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# **Statement from Senator Shelley Mayer on the Confirmations of Chief Judge Rowan Wilson and Associate Judge Caitlin Halligan**

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(ALBANY, NY) - "I want to congratulate Chief Judge Rowan Wilson and Associate Judge Caitlin Halligan on their confirmation to the Court of Appeals. I had the opportunity to speak with both judges, review their records, and participate in two thorough Judiciary Committee hearings over the last two weeks. I am confident that under Judge Wilson's leadership, and with Judge Halligan's appointment, the Court will once again be a national leader in jurisprudence and a strong check on our regressive Supreme Court.

"Throughout the process of confirming the next Chief Judge, I have sought a leader who will take a broad and inclusive view of the law and prioritize making our court

system work for all New Yorkers, especially those who are without attorneys or who have no familiarity with the process. Since becoming an Associate Judge of the Court of Appeals in 2015, Judge Wilson's record demonstrates a penchant for independent thinking and deep respect for the rights of New Yorkers, especially those who are most vulnerable. I am confident from our conversations that he takes seriously the challenge of making our court system work better for all New Yorkers.

"Caitlin Halligan has an extremely impressive resume and diverse experience, which I am sure will serve her well on the Court. While her decision to represent certain private clients may raise concern for some, I am encouraged by her extensive record of pro-bono work, including multiple amicus curiae briefs on behalf of important policy issues before the courts that have required her exceptional advocacy. I have confidence she will be a strong addition to the Court of Appeals."