

# Statement of Honorable Bernice Bouie Donald

On the Occasion of her Confirmation

To

The United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

I express my thanks to President Barack Obama for nominating me to the Court of Appeals. I express my thanks to the United States Senate for their vote of confidence in confirming me; and I especially thank Senators Lamar Alexander, Bob Corker, and Congressman Steve Cohen and their respective staffs for their support and assistance throughout the nomination and confirmation processes.

Finally, I am grateful to Chief Judge Jon McCalla and the judges of the district court, and the various units of the courts with whom I have had the pleasure of working for the past 15 years.

I also express my thanks to Chief Judge Alice Batchelder and the judges of the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals for their graciousness in welcoming me and offering assistance as I prepare for this next chapter in my life. I look forward to working with the members of the Court of Appeals as the Court addresses the important issues coming before the court.