

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-2004

November 18, 2020

Dear Attorney,

We wanted to inform you of an upcoming vacancy on the United States District Court for the District of Maryland. United States District Judge Richard Bennett has informed the White House and the Senate of his intention to take senior status when his successor is confirmed.

As we prepare to make recommendations to President Biden for this vacancy, 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 qualified applicants. Those who apply at this time will also be considered for other vacancies that may occur in the future for the office of United States District Judge for the District of Maryland.

As the senior Senator in Maryland, Senator Cardin has confirmed a process for recommending individuals for nomination to the office of United States District Judge that includes the submission of applications, recommendations, and other materials after a public announcement. This is followed by an interview with a committee established to make recommendations about judicial nominations to the Senators. Today, a thorough judicial questionnaire and information on the application was posted to Senator Cardin's website at www.cardin.senate.gov/judges. The application deadline is December 11, 2020.

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 legal minds for the federal bench. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Bill Van Horne on Senator Cardin's staff at judges@cardin.senate.gov (preferred) or (202) 224-4524.

Sincerely,



Ben Cardin



Chris Van Hollen