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**SUGGESTED SCRIPT** “DO NOT ALLOW PRESIDENT TRUMP TO DIMINISH THE LEGAL SCHOLARSHIP OF OUR JUDICIARY. WE ARE COUNTING ON YOU TO PROTECT OUR JUDICIARY.VOTE NO TO UNQUALIFIED JURISTS,—Leonard Grasz, Holly Teeter, and Brett Talley’

**SPECIAL NOTE TO SENATORs MCCONNELL, GRASSLEY AND GRAHAM**

**SUGGESTED** “YOUR EAGERNESS TO PUSH THROUGH UNQUALIFIED JURISTS WILL BE YOUR LEGACY. YOU ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE CORRUPTION OF THE AMERICAN JUDICIARY. DO NOT CONFIRM THE NOMINATION OF ANY MORE UNQUALIFIED JURISTS.”

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BACKGROUND

As reported by the *[New York Times](https://www.nytimes.com/2017/11/11/us/politics/trump-judiciary-appeals-courts-conservatives.html%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)*, Trump instructed McGahn and his team to fill

judicial seats as fast as they could and to “avoid clogging the Senate with too many nominees for district courts, where legal philosophy is less crucial.”

So far, the plan has worked: Trump has appointed eight appellate judges and has a slew of more floor confirmations coming up

Grasz, Teeter, and Talley were recently approved by the Senate Judiciary Committee, marking the first time in nearly 20 years that the committee has approved the nomination of someone declared unqualified by the ABA.

(Goodwin is waiting to be confirmed.)

Talley's nominations was particularly striking. Better known as a right-wing -blogger, Talley is just 10 years out of law school and has never tried a case. It's also been reported that Talley "has a fervent interest in investigating and writing about paranormal activities" and [appears to have defended](http://www.slate.com/blogs/the_slatest/2017/11/15/trump_nominee_brett_talley_appears_to_have_defended_the_first_kkk.html%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)the Ku Klux Klan in online forum.

It has also been recently revealed that Talley is married to the White House council's chief of staff, a potential conflict of interest he did not disclose during his Senate Judiciary hearing.

Grasz's behavior was "gratuitously rude." The bar association also noted that a 1999 article Grasz wrote argued that the lower courts should be able to overrule Supreme Court decisions on abortion rights because “abortion jurisprudence is, to a significant extent, a word game."

"In sum, the evaluators DIDN’T THINK HE HAD THE TEMPERMANT OR COULD BE NON PARTISAN ENOUGH ON ISSUES TO SERVE AS A JUDGE.

A majority of the panel's members also voted to deem unqualified Charles Barnes Goodwin, a nominee to the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma, and Holly Lou Teeter, a nominee to the U.S. District Court for the District of Kansas. In [another letter](https://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/uncategorized/GAO/TeetereratingxplanatorylettertoGrassleyandFeinstein.authcheckdam.pdf) released late Tuesday, the committee said Teeter lacked the necessary experience to serve as a federal judge, but that it was not concerned about her temperament or integrity.

Talley has drawn some scrutiny for his online presence. He authored a [2013 blog post](https://happywarriordotme.wordpress.com/2013/01/26/a-call-to-arms-its-time-to-join-the-national-rifle-association/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank) calling on readers to "join the National Rifle Association" and calling gun control legislation rolled out after the massacre at Sandy Hook Elementary School "the greatest attack on our constitutional freedoms in our lifetime."

Talley U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Alabama, for which Trump has tapped him.

is the second federal judicial nominee tapped by Trump to be unanimously labeled not qualified by the ABA committee. The panel also deemed Leonard Steven Grasz, whom Trump nominated to a judgeship on the U.S. Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals, not qualified late last month, with one member abstaining.

But in an interview with Newsweek, Bresnahan, head of the ABA Standing Committee said that no one should assume anything.

"One of the things you can never predict is whether people will be passed or not," she said. "Sometimes the nominee withdraws, sometimes the nominee that they don’t want to go through the process, sometimes that the full Senate will vote against them."

Bresnahan also highlighted that upcoming political battles will have a huge

influence on how the rate at which Trump is nominating judicial candidates, especially if Democrats cut down on the Republican majority in the Senate.

"If the Senate flips in 2018, a Democrat will assume the chair of the Judicial Committee, and Trump's nominees [rated as unqualified] go to the Dumpster," she said.