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Via Electronic Mail and U.S. Mail

The Honorable Russell F. Canan
Committee on the Selection and Tenure of Magistrate Judges
H. Carl Moultrie I Courthouse
500 Indiana Avenue N.W., Chambers 3420
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Endorsement of Shelly A. Mulkey for Magistrate Judge, Superior Court of the
District of Columbia

Dear Judge Canan:

The Hispanic Bar Association of the District of Columbia (HBA-DC) is pleased to endorse Shelly A. Mulkey for a Magistrate Judge position on the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. We believe, based on Ms. Mulkey's personal qualities, demonstrated commitment to community service in the District of Columbia and her professional qualifications honed before the Superior Court, that she would be a valued and well regarded addition to the Superior Court's roster of Magistrate Judges.

The HBA-DC undertakes a careful review of individuals who seek its endorsement to make certain that individuals with impeccable credentials, as well as proper temperament and character, are supported for these trusted positions. We ensure that candidates for endorsement meet the letter and spirit of our endorsement policy, which includes such criteria as established professional qualifications, a demonstrated commitment to the District of Columbia community, as well as to the rights and advancement of minority communities.

Ms. Mulkey has a distinguished and diversified career working before the Superior Court, federal courts, and Maryland state trial courts. Ms. Mulkey began her career in 2001 as a judicial law clerk to the Honorable Eric M. Johnson, Sixth Judicial Circuit of Maryland. After her clerkship, Ms. Mulkey entered private practice at the Law Offices of Alice Paré, P.C. in Germantown, MD. While in private practice, Ms. Mulkey advised and represented predominately low and middle income clients in civil litigation, including divorce, custody, domestic violence, adoption, bankruptcy, and probate matters. Ms. Mulkey was also appointed *guardian ad litem* in two custody cases by the Sixth Judicial Circuit of Maryland.

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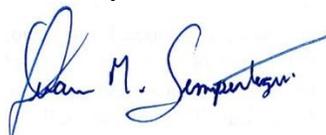
In 2005, Ms. Mulkey became an Assistant Attorney General in the Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia, Child Support Services Division, Legal Services Section, where she has represented the District of Columbia in child support cases before the Superior Court for over 10 years. As an Assistant Attorney General, she litigates child support cases before the Superior Court to establish, modify or enforce paternity and child support orders. Ms. Mulkey's 15 years of practice in both the public and private sector have prepared her in the significant areas of family law that Magistrate Judges handle. Together with her thoughtful demeanor and judicial temperament, Ms. Mulkey stands out as a qualified candidate for the Magistrate Judge vacancy.

Ms. Mulkey has also served on various committees and subcommittees of the D.C. Superior Court, including the Superior Court's Child Support Rules Committee and the Paternity & Support Subcommittee. Her work in these groups reflects Ms. Mulkey's deep commitment to public service and to improving the quality of court procedures for all litigants.

Ms. Mulkey is a passionate and tireless volunteer, which reflects her commitment to the D.C. community and to the advancement of women in the legal profession. Her many efforts include service as a Co-Chair of the Women's Bar Association of the District of Columbia's Mentoring Committee and as an active HBA-DC mentor. Ms. Mulkey is also a volunteer mentor with Mentor's Inc., a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the graduation rates of high school students in the District. Ms. Mulkey currently mentors a 16-year-old student at Dunbar High School, which recognized her in the school's May 2014 newsletter for outstanding mentoring work. Ms. Mulkey also served as a guest presenter at Mentor, Inc.'s 28th Annual Graduation Celebration last spring.

In sum, the HBA-DC is pleased to endorse Shelly A. Mulkey for a Magistrate Judge position on the Superior Court. Her career and community work demonstrate the values that HBA-DC wishes candidates for judicial office to embrace. Ms. Mulkey is committed to the advancement of the profession and to the value of diversity within the profession. Her legal acumen, skills, and professional experience qualify her for a Magistrate Judge position. Please let us know if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Juan M. Sempertegui". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Juan M. Sempertegui
President