

October 20, 2010

The Honorable Barack H. Obama  
President of the United States  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I am pleased to recommend without hesitation Brigadier General (Retired) William S. Greenberg of Princeton, New Jersey for one of the judicial vacancies on the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims. You were gracious enough to accept my recommendation and to approve his appointment by the Secretary of Defense as Chairman of the Reserve Forces Policy Board. He has served in that position with distinction since August 2009, and was recently reappointed by Secretary Gates for another term.

Bill is as committed to the men and women of our Armed Services as anyone I know. He has been recognized for his pro bono/public service work by many institutions. He has been named Lawyer of the Year by *The New Jersey Law Journal*, our leading law publication of record. He received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from John Hopkins in 2010 and has been selected to receive the Rutgers Law School Alumni Association prestigious public service award later this month. In June 2009, he received the highest award of the New Jersey State Bar Foundation, the Medal of Honor, for his work in assisting our veterans at Walter Reed. Recently, he received the Major General Howard Louderback Award for lifetime service from the New Jersey Committee of the Department of Defense Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve.

During the past several years he personally, together with members of his law firm have represented more than fifty individual soldiers (pro bono) in the hearings at Walter Reed and elsewhere to ensure that they receive adequate compensation for their combat wounds/injuries. Accordingly, he has invaluable current personal experience with the law and the human aspect of soldiers and veterans wounded in combat.

Bill Greenberg retired from the Army on April 30, 1994 as a Brigadier General. His last assignment was as Assistant Adjutant General of the New Jersey Army National Guard.

I have known Bill Greenberg personally for decades. He has a distinguished career as a soldier, lawyer, author, professor, and public servant since his military and legal career began in 1967. He was selected as the outstanding enlisted cavalry trooper of the training cycle at Fort Knox in 1967, was commissioned in the Judge Advocate General's Corps in 1970, and served in various JAG positions in the reserve components until his promotion to flag rank in November 1990. He is a partner in the law firm of McCarter & English, New Jersey's oldest and largest law firm and

one of the region's most respected. Bill has served as a New Jersey State Commissioner of Investigation, Assistant Counsel to the Governor of New Jersey, Trustee of the New Jersey State Bar Association, and their first adjunct professor of Military Law at the Seton Hall University School of Law. He served with distinction on the New Jersey World War II Memorial Commission. Bill has been recognized for his knowledge of the law, and he is the author of the New Jersey Civil Trial Handbook. He and his wife, the former Betty Kaufmann Wolf of Pittsburgh are benefactors of several endowed scholarships for needy students at Brown and John Hopkins Universities, and have endowed a trust for needy patients at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York.

Bill Greenberg's leadership as a lawyer, soldier, public servant, author, professor and benefactor has demonstrated the combination of public service and private accomplishment to which all citizen-soldiers should aspire. I know General Greenberg's motivations well, and I can guarantee you his views are entirely consistent with the legal interests of America's veterans. Bill shares your belief that we as a nation have a sacred obligation to provide every form of support possible to all of our veterans when they return from war or upon their completion of service to our country. He is a man of extraordinary intellect, character and integrity. I can think of no person more qualified to serve as a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims.

Sincerely,

ROBERT MENENDEZ  
United States Senator

Enclosures

cc: Nancy Hogan, Director of Presidential Personnel  
cc: Louisa Terrell, Special Assistant to the President