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Via Email

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**Re: Endorsement of Magistrate Judge Julie R. Breslow 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 endorse the Honorable Magistrate Judge Julie R. Breslow for an Associate Judge position on the Superior Court of the District of Columbia (Superior Court). We believe, based on Mag. Judge Breslow's exemplary service as a Magistrate Judge, her extensive experience with both complex and delicate child abuse and neglect cases, and her demonstrated commitment to public service in the District of Columbia, that she 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.

Mag. Judge Breslow possesses the requisite professional experience to serve as an Associate Judge. She has a distinguished career in the public and private sectors. She began her legal career as law clerk to Administrative Law Judge Edward Terhune Miller at the U.S. Department of Labor. After completing her clerkship, Mag. Judge Breslow joined the Office of the Corporation Counsel for the District of Columbia (now the Attorney General's Office), where she gained extensive experience prosecuting many child abuse, neglect and juvenile delinquency cases. Judge Breslow then transitioned to private practice, where she was an associate

attorney specializing in domestic relations and civil litigation. In that position, she worked on complex divorce and custody matters, separation agreements and landlord/tenant matters.

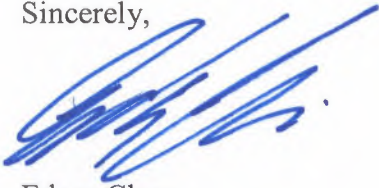
Mag. Judge Breslow worked in the Child and Family Services Agency, where she represented the court-appointed receiver for the District of Columbia's child welfare agency in child abuse and neglect matters and contempt cases before the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. From 1998 to 1999, Mag. Judge Breslow was an Attorney Advisor in the Victim Witness Staff at the U. S. Department of Justice, Executive Office for U.S. Attorneys. In that position, she not only advised U.S. Attorneys' Offices throughout the country on legal issues involving victims of federal crime, but also taught classes on victims' legal rights, the responsibilities of federal prosecutors to victims and witnesses, and common evidentiary and discovery-related issues affecting victims and witnesses. Immediately before joining Superior Court, Mag. Judge Breslow was Chief of the Victim Witness Assistance Unit at the U.S. Department of Justice, U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia. In this position, she supervised a staff of twenty-four (24) victim and witness professionals who provided assistance to victims of violent crimes prosecuted in Superior Court and the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia.

Ms. Breslow has served as a Magistrate Judge of the Superior Court for fourteen (14) years. In this capacity, she presides over a neglect calendar that consists of child abuse, neglect matters and other family court matters. Many of her cases are complex because they involve minors or mentally ill litigants. This experience has sharpened Mag. Judge Breslow's judicial decision-making skills. Although she has been assigned to the neglect calendar since her appointment as Magistrate Judge, she has presided over a wide variety of family court matters pursuant to Superior Court's "One Judge One Family" policy. Under this policy, one judicial officer handles all of the cases related to a family – including adoption, delinquency, domestic violence, domestic relations, and paternity and support cases. Her expertise on these matters is evidenced by her appointment in 2013 to the Mayor's Advisory Committee on Child Abuse and Neglect.

Mag. Judge Breslow has devoted significant time to issues that have an impact on minority communities. Since 2012, she has presided over all of Superior Court neglect cases involving unaccompanied refugee minors and trafficking victims who have entered foster care in the District of Columbia. Most of these children are from Somalia, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Burma/Myanmar, Democratic Republic of Congo, Honduras, Guatemala, Mexico and Afghanistan. She also served as a member of the Family Court Panels Committee, which since 2015 requires attorneys claiming to be fluent in Spanish to pass a test administered by the Court's Office of the Interpreters to ensure they are able to communicate effectively with Spanish speaking clients.

In sum, the HBA-DC is pleased to endorse Mag. Judge Breslow for an Associate Judge position on the Superior Court. We are confident that her experience, legal acumen, and skills qualify her for the position. Please let us know if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,



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