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What They Are Saying About Justice Priscilla Owen:

ú &Although we profess different party affiliations and span the spectrum of views of legal and policy issues, we stand united in affirming that Justice Owen is a truly unique and outstanding candidate for appointment to the Fifth Circuit. 8 ) Darrell E. Jordan on behalf of fifteen former Presidents of the State Bar of Texas in a letter to Chairman Leahy, July 15, 2002

ú "... Justice Owen ,s lifelong record is one of accomplishment and integrity. She is one of the few judicial nominees to receive a unanimous +well qualified , rating from the American Bar Association." - Dallas Morning News, editorial, February 10, 2002.

ú &A conservative, Owen has the proper balance of judicial experience, solid legal scholarship and real-world know-how to continue to be an asset on the high court. 8 - Houston Chronicle, editorial, September 24, 2000

ú &Ms. Owen is a well-liked and highly respected jurist. Her legal colleagues in both parties, call her fair, reasonable and +smart as a whip. , 8 ) Dallas Morning News, editorial, July 11, 2002

ú &But it ,s been more than a year since the president nominated her, and the Senate Judiciary Committee, chaired by Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., should give Owen a full, fair hearing ( and then vote. 8 ) Austin American Statesman, editorial, July 15, 2002

ú &Justice Owen is a woman of integrity who has a profound respect for the rule of law and our legal system. She takes her responsibilities seriously and carries them out diligently and earnestly ( Justice Owen is a role model for me and for other women attorneys in Texas. - Former law clerk, Lori R.E. Ploeger, letter to Chairman Leahy, June 27, 2002

ú &Undoubtedly, Justice Owen has an understanding of and commitment to the availability of legal services to those who are disadvantaged and unable to pay for such legal services. It is that type of insight and empathy that Justice Owen will bring to the Fifth Circuit. 8 ) Immediate past president of Legal Aid of Central Texas, Hector DeLeon letter to Chairman Leahy, June 26, 2002

ú &Based on my knowledge of Justice Owen for the past 30 years, I

believe that you simply cannot make a more solid choice for the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. 8 - Herbert H. Reynolds, Baylor University President and former Chair of the Texas Commission on Judicial Efficiency, Letter to All Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee, March 25, 2002.

ú &Justice Owen ,s stellar academic achievements and professional experience are remarkable. 8 - Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison Letter to Chairman Leahy, March 15, 2002.

ú "Justice Owen is eminently qualified to serve on the Fifth Circuit bench, having served with distinction since 1995 as a member of the Supreme Court of Texas and as an accomplished attorney in private practice for almost 20 years prior to that time." - Senators Gramm and Hutchison Letter to Chairman Leahy, October 12, 2001.

ú " +She's what Bush said (in nominating her): She tries to follow the legislative will in every case and apply the law, not invent it, , he said." - Tom Phillips, Chief Justice, Texas Supreme Court, Houston Chronicle, May 10, 2001.

ú &Always knowledgeable of the facts and the law, she also exercised the cooperation and professionalism in her conduct and respect for witnesses, parties, opposing counsel, and the Court that is so often missing from advocates." - Attorney Jon David Ivey Letter in Support of Justice Owen ,s Nomination, May 23, 2001.

ú " +She's a precise questioner, , Hunt says. +She couldn't be that way unless she had done her homework and studied. , " - Texas Lawyer, May 14, 2001, statement by Appellate Specialist Don Hunt, with Mullin Hoard Brown Langston Hunt & Joy in Lubbock.