Remarks by Professor Larry S. Gibson on the occasion of the investiture of Andre M. Davis as an Associate Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit - April 30, 2010

May it please the court.

One must struggle to find the right words to describe truly exceptional persons like Judge Andre Davis who excel in multiple areas. We say that they are "versatile," but that term seems inadequate. We sometimes call them "Renaissance" people.

In sports, several expressions are used.

When a soccer or hockey player scores three goals in the same game, it is called a "hat trick".

In baseball, a player who excels in hits, runs, and rbi's is called a triple threat.

In basketball, when a player in a game get double figures in points scored, rebounds, and assists it is called a "triple double."

We are hearing today from several speakers how extraordinary Andre Davis is in so many ways.

So, to continue with the sports analogies, as basketball has its "triple double", we could say that Andre Davis supplies a "double triple."

Let me explain.

When Andre Davis attended the University of Maryland School of Law, it was immediately evident to the faculty that he would be a superstar.

He hit the school with a storm. Andre excelled in academics. He won the school's moot court competition. He Chair of the Honor Board. He was the President of the Black Law Students Association.

So it was no surprise to us at the law school that his energy and many talents produced this remarkable career attested to here today.

Andre Davis has excelled as a judge in state and federal courts. He is judicious, fair, scholarly, and thorough. You will find him to be a congenial colleague.

He also has been a teacher - For many years, he has taught in law schools and in judge schools.

He has also been a leader - in the legal community, in service and charitable organizations, and in his community.

Let's consider those his first triple - judge, lawyer, leader.

But, Andre Davis has another triple set of dimensions.

He has achieved and made important contributions on the state level.

He has excelled on the national level.

And finally, the dimension about which you might have known the least are his contributions on the international level.

For years, Judge Andre Davis has worked to improve judiciaries around the world.

I can best convey the breath of his reach by telling you that Andre Davis has taught and lectured judges in [list of about 30 countries.] A literal United Nations from A to Z.

It is truly an honor to participate in the investiture of this extraordinary judge, teacher and leader of our state, our nation, and the world.



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