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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
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Washington, D.C. 20001

Dear Judge Sullivan:

The Hispanic Bar Association of the District of Columbia (“HBA-DC”) is pleased to give its highest endorsement to Armando Rodriguez-Feo for appointment as an Associate Judge on the Superior Court for the District of Columbia.

The HBA-DC undertakes a careful review of individuals who seek its endorsement. We ensure that endorsement candidates meet the letter and the spirit of our endorsement policy, which includes such criteria as demonstrated professional qualifications, personal traits, and demonstrated commitment to the District of Columbia community or minority communities. We were impressed with Mr. Rodriguez-Feo’s breadth of experience, including his work as a prosecutor, defense attorney, and civil litigator, and his demonstrated commitment to the District of Columbia and Hispanic communities.

Mr. Rodriguez-Feo is an exceptionally qualified Hispanic attorney, amply suited to be a judge. Indeed, Mr. Rodriguez-Feo struck us as one of those rare candidates who possess a balanced record of achievement indicative of an ability to sit on the court with fairness and impartiality.

Mr. Rodriguez-Feo is a graduate of Florida International University and graduated *cum laude* from the University of Miami School of Law in 1996. Following law school, he entered the United States Navy Judge Advocate General’s Corps (“JAG”), in which he performed various functions, including civil litigation attorney, criminal defense attorney and prosecutor, and staff judge advocate. Mr. Rodriguez-Feo continues to serve as a Commander in the Navy Reserve.

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After more than a decade of active duty service to our country, Mr. Rodriguez-Feo joined the U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Division, Commercial Litigation Branch, in spring 2007 as a trial attorney. While in this position, he has appeared in more than 65 trial and appellate cases, representing the United States in numerous commercial litigation cases before the United States Court of Federal Claims and the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. He has tried several important cases for the Federal Government. A number of the cases in which he was lead counsel resulted in published, precedential opinions.

Mr. Rodriguez-Feo remains actively involved in the District of Columbia and Hispanic communities. Mr. Rodriguez-Feo is an HBA-DC member and served on its Board of Directors from 2008-2010. In addition, Mr. Rodriguez-Feo works with the DC Bar as a member of the Bar's Publications Committee, and over the past year, Mr. Rodriguez-Feo has added to his community involvement by participating in the DC Bar's Small Business Advice and Referral Clinic, as well as assisting the Esperanza Scholarship Fund, a community-financed college scholarship program for immigrants, with its selection of scholarship recipients.

Most recently, in the spring of 2011, the DC Board on Professional Responsibility appointed him to serve as one of its Hearing Committee members. Committee members consider evidence and the testimony of witnesses in lawyer discipline cases brought before the Committee.

Mr. Rodriguez-Feo's extensive experience in appellate and trial law and his long record of public service make him highly qualified to serve on the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. Mr. Rodriguez-Feo has our highest endorsement for the bench. If we can be of further assistance in the nomination process, please let us know.

Sincerely,



Alberto Rivera-Fournier
Chairperson
HBA-DC Endorsements Committee