



D.C. Law Professor Makes Case for Jeff Sessions' Senate Confirmation as Attorney General

Prof. Victor Williams Strongly Supports Sessions' Attorney General Confirmation even as 1400 Other Law Professors Oppose

BETHESDA, MARYLAND, USA, January 10, 2017 /EINPresswire.com/ -- As a longtime law professor in New York City and Washington, D.C., Victor Williams strongly supports Jeff Sessions' confirmation for the position of Attorney General of the United States.

Professor Williams, who has led "Lawyers and Law Professors for Trump" (www.goplawyers.com) since July 2016, sent a letter to the Senate Judiciary Committee advocating for Sessions' confirmation. It states:

"I am confident that Jeff Sessions will fairly enforce our nation's laws in the highest tradition of the office. I know that Senator Sessions will promote justice and equality throughout the United States."

Williams' letter comes after over 1400 law professors from across the nation joined to sign an open letter in opposition to Sessions.

Williams is harshly critical of his 1400 colleagues' "uniformed, lockstep, knee-jerk reaction" to President-elect's Trump's choice for Attorney General.

Professor Williams offered his own unique brief in support of Jeff Sessions based on having known Sessions for over two decades.

Williams met Jeff Sessions in 1990 when Sessions was U.S. Attorney in the Southern District of Alabama. Immediately after graduating law school at the University of California-Hastings, Williams relocated to Mobile for a two-year clerkship with a U.S. District Judge in the Southern District of Alabama.

Williams' letter to the Senate Judiciary Committee states:

"In the federal courtroom and inside my judge's chambers, I witnessed Jeff Sessions to be a fair, hardworking, and principled public servant. I saw him tirelessly promote the rule of law and civil rights.

In his managerial work as U.S. Attorney, I further witnessed Sessions secure the highest professionalism from his staff of federal prosecutors. Callie V.S. Granade, who was a Sessions' assistant U.S. Attorney before herself becoming a nationally-respected federal judge, serves as best evidence.

And both inside and outside the Mobile courthouse, I witnessed and experienced Jeff Sessions to be a genuinely kind and compassionate person."

After his clerkship ended, Williams went on to teach law at the City University of New York's John Jay College of Criminal Justice and more recently at a Washington, D.C. law school. But he returned often to his adopted home in bucolic Fairhope Alabama. Williams kept close track of Jeff Sessions' record of public service as Alabama Attorney General and then as a U.S. Senator.

In his years as a law teacher, however, Williams notes that he grew apart from Sessions in political and policy views. Williams states: "The legal academy pulls its members hard to the left."

Now Williams acknowledges that he owes Jeff Sessions a particular debt of gratitude:

"In 2014 Jeff Sessions' very strong immigration views caused me to rethink my own (then) ill-considered views about immigration. Studying Sessions' positions educated me to the dangers that irresponsible immigration policies present to the rule of law, to national security, and to the economic security of the American worker. It was thus because of Jeff Sessions that in 2015 I came to support Donald J. Trump's campaign for the presidency and later organized a group of law professors and lawyers to advance the Trump movement."

Williams is unconditional in his support of Senator Sessions who he describes as "uniquely qualified to be the top law enforcement officer."

Williams concludes his letter to the Senate Judiciary Committee:

"It is without reservation, and indeed with great enthusiasm, that I support Jeff Sessions' confirmation to be our nation's 84th Attorney General.

Williams notes that his group "Lawyers and Law Professors for Trump" will focus their future efforts on publicly supporting President-elect Trump's other nominees through the Senate confirmation process.

Professor Williams specifically stated support for other Trump nominees facing Senate hearings in the next two weeks including: Secretary of State nominee Rex Tillerson, Secretary of Commerce nominee Wilbur Ross, Secretary of Education nominee Betsy DeVos, Secretary of Defense nominee James Mattis, Treasury Secretary nominee Steven Mnuchin, Secretary of Transportation nominee Elaine Chao, CIA Director nominee Mike Pompeo, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development nominee Ben Carson, Energy Secretary nominee Rick Perry, Secretary of Interior nominee Ryan Zinke, and Secretary of Homeland Security nominee John Kelly.

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