

REPORT FOR THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

UNITED STATES SENATE

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SUBJECT: Ambassadorial Nomination: Certificate of
Demonstrated Competence -- Foreign Service
Act, Section 304(a)(4)

POST: Iceland

CANDIDATE: Robert Cushman Barber

Robert Cushman Barber, a leading attorney and litigator, has been a Partner at Looney and Grossman LLP, Boston, Massachusetts since 1985. Known for his legal acumen and community service, he specializes in the needs of start-up, small and medium-size companies and commercial litigation, serving many companies in the role of outside General Counsel. He is expert in the formation and early development of business ventures. A proven, experienced leader, Mr. Barber will bring essential skills to the task of furthering bilateral relations with the Government of Iceland, a key U.S. ally in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).

Previously, Mr. Barber was Associate, Looney and Grossman LLP, Boston, Massachusetts (07/1981-12/1984), Assistant District Attorney, New York County District Attorney's Office, New York, New York (08/1977-06/1981), Law Clerk, United States Attorney's Office, Brooklyn, New York (06/1975-08/1975), Law Clerk, United States Attorney's Office, Boston, Massachusetts (10/1974-06/1975 and 09/1975-05/1977), Law Clerk, Massachusetts Law Reform Institute, Boston, Massachusetts (06/1974-10/1974), and Manager, Jacks, Cambridge, Massachusetts (06/1972-08/1973). He serves as Trustee, Phillips Brooks House Association, Harvard College, Cambridge, Massachusetts (2007-Present), Treasurer and Trustee, Social Law Library, Boston, Massachusetts (1998-Present), and Director, Abbot Academy Association, Andover, Massachusetts (2010-Present).

Mr. Barber earned an AB (cum laude) at Harvard College, Cambridge, Massachusetts in 1972, a JD at Boston University School of Law, Boston, Massachusetts in 1977 and an MCRP at Harvard Graduate School of Design, Cambridge, Massachusetts in 1977. He is admitted to practice in state and federal courts in Massachusetts and New York, and the United States Supreme Court. He is a member of the Boston Bar, the New York Bar and the American Bar Associations. In 2006, he was named a Massachusetts Super Lawyer.

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