

**Opening Statement of Judge Juan Vasquez  
Nominee for Judge, US Tax Court  
Senate Committee on Finance  
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Mr. Chairman, Senator Hatch, Senator Cornyn from my home State of Texas, and distinguished members of the Committee it is a privilege to be here today. It has been an honor to serve our country as a Judge of the U.S. Tax Court for the past 16 years. I am very grateful to President Obama for nominating me for a second term as a Judge on the Tax Court.

Mr. Chairman thank you for scheduling this hearing, and I also want to thank the staff members on your committee with whom I have worked with on my renomination. I thank my staff, my former and present law clerks, and my colleagues on the Tax Court for their support.

I would like to briefly introduce my family members who are present here today to express my gratitude for their love and support. My wife Terry and our two sons, Juan F. Vasquez, Jr., who is a tax lawyer in Houston, Texas, Jaime Vasquez, who is also a tax lawyer in San Antonio, Texas, and his wife, our daughter-in-law Veronica Leal Vasquez, also a lawyer in San Antonio.

I would like to thank my grandparents Jesus and Basilia Flores for their values and work ethic that they instilled in me as they raised me in the cotton fields of Texas and also my grandparents Juan and Victoria Vasquez.

Since my appointment to the Court in 1995, I have worked diligently to provide the taxpayers and Government attorneys that appear before me a fair and impartial trial and to apply our tax laws fairly.

If confirmed, I make my commitment to this committee to continue to work diligently in interpreting the laws of our Country and to provide the taxpayers and the Government their day in Court in a fair and impartial manner.

Thank you, I look forward to any questions that you may have.