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Via Email

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**Re: Endorsement of Magistrate Judge Errol R. Arthur for Associate Judge,
Superior Court of the District of Columbia**

Dear Ms. Garrett:

The Hispanic Bar Association of the District of Columbia (HBA-DC) is pleased to again endorse the Honorable Magistrate Judge Errol Rajesh Arthur for an Associate Judge position on the Superior Court of the District of Columbia (Superior Court). We believe, based on Mag. Judge Arthur's exemplary service as a Magistrate Judge for the Superior Court, his long history of practice before the Superior Court, and his demonstrated commitment to public service in the District of Columbia, that he would be a valued and well regarded addition to the Superior Court's roster of Associate Judges.

The HBA-DC undertakes a careful review of individuals who seek its endorsement in order to make certain that individuals with impeccable credentials, as well as proper temperament and character, are supported for the trusted positions they seek. 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 in general, as well as the rights and advancement of minority communities.

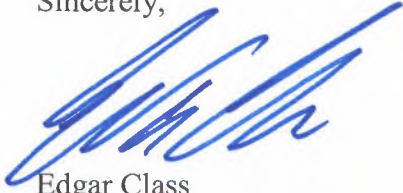
As a current and well-regarded Magistrate Judge for the Superior Court, Mag. Judge Arthur possesses the requisite professional experience to serve as an Associate Judge. He has a distinguished career practicing before the Superior Court as a public servant and in private practice. Mag. Judge Arthur began his legal career as law clerk to the Honorable Mary A. Gooden Terrell, who presided over the Misdemeanor, Felony, and Neglect calendars of the Superior Court. After completing his clerkship, Mag. Judge Arthur joined the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia where he represented indigent clients in criminal,

delinquency, and administrative matters before the Superior Court, the U.S. Parole Commission, and the D.C. Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services. Mag. Judge Arthur then transitioned to private practice where, continuing his career-long commitment to the District of Columbia, he represented clients in criminal, family, civil and administrative matters in D.C. and Maryland. While in private practice, Mag. Judge Arthur served as an appointed board member and chairman of the D.C. Board of Elections and Ethics, where he supported voter registration and outreach programs, including in the 2008 elections, where he emphasized the recruitment of more Spanish-speaking poll workers to assist the District's increasing Spanish-speaking population on Election Day. Also in 2008, Mag. Judge Arthur served as an adjunct professor and supervising attorney for students in the Criminal Justice Clinic of Howard University School of Law. He also has coached for the Annunciation Catholic School's CYO basketball teams, which honored him as Volunteer of the Year in 2013, and for the Holy Cross Catholic School basketball teams.

After his appointment as a Magistrate Judge of the Superior Court in 2010, Mag. Judge Arthur has set an example for the judiciary in his public service to the District of Columbia. Mag. Judge Arthur has aimed to serve on the bench not merely as a well-prepared, neutral fact-finder, but also as the person charged with ensuring that the judicial process is respectful and fair, regardless of the participants' socio-economic status, educational background, or representation by counsel. In addition to managing his child abuse and neglect calendar, he has served on a number of committees and working groups, such as serving as Co-Chair of the Family Court's Education Sub-Committee, serving on the Truancy Court Diversion Program, the Family Court Rules Committee, and the Council for Child Abuse and Neglect Attorney Practice Standards. He is also an active member and current Chair of the Washington Bar Association's Judicial Council (Judicial Council), where he has sponsored symposiums on civil rights and on social media's impact on juries, assisted with coordinating school outreach programs, and assisted in coordinating the Judicial Council's annual Judicial Internship Program. He is currently the Co-Chair of the Judicial Council's Summer Internship Program. In 2012, he served as a mentor to high school students in the Law and Government Explorer's Program (also known as "Law Camp"). He has also addressed volunteers in the Court Appointed Special Advocate Program, presided over numerous moot court and mock trials at area law schools, and counseled many young lawyers through his involvement with the Washington Bar Association and the Hispanic Bar Association's Judicial Internship Program.

In sum, the HBA-DC is pleased to endorse Mag. Judge Arthur for an Associate Judge position on the Superior Court. We know Mag. Judge Arthur is committed to the advancement of the profession, the value of diversity within the profession, and we are confident that his legal acumen, skills and experience qualify him for the position. Please let us know if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,



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