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The HNBA Supports the Nomination of Magistrate Judge Aida M. Delgado-Colón to the United States District Court for the District of Puerto Rico

(Washington, DC-February 6, 2006) - The HNBA endorses the confirmation of United States Magistrate Judge Aida M. Delgado-Colón to a seat on the United States District Court for the District of Puerto Rico. The HNBA urges the Senate to confirm President Bush's nomination of Judge Aida Delgado-Colon. The HNBA makes this recommendation on the basis of Judge Delgado-Colon's exemplary service as a United States Magistrate Judge, her judicial temperament, integrity, legal experience, and preeminent reputation as a lawyer.

Judge Delgado-Colón's professional background is marked by excellence. She graduated *cum laude* from the University of Puerto Rico in 1977 and obtained her *Juris Doctor* at the Pontifical Catholic University School of Law, *cum laude*, in 1980, where she served on the Law Review. Judge Delgado-Colón served as an Assistant Federal Public Defender (1982-1988) and First Assistant Federal Public Defender (1988-1993), and Acting Federal Public Defender, U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit (March to August 1991). She was appointed as a United States Magistrate Judge in June 1993 where she has since presided with distinction.

Since 2002, Judge Delgado-Colón has taught a federal trial practice course (civil and criminal) at the Pontifical Catholic University School of Law. "Judge Delgado-Colón is known in the legal community for her work ethic and professionalism. We are proud that she has been a member of the HNBA, and grateful to HNBA Deputy Regional President Andrés W. López for conducting a thorough due diligence on behalf of the HNBA in connection with her appointment," said Ricardo Aponte Parsi, HNBA Region President for Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

"We view this confirmation as critical," said Nelson A. Castillo, National President of the HNBA. "Once confirmed, Judge Delgado-Colón would become only the second female Article III judge in Puerto Rico's history, and the first in a quarter-century. We view this as tremendous progress both because of the outstanding experience and credentials she would bring to the bench, but also because her appointment would open doors for Puerto Rican women in the law. We strongly endorse her confirmation."

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