

he received his B.A. degree from the College of William and Mary, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. In 1990, he graduated from Yale Law School. Following law school, he served as a law clerk to Judge David M. Ebel of the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit. In 1991, he joined Wachtell Lipton Rosen & Katz as a litigation associate.

In 1994, he joined the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York as an assistant U.S. attorney. During his tenure in the office, he served in a variety of leadership positions. In 1999, he was put in charge of the Office's General Crimes Unit and later became chief of the Narcotics Unit. In 2002, he was named the founding chief of the newly created International Narcotics Trafficking Unit, which was dedicated to investigating and prosecuting the world's largest narcotics trafficking and money-laundering organizations. From 2002 to 2005, he also served as director of the New York/New Jersey Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force.

In 2005, Mr. Sullivan joined Marsh & McLennan Companies, Inc., as deputy general counsel for litigation. He still works in that capacity, and since 2006 has also served as the general counsel of Marsh Inc., the world's largest insurance broker and risk management firm. Marsh & McLennan Companies is the parent company of Marsh Inc.

The American Bar Association has unanimously rated Mr. Sullivan "Well Qualified." The seat to which he is nominated has been designated a "judicial emergency" by the nonpartisan Administrative Office of the Courts. I hope my fellow Senators will vote to confirm Mr. Sullivan.

And finally, Madam President, I seek recognition to discuss the nomination of Joseph S. Van Bokkelen to be a District Judge for the Northern District of Indiana.

President Bush nominated Mr. Van Bokkelen on January 9, 2007. A hearing was held on his nomination on April 11 and the Senate Judiciary Committee reported his nomination favorably on May 3. He is a highly qualified nominee with extensive experience both as a prosecutor and in private practice.

In 1966, Mr. Van Bokkelen received his B.A. degree from Indiana University. In 1969, he graduated from Indiana University School of Law. After graduating law school, Mr. Van Bokkelen joined the Office of the Indiana Attorney General, serving as deputy attorney general and subsequently as assistant attorney general. In 1972, he became an assistant U.S. attorney for the Northern District of Indiana, where he served until 1975.

Between 1975 and 2001, he worked in private practice as a partner—first at Wilson, Donnesberger, Van Bokkelen & Reid and then at Goodman, Ball, Van Bokkelen & Leonard, P.C. His practice has focused on litigation, both civil and criminal. Between 1983 and 1985, he served as a special prosecutor to investigate

the murder of a prominent politician and lawyer in Lake County, IN.

Since 2001, Mr. Van Bokkelen has served as U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Indiana. His courtroom experience is extensive. Over the course of his career, he has tried over 100 cases to verdict. The American Bar Association has unanimously rated Mr. Van Bokkelen "Well Qualified."

I urge my fellow Senators to support this nomination.

Madam President, I know everybody is anxious to conclude these matters. They ought not be noncontroversial. Again, we have Benjamin Hale Settle, for the Western District of Washington; Joseph S. Van Bokkelen, for the Northern District of Indiana; Richard J. Sullivan, for the Southern District of New York.

All have excellent academic records and professional records and passed through the Judiciary Committee. I recommend that my colleagues vote for them.

I yield back the remainder of my time.

NOMINATION OF BENJAMIN HALE SETTLE, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of Benjamin Hale Settle, of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington? The yeas and nays have been ordered. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) is necessarily absent.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The result was announced—yeas 99, nays 0, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 237 Ex.]

YEAS—99

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| Akaka | Crapo | Lieberman |
| Alexander | DeMint | Lincoln |
| Allard | Dodd | Lott |
| Barrasso | Dole | Lugar |
| Baucus | Domenici | Martinez |
| Bayh | Dorgan | McCain |
| Bennett | Durbin | McCaskill |
| Biden | Ensign | McConnell |
| Bingaman | Enzi | Menendez |
| Bond | Feingold | Mikulski |
| Boxer | Feinstein | Murkowski |
| Brown | Graham | Murray |
| Brownback | Grassley | Nelson (FL) |
| Bunning | Gregg | Nelson (NE) |
| Burr | Hagel | Obama |
| Byrd | Harkin | Pryor |
| Cantwell | Hatch | Reed |
| Cardin | Hutchison | Reid |
| Carper | Inhofe | Roberts |
| Casey | Inouye | Rockefeller |
| Chambliss | Isakson | Salazar |
| Clinton | Kennedy | Sanders |
| Coburn | Kerry | Schumer |
| Cochran | Klobuchar | Sessions |
| Coleman | Kohl | Shelby |
| Collins | Kyl | Smith |
| Conrad | Landrieu | Snowe |
| Corker | Lautenberg | Specter |
| Cornyn | Leahy | Stabenow |
| Craig | Levin | Stevens |

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| Sununu | Vitter | Webb |
| Tester | Voinovich | Whitehouse |
| Thune | Warner | Wyden |

NOT VOTING—1

Johnson

The nomination was confirmed.

NOMINATION OF RICHARD SULLIVAN, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the next nomination.

The legislative clerk read the nomination of Richard Sullivan, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader is recognized.

Mr. REID. Madam President, for all Members, this will be our last vote. There will be a voice vote following this vote. On Monday, July 9, starting at 5:30 p.m., maybe even 5:15 p.m., we will have a series of three or four roll-call votes.

Madam President, I ask for the yeas and nays on this nomination.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second? There is a sufficient second.

The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of Richard Sullivan, of New York, to be U.S. district judge for the Southern District of New York?

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) is necessarily absent.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. WHITEHOUSE). Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The result was announced—yeas 99, nays 0, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 238 Ex.]

YEAS—99

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| Akaka | Dole | McCaskill |
| Alexander | Domenici | McConnell |
| Allard | Dorgan | Menendez |
| Barrasso | Durbin | Mikulski |
| Baucus | Ensign | Murkowski |
| Bayh | Enzi | Murray |
| Bennett | Feingold | Nelson (FL) |
| Biden | Feinstein | Nelson (NE) |
| Bingaman | Graham | Obama |
| Bond | Grassley | Pryor |
| Boxer | Gregg | Reed |
| Brown | Hagel | Reid |
| Brownback | Harkin | Roberts |
| Bunning | Hatch | Rockefeller |
| Burr | Hutchison | Salazar |
| Byrd | Inhofe | Sanders |
| Cantwell | Inouye | Schumer |
| Cardin | Isakson | Sessions |
| Carper | Kennedy | Shelby |
| Casey | Kerry | Smith |
| Chambliss | Klobuchar | Snowe |
| Clinton | Kohl | Specter |
| Coburn | Kyl | Stabenow |
| Cochran | Landrieu | Stevens |
| Coleman | Lautenberg | Sununu |
| Collins | Leahy | Tester |
| Conrad | Levin | Thune |
| Corker | Lieberman | Vitter |
| Cornyn | Lincoln | Voinovich |
| Craig | Lott | Warner |
| Crapo | Lugar | Webb |
| DeMint | Martinez | Whitehouse |
| Dodd | McCain | Wyden |