



HISPANIC BAR ASSOCIATION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

P.O. Box 1011 | Washington, DC 20013-1011

www.hbadc.org

October 15, 2019

Via email to MagistrateJudgeCommittee@dcsc.gov

**Re: Highest Endorsement of Raquel Trabal for Magistrate Judge,
Superior Court of the District of Columbia**

The Hispanic Bar Association of the District of Columbia (HBA-DC) is pleased to give our highest endorsement to Raquel Trabal for one of the judicial vacancies on the Superior Court of the District of Columbia (DC Superior Court). Based on Ms. Trabal's distinguished service with the HBA-DC, her unwavering commitment to the DC Hispanic community, and her professional qualifications honed in DC Superior Court, we believe that her service as a Magistrate Judge would be a significant contribution to the DC Superior Court.

As the leading bar association for Hispanic attorneys in the Washington, DC area, the HBA-DC is committed to promoting the appointment of highly qualified and diverse candidates to leadership positions in our local judiciary. 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 in general, as well as the rights and advancement of minority communities.

We are confident that Ms. Trabal would be a valuable addition to the Superior Court as a Magistrate Judge. Since 2012, she has served as Bilingual Negotiator for the Domestic Violence Division of the Superior Court and has gained significant experience as a neutral arbitrator assisting litigants negotiate consent orders in domestic violence matters and as counsel in the Superior Court. Ms. Trabal has dedicated her career to public service. Throughout her career, she has demonstrated her commitment to the District of Columbia community, with particular attention to the advancement of the Hispanic community. She has served as a mentor to many law students and attorneys; she has been active in HBA-DC's work to promote professional development of our members; and, she has served as a liaison for HBA-DC's judicial council.

We are confident that Ms. Trabal's professional experience, legal acumen and skills, and unwavering commitment to the highest ideals of the legal professional and equal justice will make her an outstanding Magistrate Judge. We urge you to select Raquel Trabal for the Magistrate Judge vacancy on the Superior Court and we are honored to give her our highest endorsement.

Respectfully Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Leila J. Levi".

Leila J. Levi
President
Hispanic Bar Association of the District of Columbia