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*Via Electronic Mail to dc.jnc@dc.gov*

Judicial Nomination Commission  
515 5<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Suite 235  
Washington, DC 20001

**Re: Highest Endorsement of John C. Truong for Associate Judge,  
Superior Court of the District of Columbia**

Dear Members of the Judicial Nomination Commission:

The Hispanic Bar Association of the District of Columbia (HBA-DC) is pleased to extend its highest endorsement to John C. Truong for an Associate Judge position on the Superior Court of the District of Columbia (Superior Court). Based on our careful consideration of Mr. Truong's experience and record, we believe that his service as an Associate Judge would be a significant contribution to the Superior Court and to the residents of the District of Columbia.

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 in general, as well as the rights and advancement of minority communities.

We are confident that Mr. Truong's extensive professional experience, extraordinary leadership in the D.C. legal community, his commitment to public service, and his cultural competency will make him a valuable addition to the Superior Court as an Associate Judge. Following a judicial clerkship in the federal district court for the District of Columbia, and six years in private practice, Mr. Truong joined the Office of the U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia where he has served as an Assistant United States Attorney ("AUSA") since 2005. As an AUSA, Mr. Truong has gained significant criminal and civil trial experience and was commended for his work with the U.S. Attorney's Office Special Achievement Award in 2007, 2008, 2016, and 2019.

In addition to his dedicated public service, Mr. Truong has actively engaged in efforts to expand diversity in the legal profession and expand equal access to justice to the District's

underserved and immigrant communities. He has served in positions of leadership as a member of the Asian Pacific American Bar Association of the District of Columbia (“APABA-DC”), and has received a number of awards in recognition of his service to the Asian American legal community in D.C. and his pro bono work.

We believe that Mr. Truong’s professional experience, legal acumen and skills, and unwavering commitment to the highest ideals of the legal professional and equal justice will make him an outstanding Associate Judge and we are honored to give him HBA-DC’s highest endorsement.

Respectfully Yours,



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President  
Hispanic Bar Association of the District of Columbia