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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 recommend Jennifer Di Toro for an Associate Judge vacancy in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. We believe, based on our research and deliberations, including an interview with Ms. Di Toro, 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 Jennifer Di Toro’s contributions in teaching trial practice and public interest topics at Harvard, Georgetown, and through the Public Defender provide the requisite scholarly experience to merit our support. Moreover, Ms. Di Toro’s leadership experience with the Washington Council of Lawyers demonstrates administrative and organizational skills. Ms. Di Toro’s years of trial practice, which include 15 jury trials and 25 bench trials, demonstrate a strong background to be a successful jurist.


Other significant factors encourage our support as well. The HBA-DC highly values a demonstrated commitment to the D.C. community as well as to the rights or advancement of the Hispanic community or other historically disadvantaged groups. Ms. Di Toro’s work as Legal Director of the Children’s Law Center and her support of the Women’s

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Bar Association are factors that favor Ms. Di Toro's recommendation.

In sum, the HBA-DC is pleased to recommend Jennifer Di Toro 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 typed name and title.

Fernando Rivero
Co-Chairperson
HBA-DC Endorsements Committee