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“I have known him personally for more than a decade, since he was an attorney in the Justice Department. He is a brilliant mind, but more important he is a kind, sensitive and caring human being. Judge Gorsuch tries very hard to get the law right.”

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**Jane Nitze, former Obama administration attorney, Supreme Court clerk for Sonia Sotomayor, and clerk for Judge Gorsuch in 2008 and 2009:**

“He is extraordinarily fair-minded. He will approach each case the same, regardless of the issue or the parties before him, and he will have a great deal of respect for folks on all sides of the ideological spectrum. I worked for the Obama administration. I have to say, I’m 100 percent comfortable with Judge Gorsuch becoming the next Supreme Court justice.”

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