

Testimony before the Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee

Testimony of Christy Scott

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Good morning, Senator Duff, Representative Janowski, Senator Kane, Representative Buck-Taylor and members of the Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee. My name is Christy Scott and it is an honor to appear before you today as Governor Dannel P. Malloy's nominee for the position of Claims Commissioner.

I have been a practicing attorney since 1993, and nearly all of those twenty-three years have been spent in public service. For the last nine or so years I have worked at the General Assembly as an attorney and advisor. Prior to that, my positions have included serving as the deputy to the state's Child Advocate, as an assistant attorney general, as a private practice attorney, as a lobbyist, as a clerk at the Connecticut Supreme Court and last, but not least, as a high school English teacher.

I am humbled and grateful to have been nominated to be the next Claims Commissioner. The position requires an experienced legal mind combined with a strong sense of fairness. I believe my twenty-plus years as a lawyer have given me the necessary legal skills, and my inherent sense of fairness has been strengthened by many years of serving the public interest. I have been drawn to public service throughout my career because, like all of you, I want to use my time and skills to improve life for all of us. I share the desire that I know all of you have to make a difference and to leave things better than I found them. I am delighted to be nominated to a position that will allow me to continue that work in a role that has such a direct impact on the lives of others.

Those who come to the Claims Commissioner for relief are entitled to be treated fairly and with respect. That respect includes both an equitable resolution of their claim, but also an efficient, timely, and transparent process. I am committed to accomplishing both of these goals. I know that fully achieving these goals will require hard work, perseverance, and some creative problem-solving. I think many of you know that I can be counted on for the hard work and perseverance and I look forward to the challenge of finding creative solutions to the task of modernizing and improving the operation of the office.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before you today. I look forward to your questions and, hopefully, our future collaboration to make life better for the residents of our state.