

## 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: Singapore

CANDIDATE: Kirk W.B. Wagar

Kirk W.B. Wagar, a leading attorney, is known for his talented leadership, dedication to civil justice, commitment to community, and strong work ethic. He has been the Managing Partner of The Wagar Law Firm in Miami, Florida since 1998. A skilled litigator – with excellent problem solving abilities, a steadfast sense of fairness, and an unwavering belief in equality for all people – Mr. Wagar will bring essential skills to the task of furthering bilateral relations with the Government of Singapore, a key U.S. partner in Southeast Asia and within the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).

During his legal career, Mr. Wagar has become one of the leading attorneys in the nation representing clients whose health has caused them to require employee benefits from their employers or personal insurance companies. Prior to establishing his own law firm, Mr. Wagar was an attorney in the Law Offices of Michael M. Tobin in Coral Gables, Florida (1993-1998). He has been a Member of the Advisory Committee, United States Export-Import Bank (2011 & 2012); a Member of the Advisory Committee for Sub-Sahara Africa, United States Export-Import Bank (2010), a Board Member of Maximum Dance Company (1998-2006); a Member of the Board of Governors, American Association for Justice (2001-Present); and a Member of the Board of Governors, Florida Justice Association (1998-Present).

Mr. Wagar earned a Bachelor of Arts from Roberts Wesleyan College in Rochester, New York in 1990 and a law degree from the University of Miami in Miami, Florida in 1993. He was the recipient of the Thurgood Marshall College Fund Distinguished Young Leader Award (2013), the Wiederman & Wysocki Award, American Association for Justice (AAJ) (multiple years, most recently 2012), the Joe Tonahill Award for Outstanding and Dedicated Service (AAJ) (2009), and a Distinguished Service Award (AAJ) (2005). He is a keen rugby enthusiast.

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