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## Casey and Toomey Accepting Applications for Middle District of PA Judicial Vacancy

**Washington, D.C.** - Pennsylvania's U.S. Senators Bob Casey (D-Pa.) and Pat Toomey (R-Pa.) announced today they are accepting applications from persons interested in filling judicial vacancies on the Federal District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania.

"Since Senator Toomey came to the Senate in 2011, we have worked together to submit consensus candidates for Federal District Court seats in Pennsylvania," **said Senator Casey**. "I look forward to continuing this important bipartisan work to identify and support mainstream judicial candidates in Pennsylvania with the necessary experience, character and temperament for lifetime appointments to the federal judiciary."

"Since 2011, Senator Casey and I have worked to confirm 14 qualified nominees to fill district court vacancies on the federal bench. Only three states – California, New York, and Texas – have had more district court vacancies filled during this time," **said Senator Toomey**. "This coupled with the fact that we have five additional district court nominees awaiting Senate confirmation is a tribute to the bipartisan process Senator Casey and I use to ensure that knowledgeable and ethical candidates become federal judges serving Pennsylvania."

## U.S. District Court Vacancies in the Middle District of Pennsylvania

Senators Casey and Toomey will employ the following process to fill vacancies on the Federal District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania:

- A judicial nomination advisory panel will be established in the Middle District of Pennsylvania.
- This panel will screen applicants for judicial vacancies and submit the names of qualified applicants to the two U.S. Senators.
- The panel will be made up of 20 members, including two co-chairs. Senators Casey and Toomey will each appoint nine panel members and one co-chair. The co-chairs will be: Neil T. O'Donnell of O'Donnell Law Offices and Gerald K. Morrison of Smigel, Anderson & Sacks, LLP.

• Applicants will be required to complete and submit an application, which is available <u>online here</u>.

Persons interested in being considered should submit their completed application to both: judicial\_nominations@casey.senate.gov and judgeappMDPA@toomey.senate.gov

The deadline for submitting a completed application is July 18, 2018 at 5pm EST.

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