



**HISPANIC BAR ASSOCIATION
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October 20, 2010

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 Yvonne Williams 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. Williams, 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 Yvonne Williams' contributions in teaching trial advocacy at Harvard and trial skills with the Washington Council of Lawyers provide the requisite scholarly experience to merit our support. Moreover, Ms. Williams' experience as a Board Member of the Women's Bar Association and her participation in the D.C. Bar's Judicial Evaluation Committee demonstrate administrative and organizational skills. Ms. Williams' years of trial practice, both with the Public Defender Service and with the NAACP, 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. Williams' support of the Women's Bar Association and the National Bar Association are factors

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that favor Ms. Williams' recommendation.

In sum, the HBA-DC is pleased to recommend Yvonne Williams 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