The Honorable Andrew P. Gordon Chief Judge, United States District Court for the District of Nevada Lloyd D. George Federal Courthouse 333 Las Vegas Blvd. South Las Vegas, NV 89101

Re: Objection to Appointment of Sigal Chattah as United States Attorney under 28 U.S.C. § 546(d)

Dear Chief Judge Gordon and Members of the Court:

We are 116 retired federal and state judges, including with United States Attorney and other prosecutorial experience. We write to respectfully urge you not to appoint Sigal Chattah as U.S. Attorney for the District of Nevada pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 546(d).

On April 1, 2025, Chattah was appointed interim U.S. Attorney for the District of Nevada pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 546.¹ If the Senate does not confirm anyone to the post by Wednesday, July 30, 2025, when Chattah's interim appointment expires, it will fall to this court to determine whether to appoint her to permanently lead the office. 28 U.S.C. § 546 (c)-(d). President Trump has not yet nominated Chattah—or indeed anyone—to serve as Nevada's U.S. Attorney.²

We urge the court not to entrust Chattah with authority we fear she will misuse. An exercise of the court's discretion to appoint Chattah under § 546(d) would be a consequential act. Because appointments under § 546(d) continue indefinitely—"until the vacancy is filled"—it is necessary and appropriate for the Court to proceed with caution. See In re Grand Jury Proc., 671 F. Supp. 5, 7 (D. Mass. 1987) (referencing the district court's express decline to exercise its power under 546(d) to appoint Frank L. McNamara, Jr. U.S. Attorney for the District of Massachusetts); see also U.S. v. Hilario, 218 F.3d 19, 23 (1st Cir. 2000) (noting the absence of a

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Press Release, U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Nevada, *Sigal Chattah Appointed Interim United States Attorney For The District Of Nevada* (April 1, 2025), <a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-nv/pr/sigal-chattah-appointed-interim-united-states-attorney-district-nevada">https://www.justice.gov/usao-nv/pr/sigal-chattah-appointed-interim-united-states-attorney-district-nevada</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See Nominations in Committee (Civilian), U.S. Senate, https://www.senate.gov/pagelayout/legislative/one\_item\_and\_teasers/nom\_cmtec.htm (last visited July 17, 2025) (identifying nominations submitted by the President to the Senate for confirmation during the current congress and that are currently undergoing committee consideration).

temporal limit in the statute such that an appointment remains effective until a Senate-confirmed successor assumes office). Indeed, one court-appointed U.S. Attorney stayed in office for more than a decade.<sup>3</sup>

The position of U.S. Attorney carries a profound responsibility within our justice system. As the Supreme Court has long recognized, "[t]he United States Attorney is the representative not of an ordinary party to a controversy, but of a sovereignty whose obligation to govern impartially is as compelling as its obligation to govern at all" and "whose interest" is in seeing "that justice shall be done[.]" *Berger v. United States*, 295 U.S. 78, 88 (1935).<sup>4</sup> As Attorney General Robert H. Jackson warned in 1940:

The prosecutor has more control over life, liberty, and reputation than any other person in America. His discretion is tremendous. He can have citizens investigated and, if he is that kind of person, he can have this done to the tune of public statements and veiled or unveiled intimations. Or the prosecutor may choose a more subtle course and simply have a citizen's friends interviewed. The prosecutor can order arrests, present cases to the grand jury in secret session, and on the basis of his one-sided presentation of the facts, can cause the citizen to be indicted and held for trial.... While the prosecutor at his best is one of the most beneficent forces in our society, when he acts from malice or other base motives, he is one of the worst.

Robert H. Jackson, *The Federal Prosecutor*, 31 J. Crim. L. 3, 3 (1940) (address to the Second Annual Conference of U.S. Attorneys, Washington, D.C., April 1, 1940).

There are four reasons why this court should decline to appoint Chattah as U.S. Attorney under § 546(d). First, appointing Chattah bypasses the Senate's fundamental constitutional role to provide advice and consent on executive appointments. Second, Chattah's history of racially charged, violence-tinged, and inflammatory public statements demonstrates that she lacks the temperament to serve as U.S. Attorney. Third, her extreme partisan bias suggests she will not fairly exercise the power of this important office. Fourth, Chattah has a history of

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Andrew Scurria, *Justice Department Seeks Ouster of Top Puerto Rico Prosecutor*, Wall St. J (May 16, 2018 12:55 PM), <a href="https://www.wsj.com/articles/justice-department-seeks-ouster-of-top-puerto-rico-prosecutor-1526489580">https://www.wsj.com/articles/justice-department-seeks-ouster-of-top-puerto-rico-prosecutor-1526489580</a> [https://archive.ph/qrXCu] (stating former Puerto Rico U.S. Attorney was appointed three times by the District Court); *see also Rosa Emilia Rodríguez–Vélez*, Wikipedia,

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rosa\_Emilia\_Rodr%C3%ADguez (last visited June 30, 2025). 

<sup>4</sup> See also U.S. Dep't of Just., Justice Manual § 9-27.000 (2024) (Principles of Federal Prosecution); 5 C.F.R. § 2635.101 (Basic obligation of public service).

attempting to undermine confidence in judicial integrity that should disqualify her for the position.

# I. Bypassing Senate Confirmation

Chattah's appointment as interim U.S. Attorney reflects a troubling pattern by the Trump administration of bypassing the Senate's constitutional role in confirming U.S. Attorneys.

Thus far this year, approximately 35 U.S. Attorney positions have been filled as interim appointments by the Attorney General under 28 U.S.C. § 546(a). Of those, 24 are still within the 120 days they are permitted to serve by law. 28 U.S.C. § 546(c)(2). Eleven others reached their 120-day maximum interim appointment and then were appointed by the relevant district court under § 546(d). In one instance, the district court declined to appoint the interim U.S. Attorney upon the expiration of his term or to exercise its discretion more generally. President Trump has submitted formal nominations for only nine of these 37 interim appointees. Chattah is not among them.

If this pattern persists, by late fall, more than one-third of the 93 U.S. Attorneys will have evaded Senate review this year alone. While Chattah has been interim U.S. Attorney since April 1, 2025, President Trump has not submitted her nomination (or anyone else's for the position) to the U.S. Senate.

Yet, the constitutional role of the Senate is vital regarding the appointment of U.S. Attorneys. U.S. Const. art. II, § 2, cl. 2. Senate confirmation is a critical safeguard against abuse of the prosecutor's "immense power to strike at citizens." Jackson, *supra* at 3. The confirmation process is a bulwark of our constitutional system.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> See Santul Nerkar, In Rare Move, Judges Reject a Trump Pick for U.S. Attorney, N.Y. Times (July 14, 2025), <a href="https://www.nytimes.com/2025/07/14/nyregion/sarcone-us-attorney-ndny.html">https://www.nytimes.com/2025/07/14/nyregion/sarcone-us-attorney-ndny.html</a>; United States District Court, Northern District of New York, Announcements: United States Attorney for the Northern District of New York (July 14, 2025) ("The Board of Judges of the United States District Court for the Northern District of New York declines to exercise the authority granted pursuant to 28 U.S. Code § 546(d) to appoint a United States attorney for the Northern District of New York."), <a href="https://www.nynd.uscourts.gov/news/united-states-attorney-northern-district-new-york">https://www.nynd.uscourts.gov/news/united-states-attorney-northern-district-new-york</a>. The Trump Administration has sought to bypass the court's decision not to permanently appoint the interim U.S. attorney by making him "special attorney to the attorney general." Santul Nerkar & Jonah E. Bromwich, Spurned U.S. Attorney Clings to Job by Being Appointed His Own Assistant, N.Y. Times (July 16, 2025), <a href="https://www.nytimes.com/2025/07/16/nyregion/sarcone-albany-us-attorney.html">https://www.nytimes.com/2025/07/16/nyregion/sarcone-albany-us-attorney.html</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Another 10 current U.S. Attorneys were appointed by district courts either during the previous Trump or Biden administrations.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> U.S. Senate, *supra* note 2.

Chattah's appointment appears to be part of an ongoing and widespread effort to evade Senate review for U.S. Attorneys. It is precisely the "manipulation of official appointments [that] had long been one of the American revolutionary generation's greatest grievances against executive power because the power of appointment to offices was deemed the most insidious and powerful weapon of eighteenth-century despotism." *Freytag v. Comm'r of Internal Revenue*, 501 U.S. 868, 883 (1991) (citation modified).

We respectfully urge this court not to assist the executive in eroding the Senate's constitutional authority. The court's use of its power to appoint a U.S. Attorney under § 546(d) is discretionary. The statute is clear: "the district court ... may appoint a United States attorney to serve until the vacancy is filled." 28 U.S.C. § 546(d) (emphasis added). Nor does declining to exercise the court's discretion to appoint Chattah mean that the U.S. Attorney's office in Nevada will be leaderless. The role could still be filled by someone in an acting capacity under the Federal Vacancies Reform Act, 5 U.S.C. § 3345. And, of course, President Trump could nominate someone for the post, and the Senate could vote on their confirmation.

Here, legislators have raised serious and well-founded concerns about Chattah's fitness for this critical role. Both of Nevada's Senators have stated that they oppose Chattah's appointment as U.S. Attorney. In a press release from March 28, 2025, Senator Jacky Rosen stated: "Chattah's disturbing past statements promising to use any public office to go after her political opponents, as well as her well-documented history of racist remarks, conspiracy theories, and threats of violence, prove that she cannot be trusted with this important responsibility." Senator Catherine Cortez Masto also stated: "President Trump is abusing his power and bypassing Congress to insert a partisan political operative into this position because he knows Nevada's senators will not support her."

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Press Release, U.S. Senator Jacky Rosen, Senator Rosen Denounces Trump's Appointment of Sigal Chattah as Interim U.S. Attorney for the District of Nevada (March 28, 2025), <a href="https://www.rosen.senate.gov/2025/03/28/senator-rosen-denounces-trumps-appointment-of-sigal-chattah-as-interim-u-s-attorney-for-the-district-of-nevada/">https://www.rosen.senate.gov/2025/03/28/senator-rosen-denounces-trumps-appointment-of-sigal-chattah-as-interim-u-s-attorney-for-the-district-of-nevada/</a>; Mineral Cnty. Indep. News, Sen. Rosen Calls U.S. Attorney Nominee Racist and Vows to Block Confirmation (Mar. 28, 2025), <a href="https://mcindependentnews.com/2025/03/sen-rosen-calls-u-s-attorney-nominee-racist-and-vows-to-block-her-confirmation/">https://mcindependentnews.com/2025/03/sen-rosen-calls-u-s-attorney-nominee-racist-and-vows-to-block-her-confirmation/</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Press Release, U.S. Senator Catherine Cortez Masto, Cortez Masto Statement on the Appointment of Sigal Chattah as Interim U.S. Attorney for Nevada (Mar. 28, 2025), <a href="https://www.cortezmasto.senate.gov/news/press-releases/cortez-masto-statement-on-the-appointment-of-sigal-chattah-as-interim-u-s-attorney-for-nevada/">https://www.cortezmasto.senate.gov/news/press-releases/cortez-masto-statement-on-the-appointment-of-sigal-chattah-as-interim-u-s-attorney-for-nevada/</a>; Mark Robison, Sigal Chattah named interim US attorney for Nevada — Sens. Rosen, Cortez Masto vow fight, Reno Gazette J.

Under these circumstances, the court should decline to empower the executive—and to in effect preempt the Senate—by appointing Chattah under 28 U.S.C. § 546(d).

# II. Pattern of Racially Charged, Violence-Tinged, and Inflammatory Language

In multiple capacities—as a candidate for Nevada Attorney General, as Nevada Committeewoman on the Republican National Committee, and as an attorney who has represented numerous high-profile litigants—Chattah has repeatedly used racially charged, violence-tinged, and inflammatory language. Her behavior does not befit an officer of the court and, we believe, should disqualify her from serving as Nevada's U.S. Attorney.

## a. Racially Charged Language

Chattah has frequently used language that at best could be considered racially charged and that has been called racist by others. <sup>10</sup> As set forth below, she has called a Black member of Congress a "hood rat," a Black woman prosecutor "ghetto," a prominent Black woman journalist "the dumbest human being in our nation," a prominent Black comedian a "monkey," and has consistently denigrated prominent Black people as "DEI." Chattah also stated that Nevada Attorney General Aaron Ford, who is Black and who Chattah campaigned against in 2022, "should be hanging from a fucking crane." <sup>11</sup> Not only is this language violence-tinged, it also has significant racially charged overtones.

Such language consistently has been recognized in cases brought under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act as offensive, reprehensible, appalling, and inappropriate. <sup>12</sup> In

 $(Mar.\ 28,\ 2025),\ \underline{https://www.rgj.com/story/news/politics/2025/03/28/sigal-chattah-named-interim-us-attorney-for-nevada/82711567007/.$ 

<sup>11</sup> Attorney General Ford called Chattah's remarks "racist," specifically noting, "where I am from, threatening to lynch someone, especially a black person, is racist." Ray Hagar, *AG Ford Calls Remark by GOP's Chattah 'Racist,' Won't Debate her Before Nevada Election*, Reno Gazette J. (July 28, 2022), <a href="https://www.rgj.com/story/news/2022/07/28/nevada-attorney-general-ford-says-republican-sigal-chattah-comment-racist-singles-out-trump-laxalt/10175038002/">https://www.rgj.com/story/news/2022/07/28/nevada-attorney-general-ford-says-republican-sigal-chattah-comment-racist-singles-out-trump-laxalt/10175038002/</a>.

<sup>12</sup> See, e.g., McGinest v. GTE Servs. Corp., 360 F.3d 1103, 1116-17 (9th Cir. 2004) (stating that the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> See U.S. Senator Jacky Rosen, supra note 8; Hagar, infra note 11.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> See, e.g., McGinest v. GTE Servs. Corp., 360 F.3d 1103, 1116-17 (9th Cir. 2004) (stating that the intent to discriminate is often implicit in the use of "code words"); Jones v. UPS Ground Freight, 683 F.3d 1283, 1297 (11th Cir. 2012) (recognizing as a "reasonable—perhaps even an obvious—conclusion" that, where no benign explanation exists, the use of "monkeys" or "monkey imagery is intended as a racial insult"); Diaz v. Tesla, Inc., 598 F. Supp. 3d 809, 835 (N.D. Cal. 2022) (easily recognizing "porch monkey" as a racial slur); Treadwell v. IPC Int'l Corp., No. CV05-6086, 2006 WL 8446682, at \*5 (C.D. Cal. Nov. 13, 2006) (recognizing use of terms like "ghetto" and "monkeys" as racially offensive, reprehensible, and inappropriate).

any event, Chattah's use of such language reveals a profound lack of judgment and demonstrates her unfitness to serve as this state's chief federal prosecutor.

We include below specific examples of Chattah's use of racially charged language:

- Chattah twice posted on X about Representative Jamaal Bowman (D-NY). In the first post, she called him an "antisemitic ghetto rat that was dropping F bombs on stage at a rally last week living high off the teat of the government and whatever shakedowns they can make? We got some of those in Nevada too. Amazingly, they're all democrats." Less than a half hour later, in a second post, she said: "I hope New York Dems send this hood rat back to wherever he came from. There's no Section 8 housing in the House of Representatives-and New Yorkers should stop sending their DEI hires there." 14
- Chattah twice posted on X about Fulton County, Georgia, District Attorney Fani Willis. In the first, she said: "How is this DA so ghetto ⚠ Why god? Why do we have lawyers like this who litigate in Ebonics ⚠"<sup>15</sup> She followed up less than 30 minutes later, stating: "She's so dumb ....and ghetto ....and dumb."<sup>16</sup>
- Chattah said MSNBC reporter Joy Reid "might be the dumbest human being in our nation" after Reid mistakenly implied Canada was an independent nation that defeated the United States in the War of 1812.<sup>17</sup>
- Chattah commented on a video from the Democratic National Committee that opened with a shot of a Saturday Night Live cast member Kenan Thompson. She said "They found a bunch of monkeys at @DNC to trash @Heritage #Project2025. I guarantee you if @Heritage stroked the @DNC a

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Sigal Chattah (@Chattah4Nevada), X (June 25, 2024, 11:13 AM), https://x.com/Chattah4Nevada/status/1805620413466394973?lang=en.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Sigal Chattah (@Chattah4Nevada), X (11:31 AM, June 25, 2024), https://x.com/Chattah4Nevada/status/1805624883583533394?lang=en.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Sigal Chattah (@Chattah4Nevada), X (Feb. 16, 2024, 10:02 AM), https://x.com/Chattah4Nevada/status/1758507132188831911.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Sigal Chattah (@Chattah4Nevada), X (Feb. 16, 2024, 10:19 AM), https://x.com/Chattah4Nevada/status/1758511349771186620.

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17 Sigal Chattah (@Chattah4Nevada), X (Mar. 21, 2025, 10:50 PM),

https://x.com/chattah4nevada/status/1903278018484904006?s=46&t=-DBfSTY3KzOLiqWpRLcLww. Chattah has a pattern accusing women, particularly minority women, of being dumb. See, e.g., Sigal Chattah (@Chattah4Nevada), X (May 23, 2024, 10:37 AM),

https://x.com/Chattah4Nevada/status/1793652421341950120 (Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez "just so dumb"); Sigal Chattah4Nevada), X (Dec. 20, 2023, 9:39 PM),

https://x.com/Chattah4Nevada/status/1737664119694930351 (Lt. Governor of California is "too dumb to justify your pay grade."); Sigal Chattah (@Chattah4Nevada), X (Sep. 21, 2024, 9:46 AM), <a href="https://x.com/Chattah4Nevada/status/1837488609257312266">https://x.com/Chattah4Nevada/status/1837488609257312266</a> (calling Vice President Kamala Harris a "bumbling idiot" and a "hussy that's failed upwards."). See also infra note 22 (gathering examples of Chattah accusing Black women of being "DEI" when they misspeak).

- check, those whores would've been handing out free copies saying it's the greatest thing." <sup>18</sup>
- Chattah posted about Harvard and its then-Black female president Claudine Gay three times. She first posted about Gay: "The face of #DEI- wrecking American institutions daily. "I'9 The next day, Gay drew Chattah's attention again. "If #ClaudineGay were a white Anglo-Saxon male he would've been fired immediately. Harvard has been bastardized by #DEI."20 Later that day, she posted about Harvard University: "Any Jewish parent that sends their kid to Harvard has a screw loose. Let's watch Harvard and every other antisemitic Ivy League institutions go from Ivy League to Community Colleges when they turn into ghetto like decayed #DEI school yards. Stock up on metal detectors."21 Chattah has consistently used "DEI" as a slur, particularly although not exclusively about Black people.<sup>22</sup>

https://x.com/Chattah4Nevada/status/1802725036375097362 (referring to a Black Nevada universities employee: "so great to see this DEI trash gone after the election"); Sigal Chattah (@Chattah4Nevada), X (Aug. 16, 2024, 3:56 PM),

https://x.com/Chattah4Nevada/status/1824535686667702773 (referring to Kamala Harris after she mispronounced a word: "Nothing screams DEI louder than this \(\ointige\)."); Sigal Chattah (@Chattah4Nevada), X (Apr. 30, 2024, 10:44 AM),

https://x.com/Chattah4Nevada/status/1785319386829763026 ("Nevada needs an Elise Stefanik so bad instead of this granola eating tree-hugger DEI garbage that currently represents the silver state); Sigal Chattah (@Chattah4Nevada), X (Sep. 7, 2022, 10:57 AM),

https://x.com/Chattah4Nevada/status/1567527459784097792 (referring to Biden spokesperson Karine Jean-Pierre after she mispronounced a word: "This is what happens when you hire on the basis of DEI and not qualifications and merit."); Sigal Chattah (@Chattah4Nevada), X (May 27, 2024, 1:15 PM), <a href="https://x.com/Chattah4Nevada/status/1795141887331811612">https://x.com/Chattah4Nevada/status/1795141887331811612</a> (responding to a since deleted tweet: "The poster child for DEI representation in US Government. This is what happens when candidates are recruited from the stupid section.").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> Sigal Chattah (@Chattah4Nevada), X (Aug. 23, 2024, 8:41 AM), <a href="https://x.com/Chattah4Nevada/status/1826962851833037088">https://x.com/Chattah4Nevada/status/1826962851833037088</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> Sigal Chattah (@Chattah4Nevada), X (Dec. 12, 2023, 10:05 AM), https://x.com/Chattah4Nevada/status/1734590960649081153.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> Sigal Chattah (@Chattah4Nevada), X (Dec. 13, 2023, 1:25 AM), https://x.com/Chattah4Nevada/status/1734821772300787776.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> Sigal Chattah (@Chattah4Nevada), X (Dec. 13, 2023, 9:48 AM,), https://x.com/Chattah4Nevada/status/1734948466462515346.

 $<sup>\</sup>frac{\rm https://x.com/Chattah4Nevada/status/1734948466462515346}{\rm ^{22}~See~Sigal~Chattah~(@Chattah4Nevada),~X~(May~6,~2024,~1:36~PM),}$ 

https://x.com/Chattah4Nevada/status/1787536817774022996 (referring to a member of the Nevada legislature as a "drug pushing DEI queen"); Sigal Chattah (@Chattah4Nevada), X (July 19, 2024, 8:24 AM), https://x.com/Chattah4Nevada/status/1814274997910651080 (suggesting a major IT outage was because of "DEI policy at work, hiring the dumbest of the bunch leads to global IT shutdown"); Sigal Chattah (@Chattah4Nevada), X (June 17, 2024,11:28 AM),

# b. Violence-Tinged Language

As detailed below, Chattah has frequently used violence-tinged language suggesting that her political opponent should be hanging from a crane, that protestors should be shot, and that people should "buy ammo" in response to their grievances. Her use of violence-tinged language is neither metaphorical nor consonant with typical combative political expressions. It is excessive and intemperate.

In 2022, Chattah ran for Nevada Attorney General against incumbent Attorney General Aaron Ford.<sup>23</sup> In early 2022, during the campaign, a text Chattah had sent in 2021 was publicly disclosed.<sup>24</sup> Chattah's text read: "[Ford] should be hanging from a fucking crane. He's like the leader of [H]amas — making tons of money while the People in Gaza are starving."<sup>25</sup> In a video interview with Nevada Newsmakers in August 2022, Chattah explained "let's talk about the comment, in and of itself. The comment was me comparing him to a leader of Hamas because that is what they do to traitors." She went on to state that her calling for Ford to be hung was "not necessarily tongue in cheek...The more salient question should be why would I compare him to a leader of Hamas."<sup>26</sup> She also told the Las Vegas Review-Journal, "That is my culture. That's what is done to people in the Middle East, to traitors. And that's just part of my vernacular."<sup>27</sup> Even after her appointment as U.S.

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https://www.reviewjournal.com/news/politics-and-government/nevada/ag-candidate-in-feud-with-former-ally-says-text-not-racist-leaked-to-damage-her-2528181/; Ray Hagar, *supra* note 11.

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> Sigal Chattah, Ballotpedia, <a href="https://ballotpedia.org/Sigal Chattah">https://ballotpedia.org/Sigal Chattah</a> (last visited July 17, 2025)
 (reporting 44% for Chattah vs. 52% for Ford).
 <sup>24</sup> Bill Dentzer, AG Candidate, in Feud with Former Ally, says Text Not Racist, Leaked to Damage

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> Bill Dentzer, AG Candidate, in Feud with Former Ally, says Text Not Racist, Leaked to Damage Her, Las Vegas Review Journal (Feb 11, 2022, 2:37PM),

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> Hagar, supra note 11; see also Vanessa Murphy, "Not an Extremist Bone in my Body," Exclusive Interview with Interim U.S. Attorney Sigal Chattah, KLAS 8 News Now (updated May 14, 2025), <a href="https://www.8newsnow.com/investigators/not-an-extremist-bone-in-my-body-exclusive-interview-with-interim-u-s-attorney-sigal-chattah/">https://www.8newsnow.com/investigators/not-an-extremist-bone-in-my-body-exclusive-interview-with-interim-u-s-attorney-sigal-chattah/</a> (claiming that her remark about AG Ford was "a quote from Red Sea Diving Resort," and also denying accusations of racism, stating "my mother is Yemenite" and "I'm not racist").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> https://nevadanewsmakers.com/video/default.asp?showID=3642, timestamp 4:17.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> Dentzer, *supra* note 24; *see also* Sigal Chattah (@Chattah4Nevada), X (Oct. 13, 2023, 10:39 AM), <a href="https://x.com/Chattah4Nevada/status/1712840611337015618">https://x.com/Chattah4Nevada/status/1712840611337015618</a> ("How off was I in 2020 when I compared [Ford] to a leader of Hamas? I guess now that he's perpetuating propaganda of "mutual respect" for savages that rape Israeli women and behead Israeli children- I wasn't that off base."). Chattah also accused a candidate in a Nevada Republican congressional primary of "bankroll[ing] homegrown terrorists Rashida Tlaib and Ilhan Omar. This is not disappointing- it is downright nauseating. The US doesn't need to expand the Jihad Squad with any candidate that sympathizes with them." Sigal Chattah (@Chattah4Nevada), X (Oct. 23, 2023, 5:17 PM), <a href="https://x.com/Chattah4Nevada/status/1716564581739626838">https://x.com/Chattah4Nevada/status/1716564581739626838</a>.

Attorney, Chattah continued to downplay the remark, stating "I just don't know why everybody has taken it to the level they did."28

Chattah's use of violence-tinged rhetoric has not been limited to Ford:

- Speaking about a 2024 protest on the Columbia University campus in New York, she said: "Republicans and MOST Democrats know that these Anti-American protests are another attempt at a Summer of love before the 2024 elections, BLM style. Either arrest them, shoot them, or plow through them."29
- Speaking about other 2024 college protests she said: "Just shoot the unruly protestors and throw out the illegals. America needs a reset."30
- When 10 people broke through a fence on the border in 2024, she said: "Ya well if they shot them at the breach this wouldn't be repeated. Isn't that what we're supposed to do to invaders? Just.... Shoot."31
- She responded to a tweet regarding immigrants later taken down for violating X community rules stating "Shoot all these invaders." 32
- She has urged followers to "buy ammo" in response to grievances she posts on  $X.^{33}$

# c. Inflammatory Language

In addition to racially charged and violence-tinged language, Chattah has a welldocumented pattern of directing hateful comments towards minority groups, including Jewish, transgender, queer, and Muslim communities.<sup>34</sup> Her posts often trade in offensive stereotypes.<sup>35</sup>

<sup>29</sup> Sigal Chattah (@Chattah4Nevada), X (Apr. 19, 2024, 11:12 AM), https://x.com/Chattah4Nevada/status/1781340184484933648.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> Murphy, *supra* note 25.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup>Sigal Chattah (@Chattah4Nevada), X (May 1, 2024, 7:20 AM), https://x.com/Chattah4Nevada/status/1785630254549369196.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> Sigal Chattah (@Chattah4Nevada), X (Mar. 22, 2024, 11:37 AM), https://x.com/Chattah4Nevada/status/1771199465447186940.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> Sigal Chattah (@Chattah4Nevada), X (Jan. 1, 2024, 12:15 PM),

https://x.com/Chattah4Nevada/status/1741870784145137721.

<sup>33</sup> See Sigal Chattah (@Chattah4Nevada), X (Nov. 17, 2024, 9:56 AM), https://x.com/Chattah4Nevada/status/1725528369209704664; Sigal Chattah (@Chattah4Nevada), X (Oct. 31, 2023, 12:16 AM), https://x.com/Chattah4Nevada/status/1719206785725473207; Sigal Chattah (@Chattah4Nevada), X (Jan. 22, 2024, 5:01 PM),

https://x.com/Chattah4Nevada/status/1749552913482228135.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> See infra notes 36-44 and accompanying text.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>35</sup> See, e.g., Sigal Chattah (@Chattah4Nevada), X (May 10, 2023, 10:21 AM), https://x.com/Chattah4Nevada/status/1656303474542518272 (posting a photo of a woman who sued

Chattah has made comments about the queer community, including suggesting all gay people are "coming for your children," 36 that being transgender is a "mental disorder" that merits commitment, 37 and that Islam is "a religion of war." 38 Her conduct through social media posts ultimately reflects her inability to fairly serve the people of Nevada in an impartial manner that befits this state's chief federal prosecutor. To highlight just a few examples:

- On December 5, 2023, Chattah wrote that three Jewish members of Congress, Jerry Nadler, Jamie Raskin, and Dan Goldman were akin to Nazi collaborators. "During WW2 there were Jews that collaborated with Nazis and hoisted their fellow Jews onto cattle-cars. Most notable one being George Soros. Today they were @RepJerryNadler, @danielsgoldman, @jamie\_raskin. May they scorch in hell ."39
- On June 24, 2023, Chattah responded to a post showing footage of an LGBTQ march in New York City: "Drag march in NYC: 'We're here! We're queer! We're coming for your children!"'40
- On August 1, 2023, Chattah said: "Once upon a time, Nevada's women had politicians that actually cared about them. Now we've got a bunch of social

President Trump for sexual assault and stating "Jury unanimously voted against her [the plaintiff] on rape. The only thing she's taught us is that not all women are to be believed. She's a disgrace to victims of sex crimes. At the end of the day, she should be remembered as the \$5million whore." <sup>36</sup> Sigal Chattah (@Chattah4Nevada), X (June 24, 2023, 10:51 AM),

(referencing an X post where Pennsylvania Governor, Josh Shapiro stated: "Trans women are women, pass it on," Chattah purports: "Look at this loser @JoshShapiroPA 7 Trans women are not women- they are men that need meds or commitment to an in-patient facility."); see also Sigal Chattah (@Chattah4Nevada), X (Oct. 15, 2024, 10:18 PM),

https://x.com/Chattah4Nevada/status/1846375230220259457 ("I wonder what happened in this guy's life to make him hate women so much. Trans women are not women- they're men with a slew of mental health issues. Full stop. #EndTheWarOnWomen ♥).

https://x.com/Chattah4Nevada/status/1732151057353191817; see also Sigal Chattah (@Chattah4Nevada), X (Dec. 31, 2023, 11:27 PM),

https://x.com/Chattah4Nevada/status/1741677531852579211 (posting a video relating to the October 7 attack by Hamas attack on Israel with the caption: "See you in heaven 7/10 girls, in conjunction with stating: "Never forget 10/7/23. In the brilliant words of @SebGorka Kill.Them.All.").

https://x.com/Chattah4Nevada/status/1672618460931842049. See also Sigal Chattah (@Chattah4Nevada), X (June 15, 2025, 10:32 AM),

https://x.com/chattah4nevada/status/1934257688130769289.

https://x.com/Chattah4Nevada/status/1672618460931842049.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>37</sup> Sigal Chattah (@Chattah4Nevada), X (Aug. 2, 2024, 2:38 AM), https://x.com/Chattah4Nevada/status/1819261434175598946,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>38</sup> Sigal Chattah(@Chattah4Nevada), X (Oct. 15, 2023, 9:50 AM),

https://x.com/Chattah4Nevada/status/1713552976990835165.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>39</sup> Sigal Chattah (@Chattah4Nevada), X (Dec. 5, 2023, 4:32 PM),

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>40</sup> Sigal Chattah (@Chattah4Nevada), X (June 24, 2023, 10:51 AM).

- climbers who capitulate to sexual deviants who threaten everything a women is. 41
- On October 24, 2023, Chattah claimed, regarding a public "Islamic" prayer event on the National Mall: " In what world is this even acceptable in the USA? Yes- they want to establish a caliphate in the US." Yes they will kill all the infidels. Read a history book and learn something." 42
- On July 27, 2024, Chattah asserted: "The idiots that opened the door to radical Islam in Europe will be stunned when their kumbaya results in gays being tossed off the Eiffel Tower in less than a decade. Meanwhile in America- we must preserve and fight for the Judeo-Christian values that this great nation was built..."
- On March 22, 2025, Chattah reposted a statement from an X account, Brother Rachid, who stated: "Islam is not a spiritual religion; it is a territorial one. Everything is designed to occupy land and subjugate people. When the call to prayer is proclaimed, it is a declaration of control over that space. When they pray in the streets, it is to assert dominance over that area. When they buy churches and convert them into mosques, they are claiming the land as theirs. When they convert people, they are asserting ownership over society. When they preach, they are signaling their intent to one day rule that country. Islam is not about saving you—it is about enslaving you."44

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>41</sup> Sigal Chattah (@Chattah4Nevada), X (Aug. 1, 2023, 11:42 AM), <a href="https://x.com/Chattah4Nevada/status/1686402084982403072">https://x.com/Chattah4Nevada/status/1686402084982403072</a>; see also Sigal Chattah (@Chattah4Nevada), X (June 22, 2023, 11:27 AM),

https://x.com/Chattah4Nevada/status/1671902835435503616 ("Refreshing and honest. Wow- the courage to admit that being trans is a mental illness that shouldn't be shamed. The perfect interview on @Newsmax."); Sigal Chattah (@Chattah4Nevada), X Apr. 1, 2024, 10:29 AM), https://x.com/Chattah4Nevada/status/1774806177089794375, (asserting "since I missed that Trans weirdo celebration day, today we can celebrate those foolish men who think they can be women by dressing like us and sucking down our female hormones. Help is out there- Contact National Mental Health Hotline: 866-903-3787. #EndTheWarOnWomen."); Sigal Chattah (@Chattah4Nevada), X (Apr. 6, 2023, 4:49 PM), https://x.com/Chattah4Nevada/status/1644093702502223872, (reposting @nicksortor "#BREAKING: Manifesto reveals a trans person's plans to carry out MULTIPLE school shootings in Colorado, as well as take out President Trump, calling him a "con-man" William Whitworth, a biological male that goes by "Lily," has been charged with attempted murder.").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>42</sup> Sigal Chattah (@Chattah4Nevada), X (Oct. 24, 2023, 1:23 AM), https://x.com/Chattah4Nevada/status/1716686873152876984.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>43</sup> Sigal Chattah (@Chattah4Nevada), X (July 27, 2024, 1:24 AM), https://x.com/Chattah4Nevada/status/1817068606179672455; see also Sigal Chattah (@Chattah4Nevada), X (Oct. 15, 2023, 9:50 AM),

<sup>&</sup>lt;u>https://x.com/Chattah4Nevada/status/1713552976990835165</u> ("@son of hamas has told the West over and over that Islam is not a religion of peace. Islam is a religion of war, and most Muslims don't understand the true nature of Islam. When will ■ learn? -Mosab Hassan Yousef.").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>44</sup> Brother Rachid (@BrotherRasheed), X (Mar. 22, 2025, 8:24 AM),

#### III. Partisan Bias

Chattah's central role in partisan politics, including since her appointment as interim U.S. Attorney, further casts doubt on her ability to adhere to the impartial administration of justice. <sup>45</sup> And her media-driven predisposition for partisan conflict before taking office suggests a broad willingness to reject the prosecutorial independence that is "a cornerstone of American democracy." See Bruce Green & Rebecca Roiphe, Can the President Control the Department of Justice?, 70 Ala. L. Rev. 1, 4 (2018). Her conduct and statements undermine core constitutional values and render her unfit for the office.

Despite her appointment as interim U.S. Attorney, Chattah appears to have retained her position as National Committeewoman on the Republican National Committee (RNC), a role she has held since January 2023.<sup>46</sup> Four days after her swearing in as interim U.S. Attorney, on April 5, 2025, Chattah was listed as the current RNC committeewoman on the agenda for Nevada's GOP Central Committee spring meeting.<sup>47</sup> According to two reporters present at the site of the meeting, Chattah spoke to the attendees after she was introduced by the state party

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https://x.com/Chattah4Nevada/status/1903467486487461921 (reposted from X, @Chattah4Nevada); see generally Sigal Chattah (@Chattah4Nevada), X (Apr. 18, 2023, 2:05 PM), https://x.com/Chattah4Nevada/status/1648425914127257600 (reposting @charliekirk11, "The trans contagion is more than about sports or grooming kids. Its core premise is that you can choose to be something you are not, and then force others to comply. It's baseless fiction with a twist of turnany")

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>45</sup> See Gabby Birenbaum, New Nevada U.S. Attorney Chattah says she's temporarily 'walked away from' RNC role, The Nevada Independent (Apr. 15, 2025),

https://thenevadaindependent.com/article/new-nevada-u-s-attorney-chattah-says-shes-temporarily-walked-away-from-rnc-role. For posts related to Chattah's role in the RNC, see, e.g., Sigal Chattah (@Chattah4Nevada), X (Mar. 12, 2024, 3:54 PM),

https://x.com/Chattah4Nevada/status/1767640348954956052, (referencing Donald Trump's endorsement of Chattah's reelection campaign for RNC National Committeewoman in Nevada); Sigal Chattah (@Chattah4Nevada), X (Mar. 18, 2024, 3:33 PM),

https://x.com/Chattah4Nevada/status/1769809266003578911, (referencing GOP and Nevada GOP lawsuit against Nevada Secretary of State and five county clerks over accuracy of voter lists); Sigal Chattah (@Chattah4Nevada), X (Mar. 15, 2024, 11:04 AM),

https://x.com/Chattah4Nevada/status/1768654455359385964, (suggesting a more active RNC that should make Democrats "VERY concerned").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>46</sup> Casey Harrison, Chattah Selected to Represent Nevada on Republican National Committee, Las Vegas Sun (Jan. 16, 2023), <a href="https://lasvegassun.com/news/2023/jan/16/chattah-selected-to-represent-nevada-on-republican/">https://lasvegassun.com/news/2023/jan/16/chattah-selected-to-represent-nevada-on-republican/</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>47</sup> Gabby Birenbaum, Eric Neugeboren & Isabella Aldrete, *Sigal Chattah Blurs Conflict of Interest Lines by Continuing Political Activity as New U.S. Attorney*, NV Indep. (Apr. 5, 2025), <a href="https://thenevadaindependent.com/article/sigal-chattah-blurs-conflict-of-interest-lines-by-continuing-political-activity-as-new-u-s-attorney">https://thenevadaindependent.com/article/sigal-chattah-blurs-conflict-of-interest-lines-by-continuing-political-activity-as-new-u-s-attorney</a> (noting the *Indy* reports were not permitted in the meeting room but observed the announcement through an open door).

Chairman Michael McDonald.<sup>48</sup> During an April 10, 2025, interview with conservative radio host, Kevin Wall, Chattah indicated she had "walked away" from the post, but only temporarily. She told Wall: "I have walked away from my whole former life to do this, which includes the private practice, which includes committeewoman — at least for the next 120 days."<sup>49</sup> As of July 25, 2025, Chattah remained listed as "National Committeewoman" on the RNC's website.<sup>50</sup>

Chattah's decision to maintain her membership on the RNC (even if she views it as temporarily on hold) raises serious ethical questions. Federal employees are bound by the Hatch Act, which restricts their ability to participate in partisan political activities.<sup>51</sup> And political appointees, like Chattah, are held to a higher, or "further restricted," standard under DOJ rules.<sup>52</sup> Indeed, they are explicitly barred from serving as an officer of a political party, or a member of a national, state or local committee of a political party and from addressing a gathering of a political party.<sup>53</sup>

Chattah has also demonstrated extreme bias against Democrats in public statements she made before becoming interim U.S. Attorney. <sup>54</sup> To be sure she has run for partisan political office, and the world of political campaigns can be rough and tumble. But Chattah's comments about members of the Democratic party have been extreme by any standard:

• Chattah posted on X that "The assassination attempt was facilitated by this Administration to kill Trump- they failed. That's where America's Biden-

<sup>48</sup> *Id*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>49</sup> KMZQ 670AM, Kevin Wall Radio 4/10/2025 – Hour 1 Part 1 at 15:21, Kevin Wall Radio Show, (Apr. 10, 2025), <a href="https://kevinwallradio.com/radio-shows/kmzq-670am-kevin-wall-radio-4-10-2025-hour-1-1/">https://kevinwallradio.com/radio-shows/kmzq-670am-kevin-wall-radio-4-10-2025-hour-1-1/</a>; Birenbaum, supra note 45.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>50</sup> The Republican National Committee, RNC Membership Gallery, Nevada: Sigal Chattah, https://gop.com/about-our-party/rnc-members/ (last accessed July 17, 2025).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>51</sup> U.S. Dep't of Justice, Departmental Ethics Office, Justice Management Division – Fact Sheet Political Activity and the Hatch Act (Jan. 2024), <a href="https://www.justice.gov/jmd/media/1359501/dl">https://www.justice.gov/jmd/media/1359501/dl</a>; see also U.S. Office of Special Counsel, Hatch Act Overview, <a href="https://osc.gov/Services/pages/hatchact.aspx.">https://osc.gov/Services/pages/hatchact.aspx.</a></a>
<sup>52</sup> U.S. Dep't of Justice, Memorandum for All Department of Justice Non-Career Employees (July 8, 2024), <a href="https://www.justice.gov/jmd/file/834496/dl">https://www.justice.gov/jmd/file/834496/dl</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>53</sup> See *id.* at 2 ("Non-career appointees may not:... G. Serve as an officer of a political party, a member of a national, state, or local committee of a political party, an officer or member of a committee of a partisan political group or be a candidate for any of these positions...."); *id.* at 3 ("[T]he Department's policy prohibits non-career appointees from attending partisan political events . . . even in their personal capacities.").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>54</sup> See, e.g., Sigal Chattah (@Chattah4Nevada), X (Oct. 28, 2024, 9:29 PM), https://x.com/Chattah4Nevada/status/1851073933870789107 ("If you're under 35 and you vote for the Democrats you deserve everything you get under a Democratic regime. You deserve to be broke, you deserve not to afford a house, you deserve it all" Be a Populist or perish in serfdom. #SaveAmericaVoteRepublican ?).

- She accused the 2024 Democratic Vice-Presidential nominee, Minnesota Governor Tim Walz of being a "closeted homosexual with pedophilic proclivities that dabbles in bestiality. That's the Dems VP candidate. That guy should be in a padded room not en route to the White House." <sup>58</sup> She accused him of being a pedophile again in mid-October 2024: "Epstein, Weinstein, Diddy, Jay-Z & Beyoncé and now Tim Walz.... The Democrat party has more pedophiles than the Nevada Sex Offender Registry. #SaveAmericaVoteRepublican <sup>3759</sup>
- She accused the Democratic Presidential Nominee, Kamala Harris, of loving to hang out with pedophiles after Harris attended a campaign rally with Beyonce.<sup>60</sup>

These actions and statements, taken collectively, indicate a sustained and extreme level of political partisanship that call into question whether Chattah can serve as a prosecutor with neutrality, restraint, and fidelity to the rule of law.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>55</sup> Sigal Chattah (@Chattah4Nevada), X (Aug. 2, 2024, 1:44 AM), http://twitter.com/Chattah4Nevada/statuses/1819247810883342636.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>56</sup> Vince Langman (@LangmanVince), X (Sep. 16, 2024, 10:48 AM), <a href="http://twitter.com/Chattah4Nevada/statuses/1835692677251338628">http://twitter.com/Chattah4Nevada/statuses/1835692677251338628</a> (reposted from X, @Chattah4Nevada).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>57</sup> Sigal Chattah (@Chattah4Nevada), X (Mar. 14, 2024, 12:20 PM), http://twitter.com/Chattah4Nevada/statuses/1768311370469302771; see also Sigal Chattah (@Chattah4Nevada), X (Oct. 13, 2023, 9:59 AM),

https://x.com/Chattah4Nevada/status/1712830330686611912 (discussing Nevada Attorney General Ford: "Meanwhile... in Nevada, the garbage AG stands with Palestinians, leads at UNHRC and demands 'mutual respect.' For terrorists who behead Israeli civilians and rape Israeli women.").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>58</sup> Sigal Chattah (@Chattah4Nevada), X (Aug. 18, 2024, 11:35 AM),

https://x.com/Chattah4Nevada/status/1825194750632431844.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>59</sup> Sigal Chattah (@Chattah4Nevada), X (Oct. 12, 2024, 10:13 PM), http://twitter.com/Chattah4Nevada/statuses/1845286799868035108.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>60</sup> Sigal Chattah (@Chattah4Nevada), X, (Oct. 25, 2024, 11:16 PM), https://x.com/Chattah4Nevada/status/1850013481900429667.

# IV. Eroding Public Trust in the Judiciary

Finally, Chattah has regularly engaged in attacks on judges, made baseless allegations about a corrupted judicial process, and attempted to erode public confidence in the judiciary. As recently as March 2025, she agreed that the President should ignore judicial orders. And she earlier called a judge who ruled against President Trump "psychotic" and referred to another judge using crude sexualized language.

- On March 15, 2025, Chattah reacted to a court order barring a plane from departing the United States with people being deported to El Salvador. She concurred that the President should ignore the judge's order: "The President has a constitutional duty, as the chief executive officer and commander-inchief, to ignore Judge Boasberg's lawless and dangerous order." She also reposted calls that the House of Representatives impeach the judge and defund his court.<sup>61</sup>
- After a New York state court judge ruled against President Trump in a civil fraud trial, she called the judiciary an "absolute joke" and called for "the NYS Commission on Judicial Conduct to throw this psychotic [Judge] Engron [sic] off the bench and ensure that no judge follows in his footsteps."<sup>62</sup>
- Chattah described another New York state court judge who presided over a criminal trial against President Trump as "the biggest POS of American jurisprudence." She continued: "the longer you practice, the more you realize bad judges are the standard, good ones are the exception." 63
- Chattah also accused a Nevada state court judge of "posting about her titties. WTF is going on with Nevada's judiciary? 2026 can't get her fast enough."<sup>64</sup>

Chattah has repeatedly used her platform to cast doubt on the integrity of the legal system. Her statements about judges and the courts reflect a sustained effort to

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>61</sup> Mike Davis (@mrddmia), X (Mar. 15, 2025, 9:12 PM), <a href="https://x.com/Chattah4Nevada/status/1901083354306670838">https://x.com/Chattah4Nevada/status/1901083354306670838</a> (reposted from X, @Chattah4Nevada). See also Sigal Chattah (@Chattah4Nevada), X (Mar. 15, 2025, 9:52 PM), <a href="https://x.com/chattah4nevada/status/1901089185987264637?s=46&t=-DBfSTY3KzOLiqWpRLcLww">https://x.com/chattah4nevada/status/1901089185987264637?s=46&t=-DBfSTY3KzOLiqWpRLcLww</a> ("Now is the time we realize that the Judiciary's obstruction of Trump's executive powers under Article II should be a motivating factor for every Republican to push for more congressional wins during the midterms. Every State GOP should strive to expand GOP presence in the Legislative branch to reach 2/3 in each chamber. @gop @NRCC @NRSC Let's go. \( \subset{2}'' \)).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>62</sup> Sigal Chattah (@Chattah4Nevada), X (Feb. 17, 2024, 11:39 AM), https://x.com/Chattah4Nevada/status/1758893871927546323.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>63</sup> Sigal Chattah (@Chattah4Nevada), X (May 21, 2024, 10:31 AM), https://x.com/Chattah4Nevada/status/1792926304490201340.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>64</sup> Sigal Chattah (@Chattah4Nevada), X (Jan 28, 2024, 11:34 AM), <a href="https://x.com/Chattah4Nevada/status/1751644848170607027">https://x.com/Chattah4Nevada/status/1751644848170607027</a>.

erode public confidence in the judiciary. Her rhetoric is fundamentally at odds with the responsibilities of a U.S. Attorney and the Department of Justice's mandate to uphold respect for the rule of law and the judiciary.

#### Conclusion

In light of our serious concerns about Chattah's fitness for the office and the executive's attempts to circumvent the Senate's constitutional role in confirming U.S. Attorneys, we respectfully urge the Court to decline to appoint Sigal Chattah as U.S. Attorney under 28 U.S.C. § 546(d).

Respectfully submitted,

Judge Michael Luttig, U.S. Circuit Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit (Ret.)

Judge Verna A. Adams, Marin County Superior Court, California (Ret.)

Judge Beth M. Andrus, Washington State Court of Appeals (Ret.)

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Associate Justice Margot Botsford, Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court (Ret.)

Justice G. Arthur Brennan, Maine Superior Court (Ret.)

Associate Justice Bobbe J. Bridge, Washington Supreme Court (Ret.)

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Judge Wynne Carvill, Alameda County Superior Court (Ret.)

Judge Patrick A. Cathcart, Los Angeles Superior Court, California (Ret.)

Judge Robert J. Cindrich, U.S. District Judge, Western District of Pennsylvania (Ret.)

Chief Justice Sue Bell Cobb, Alabama Supreme Court (Ret.)

Judge Harriett M. Cody, King County Superior Court, Washington (Ret.)

Associate Justice Patricia Cotter, Montana Supreme Court (Ret.)

Judge Susan E. Cox, U.S. Magistrate Judge, Northern District of Illinois (Ret.)

Judge Ronald E. Culpepper, Pierce County Superior Court, Washington (Ret.)

Judge Beverly W. Cutler, Alaska Superior Court, 3rd Judicial District (Ret.)

Judge James Dannenberg, Hawaii State District Court (Ret.)

Justice Mary McGowan Davis, New York State Supreme Court (Ret.)

Judge Morton Denlow, U.S. Magistrate Judge, Northern District of Illinois (Ret.)

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Judge Sally Duncan, Maricopa County Superior Court (Ret.)

Judge Lynn Duryee, Marin County Superior Court, California (Ret.)

Justice Mark Dwyer, New York State Supreme Court (Ret.)

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Judge James C. Francis IV, U.S. Magistrate Judge, Southern District of New York (Ret.)

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Judge W. Royal Furgeson, U.S. District Judge, Western District of Texas (Ret.)

Judge Julia Garratt, King County Superior Court, Washington (Ret.)

Judge David George, First Judicial District of Alaska (Ret.)

Judge Ernestine S. Gray, Orleans Parish Juvenile Court, Louisiana (Ret.)

Judge A. Benjamin Goldgar, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge, Northern District of Illinois (Ret.)

Justice Emily Jane Goodman, New York State Supreme Court (Ret.)

Judge Dianna Gould-Saltman, Los Angeles Superior Court, California (Ret.)

Judge Andrew Guilford, U.S. District Judge, Central District of California (Ret.)

Judge Helen Halpert, King County Superior Court, Washington (Ret.)

Associate Judge Brook Hedge, Superior Court of the District of Columbia (Ret.)

Judge Charles J. Hely, Massachusetts Superior Court (Ret.)

Judge James Hely, Union County Superior Court, New Jersey (Ret.)

Judge Thelton Henderson, U.S. District Judge, Northern District of California (Ret.)

Judge Bethany G. Hicks, Maricopa County Superior Court, Arizona (Ret.)

Associate Justice Geraldine Hines, Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court (Ret.)

Judge Faith Hochberg, U.S. District Judge, District of New Jersey (Ret.)

Judge Vicki L. Hogan, Pierce County Superior Court, Washington (Ret.)

Judge J. Robin Hunt, Washington Court of Appeals (Ret.)

Justice Barbara Jaffe, New York State Supreme Court (Ret.)

Judge John E. Jones III, U.S. District Judge, Middle District of Pennsylvania (Ret.)

Judge Henry Kantor, Multnomah Circuit Court, Oregon (Ret.)

Associate Judge Ann Keary, D.C. Superior Court (Ret.)

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Judge A. Howard Matz, U.S. District Judge, Central District of California (Ret.)

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Judge Christopher Melly, Clallam County Superior Court, Washington (Ret.)

Judge John Meyer, Skagit County Superior Court, Washington (Ret.)

Chief Judge Paul Michel, U.S. Circuit Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit (Ret.)

Associate Judge John M. Mott, Superior Court of the District of Columbia (Ret.) Judge Denise Navarre Cubbon, Lucas Court of Common Pleas, Juvenile Division, Ohio (Ret.)

Associate Justice James C. Nelson, Montana Supreme Court (Ret.)

Judge Peggy J. Nelson, 8th Judicial District Court of New Mexico (Ret.)

Judge Leslie C. Nichols, Santa Clara County Superior Court, California (Ret.)

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