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*Via electronic mail (dc.jnc@dc.gov)*

The Honorable Emmett G. Sullivan,  
Chairperson  
District of Columbia Judicial Nomination Commission  
616 H Street, N.W., Suite 623  
Sixth Floor (Gallery Place)  
Washington, D.C. 20001

Dear Judge Sullivan:

The Hispanic Bar Association of the District of Columbia ("HBA-DC") is pleased to support Magistrate Judge Diane Brenneman's nomination for the Associate Judge vacancy in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. We believe, based on our research and deliberations, including an interview with Magistrate Judge Brenneman, that her work as an Associate Judge would be a significant contribution to the Superior Court.

The HBA-DC undertakes a careful review of individuals who seek its endorsement. We ensure that candidates for endorsement meet the letter and the spirit of our endorsement policy, which includes such criteria as demonstrated professional qualifications and personal traits.

On the basis of that review, we believe that Magistrate Judge Brenneman's distinguished career as a law professor and Magistrate Judge provide the requisite professional experience to merit our support. Magistrate Judge Brenneman's contribution to the Domestic Relations Manual for the District of Columbia meets our criteria for scholarship; the Manual serves as a valuable resource for practitioners in the field. Moreover, Ms. Brenneman's role as a mediation trainer in the Superior Court, her participation in the various court committees, and her role in the establishment of the public law school in the District demonstrate impressive communication and interpersonal skills as well as administrative and organizational talent.

Other significant factors encourage our support as well. The HBA-DC highly values a demonstrated commitment to the DC community as well as to the rights or advancement of the Hispanic community or other historically disadvantaged groups. Magistrate Judge Brenneman's decades-long commitment to litigation in the service of families, as

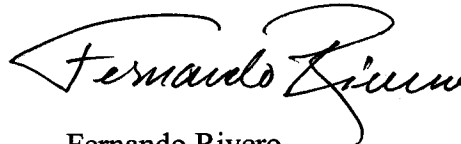
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reflected in her clinical teaching and in her terms as Magistrate Judge, together with her membership in the Women's Bar Association and related organizations, demonstrate the kind of sustained commitment to the District and to minority groups that makes the HBA-DC proud to support her nomination.

We are also pleased to note Magistrate Judge Brenneman's pioneering efforts to secure court forms in Spanish to serve the Latino community in the District, many of whom find themselves linguistically isolated in the judicial process. We commend Ms. Brenneman's continued efforts to secure court forms in Spanish and other languages.

In sum, the HBA-DC is pleased and proud to recommend Diane Brenneman's nomination for an Associate Judge position in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. If we can be of further assistance in the nomination process, please let us know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fernando Rivero". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Fernando Rivero  
Co-Chairperson  
HBA-DC Endorsements Committee