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Via Electronic Mail to dc.jnc@dc.gov

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Re: Highest Endorsement of Magistrate Judge Shelly Mulkey for Associate Judge, Superior Court of the District of Columbia

Dear Judge Sullivan and Ms. Garcia:

The Hispanic Bar Association of the District of Columbia (HBA-DC) gives its highest endorsement to the Honorable Magistrate Judge Shelly Mulkey for an Associate Judge position on the Superior Court of the District of Columbia (Superior Court). We believe, based on Judge Mulkey's demonstrated commitment to the District of Columbia Hispanic community, her commitment to community service in the District of Columbia, and her professional qualifications honed in the Superior Court, that she would make a significant contribution to the Superior Court and the residents of the District of Columbia.

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 endorsed candidates 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 to the rights and advancements of minority communities.

Since her appointment in 2016, after 10 years as an Assistant Attorney General in the office of the Attorney General representing the District of Columbia in paternity and child support matters, Magistrate Judge Mulkey has continued her significant community involvement and volunteerism, reflecting her dedication to the District of Columbia and historically underserved communities. Both before and since joining the bench, Magistrate Judge Mulkey has served on various committees and subcommittees of the Superior Court, including the Superior Court's Paternity & Support Subcommittee. She also has partnered with the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) to appoint volunteers for children in abuse and neglect

cases and to administer oaths to new CASA volunteers. We understand that Magistrate Judge Mulkey is a team player on the Superior Court who assists her colleagues when their dockets may be heavier than her own, and trains colleagues on paternity and child support law. This work reflects Magistrate Judge Mulkey's deep commitment to public service and to improving the administration of justice.

Magistrate Judge Mulkey is an active and long-time member HBA-DC, demonstrating her strong commitment to the advancement of diversity in the legal profession. Magistrate Judge Mulkey has mentored law students and young lawyer members of HBA-DC, volunteered for several HBA-DC resume review workshops, participated in panels organized in conjunction with HBA-DC, and attended many other HBA-DC events. Once appointed to the Superior Court, Magistrate Judge Mulkey joined the HBA-DC Judicial Council where she has participated in discussions involving increasing Latino representation on the bench and has provided guidance to a Latino candidate for Magistrate Judge.

Beyond her participation in HBA-DC, Magistrate Judge Mulkey also has devoted time to a wide variety of public and community activities. Her many efforts include serving as a mentor to high school students, law students and new lawyers through a wide variety of organizations, volunteering as a judge in moot court competitions, and serving in various leadership roles with organizations like the Women's Bar Association of District of Columbia, which aim to advance women in the legal profession.

In sum, the HBA-DC is pleased to endorse Magistrate Judge Mulkey for an Associate Judge position in the Superior Court. Her career and community work demonstrate the values that HBA-DC wishes candidates for judicial office to embrace. We are confident that her professional experience, legal acumen and skills, and unwavering commitment to the highest ideals of the legal professional and equal justice will make Magistrate Judge Mulkey an outstanding Associate Judge. We urge you to select her for one of the pending Associate Judge vacancies. Please let us know if we can be of further assistance.

Respectfully Yours,



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