

United States Senate

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President Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, D.C. 20502

Dear Mr. President:

I write to recommend the individuals listed below to serve as a U.S. district court judge, U.S. Attorney, and U.S. Marshal for the Eastern District of Louisiana. All three of these outstanding individuals possess the integrity, intellect, and character to strengthen our federal judicial system and to serve the people of southeastern Louisiana, who are still struggling with the effects of Hurricane Katrina.

MICHAEL BAGNERIS: United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana

Since 1993, Michael Bagneris has served as a judge in Orleans Parish Civil District Court. After growing up in the New Orleans housing projects, Michael Bagneris earned a scholarship to Yale University. He ultimately attended the Tulane University School of Law. While serving as a judge, he has lectured frequently on topics such as evidence, ethics, and legal professionalism. Judge Bagneris was also chosen to lead the Judicial Council Division of the National Bar Association. As Chairman of the Judicial Council, Judge Bagneris has emphasized the importance of continuing legal education programs. Throughout his career, he has earned numerous awards for his dedication to the legal profession and to the community at-large.

JAMES LETTEN: United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Louisiana

Since 2001, James "Jim" Letten has served as the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Louisiana. He attended both the University of New Orleans and the Tulane University School of Law. Mr. Letten has dedicated much of his adult life to public service both in the Department of Justice and in the Orleans Parish District Attorney's office. He also served as a Naval Reserve Intelligence Officer. Since Hurricane Katrina, Mr. Letten has worked tirelessly with our local law enforcement officials to fight the wave of violence that overwhelmed the New Orleans area. At the same time, he has fought public corruption. The Department of Justice recently gave an outstanding evaluation to the U.S. Attorney's office under Mr. Letten's leadership. He has received numerous awards for his public service—both from the community and from the federal government.

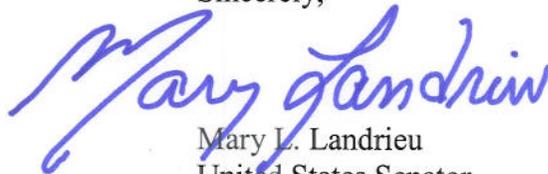
GENEVIEVE MAY: United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Louisiana

Since 2008, Genevieve “Genny” May has served as a Deputy Superintendent in the Louisiana State Police where she oversees its Bureau of Investigations. In this capacity, she manages a \$43 million budget and is responsible for over 500 commissioned and civilian personnel. Lieutenant Colonel May earned a bachelor’s degree from Southeastern Louisiana University and subsequently obtained two masters degrees in both public administration and criminal justice. Lieutenant Colonel May has dedicated her career to law enforcement, both in the Jefferson Parish Sheriff’s office and the Louisiana State Police. She has also served in the United States Navy as an Intelligence Specialist Master Chief Petty Officer. During Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, she served as a critical liaison between federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies. If confirmed, Lieutenant Colonel May would be the first presidentially appointed woman to serve as U.S. Marshal from the state of Louisiana.

I have included the resumes of all three of these outstanding candidates. If you need any additional information about these individuals, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With warmest regards, I am

Sincerely,



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United States Senator

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