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Via Electronic Mail

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**Re: Endorsement of Annette K. Kwok for Magistrate Judge, Superior Court of  
the District of Columbia**

Dear Judge Canan and Ms. O'Rourke:

On behalf of the Hispanic Bar Association of the District of Columbia (HBA-DC), I write to communicate the HBA-DC's endorsement of Annette K. Kwok for the magistrate judge vacancy on the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

As the leading bar association for Latino attorneys in the DC area, the HBA-DC is committed to promoting the appointment of highly qualified and diverse candidates to leadership positions in our local judiciary. Our Endorsements Committee has for many years considered the credentials of numerous attorneys who aspire to fill important government positions in the D.C. area, including on the U.S. District and D.C. Superior Courts. We only endorse the best-qualified candidates for those positions after a careful assessment of the candidate's professional qualifications, legal practice and experience, demeanor, and commitment to public service.

After careful consideration, the HBA-DC is pleased to give Ms. Kwok our endorsement. Ms. Kwok's career as a litigator and commitment to the D.C. community distinguish her application. Over her legal career, Ms. Kwok has represented clients in complex intellectual property and patent claims before a variety of federal courts. Her remarkable commitment to pro bono representation is in the best traditions of our profession and demonstrates her commitment to the D.C. community. Ms. Kwok's work with children through the Asian Pacific American Legal Resource Center is particularly laudable and an example how her practice has prepared her well to serve as a magistrate judge. Her leadership of the Asian Pacific American Bar Associate of the Greater Washington, D.C. Area and her efforts to build community among the affinity bar



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association reflect her deep commitment to diversity in the legal profession. We are confident that her legal acumen and skills, professional experience, and deep commitment to the bar would make Ms. Kwok an outstanding jurist.

We urge you to select Ms. Kwok for the magistrate judge vacancy.

Very Respectfully,

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