

**U.S. Senator Maria Cantwell**

**Floor Remarks: Judicial Nominees**

**July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Nominees: Kymberly Evanson and Tiffany Cartwright**

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**Sen. Cantwell:** Mr. President, I come to the floor, I'm pretty sure I'm joining my colleague from Washington who probably just spoke on the same subject, but I come to the floor to support the nominations of two very exceptional nominees to serve as Judges for the District Court [for the] Western District of Washington.

Kymberly Evanson, born and raised in our state and grew up in Grays Harbor before attending Tacoma High School in Tacoma. She attended Seattle University and went on to graduate from Georgetown University Law Center.

Nearly her entire legal career has been spent in the Western District of Washington, and the district in which she will serve if confirmed. She has nearly 15 years of experience in constitutional and federal law procedure making her [according to] the American Bar Association, quote, "qualified for the federal bench."

Miss Evanson has dedicated her free time to supporting her community through volunteer work, and since 2013, she has been a regular volunteer with Western District of Washington's Federal Civil Rights Clinic.

There she provides legal advice to King and Pierce County residents who face employment discrimination, disability, housing, prison misconduct, and excessive force claims. Ms. Evanson's commitment to ensuring legal services and counsel is available to all, regardless of income shows her dedication to fair and inclusive justice system.

I urge my colleagues to confirm Evanson to the Western District of Washington court without delay.

I also, Mr. President, want to urge my colleagues to vote to confirm Tiffany Cartwright for the Western District of Washington. This is a historic nomination. If confirmed, Miss Cartwright would be the first woman to serve as federal district judge from the Tacoma Courthouse.

Miss Cartwright is a proud Washingtonian, who grew up in Kitsap County and attended Central Kitsap High School. She went on to earn a Bachelor of Arts from Stanford University in 2007, and a Juris Doctorate from Stanford Law School.

Miss Cartwright is extremely experienced in a court system. She has served as law clerk in the Alaska State Supreme Court and has served as the federal law clerk for the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

Miss Cartwright currently serves as a civil rights attorney in Seattle, where her practice focuses on police misconduct and gender discrimination. And in addition to her work as a civil rights attorney, Ms. Cartwright serves on the local rules committee for the Federal Bar Association.

Miss Cartwright has made it a priority to improve the accessibility of the courts. In her free time, she has served as pro bono counsel for cases involving women and LGBTQ rights. And at the Seattle law firm where she works, she's developed a successful fellowship program to draw on a diverse range of applicants to the firm and help reduce bias in the workforce.

So a real champion for her community and civil rights. She would make an outstanding addition to the U.S. Western District of Washington and again, I urge my colleagues to vote to confirm Tiffany Cartwright for the Western District of Washington.

I thank the president and I yield the floor.