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Ms. Blair C. Reinerman  
Office of Presidential Personnel  
The White House  
Eisenhower Executive Office Building  
1730 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20006

## **Re: Endorsement of Noel Thomas Johnson for Associate Judge**

Dear Ms. Reinerman:

The Hispanic Bar Association of the District of Columbia (“HBA-DC”) enthusiastically endorses Magistrate Judge Noel Thomas Johnson’s nomination to fill a judicial vacancy on the Superior Court of the District of Columbia (“Superior Court”). Based on our research, deliberations, and interview of Magistrate Judge Johnson, we believe he would be an excellent contribution to the Superior Court.

The HBA-DC undertakes a careful review of individuals who seek its endorsement. We ensure that candidates meet the letter and spirit of our endorsement policy, which includes such criteria as demonstrated professional qualifications, personal traits, and commitment to the District of Columbia community and the rights and advancement of historically disadvantaged groups.

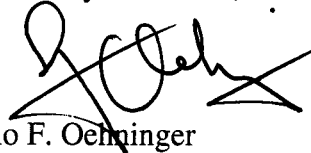
Magistrate Judge Johnson has devoted his legal career to serving the people of the District. His distinguished career at the Office of the Corporation Counsel (now known as the Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia), including his work in the Child Support Section as a Trial Attorney and Section Chief, and as Senior Counsel for Child Support in the Family Services Division, demonstrate not only a consistent commitment to public service but also to upholding the rule of law. Throughout his government career, including his appointment to the bench, Magistrate Judge Johnson has demonstrated the professional judgment and personal integrity as well as the temperament and interpersonal skills to meet our criteria for support.

Through his service as a presiding Magistrate Judge since 2002, and his membership in various court committees, Magistrate Judge Johnson has ably displayed the requisite administrative, organizational, analytical and problem solving skills that qualify him to serve as Associate Judge. Moreover, his diverse legal background, having practiced on both sides of the bench, will be a real strength and add to the diversity of experience that will benefit the Superior Court.

Magistrate Judge Johnson has a long history of involvement in bar activities focusing on improving access to the courts for disadvantaged and minority litigants, including Hispanics. As a long-time member of the D.C. Bar's Public Service Activities Corporation and the Family Law Representation Committee, Magistrate Judge Johnson drafted simplified bilingual brochures and forms for *pro se* litigants and made recommendations for changes in court procedures to benefit such parties. We are also pleased and proud to note Magistrate Judge Johnson's commitment to supporting and promoting the advancement of minority students and young attorneys as a litigator, an administrator, and later as a Magistrate Judge, enhancing the experience of minority students and attorneys throughout the District.

It is the considered opinion of the HBA-DC that Magistrate Judge Johnson possesses the professional qualifications, experience, skills, character and temperament required for an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. We enthusiastically provide our endorsement.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Oehninger", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Sergio F. Oehninger  
HBA-DC Endorsements Committee