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Statement of James & Hoffman, P.C., on the nomination of Nicole Berner to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

WASHINGTON, DC ---- James & Hoffman, P.C., issued the following statement on President Biden's nomination today of our law firm partner, Nicole Berner, to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit:

On behalf of all the attorneys and staff at James & Hoffman, we congratulate our colleague Nicole Berner on her nomination to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. President Biden's nomination of Ms. Berner is a testament to the President's continuing commitment to filling federal judicial vacancies with distinguished lawyers who also expand the professional and demographic diversity of the federal bench.

Ms. Berner has extensive legal and practical experience representing working people and their unions. As General Counsel to SEIU, she has handled a wide array of legal matters, overseeing litigation at all levels of the federal and state court systems as well as at multiple administrative agencies. Her prior years of experience as a labor lawyer, litigator in the private sector and reproductive rights lawyer have earned her a high degree of respect from her colleagues in the legal community, including opposing counsel. Her academic and professional qualifications are unparalleled. In addition to bringing her excellent legal talents, sound judgment and steady temperament to the court, Ms. Berner will join the federal bench with her diverse life experience as a Jewish, LGBTQ woman. She will be the first openly LGBTQ judge on the Fourth Circuit.

James & Hoffman is a law firm that represents workers and labor unions across the country, advancing their interests in critical matters arising in state and federal courts, administrative proceedings, and arbitrations. The firm is based in Washington, D.C. Ms. Berner joined James & Hoffman as a partner in 2017, where she has been on full-time retainer to the Service Employees International Union as its General Counsel.