Court of Appeals all of the assets he has so clearly demonstrated in the District Court."

"Kent Jordan embodies all the qualities one should look for in a judge -- integrity, a thorough understanding of the law, a keen intellect, a willingness to listen to both sides of a case, and a strong work ethic," said Senator Carper. "I believe he will do an outstanding job and will continue in the tradition of fine Delawarean jurists that have served on the federal bench."

"I have known Judge Jordan for many years and have followed his career as one of Delaware's top prosecutors and litigators quite closely. I know his intelligence, demeanor, experience, know-how and thorough understanding of the law will enable him to fill the big shoes of Judge Jane Roth as she moves to senior status. Delaware has only two seats on this court and I am confident that Judge Jordan is a perfect fit for this seat. He will serve the state of Delaware, our region and our nation well, alongside fellow Delawarean and Third Circuit Court Judge Tom Ambro," said Congressman Castle.

Judge Jordan was born in West Point, New York, on October 24, 1957. He earned his B.A. in Economics from Brigham Young University in 1981, and graduated cum laude from Georgetown University Law Center in 1984. Judge Jordan clerked for Judge James L. Latchum on the District Court for the District of Delaware, and later worked for two law firms - Potter, Anderson & Carroon, where he was an associate, and Morris, James, Hitchens & Williams, where he was an associate and later a partner. He also served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of Delaware from 1987 - 1992. Since 1998, Judge Jordan has been an Adjunct Professor of Law at Vanderbilt, the University of Pennsylvania and Widener, teaching concurrent with his service on the federal bench since 2003.

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