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The Honorable Eliot Spitzer
Governor of New York State
Executive Chamber, Second Floor
State Capitol
Albany, New York 12224

Dear Governor Spitzer:

The Hispanic National Bar Association ("HNBA") is proud to endorse Judge Carmen Beauchamp Ciparick for a second term as Associate Judge of the New York State Court of Appeals. We highly recommend and support her reappointment without reservation.

By letter dated August 13, 1992, the HNBA endorsed Judge Ciparick and urged then Governor Mario M. Cuomo to appoint her to the Court of Appeals. On December 1, 1993, Governor Cuomo nominated Judge Ciparick to the Court of Appeals, and soon thereafter she was confirmed by the State Senate and sworn-in on January 4, 1994 as Associate Judge. At that time, the HNBA expressed its hope that Judge Ciparick would "make us all proud of her contributions to the development of the Law and the Administration of Justice." Since that time, Judge Ciparick has been the only Hispanic-American to serve on the Court of Appeals.

After fourteen years of service on the Court of Appeals, Judge Ciparick's jurisprudence reveals that she has served her term on the Court of Appeals with distinction that has made the HNBA proud. As you are well aware, Judge Ciparick has written many opinions on issues involving, among other things, criminal practice (substantive and procedural), insurance law, tort law, corporate law, family law, and environmental law -- all the while revealing a sharp acumen embodied in clear and well-reasoned opinions.

In addition to meeting the substantial responsibilities expected of an Associate Judge serving on one of the country's most prestigious courts, Judge Ciparick continues to be remarkably active in the legal community, serving as a role model for those who aspire to balance the demands of a legal career with the needs of her community. Illustrative of Judge Ciparick's commitment to her community is her service as a Trustee of Boricua College; a member of the St. John's University School of Law Alumni Association; and as a member of numerous bar associations whose events she regularly attends. In 2006, the HNBA honored Judge Ciparick as the HNBA Latina Judge of the Year for her exemplary work as a Judge, her leadership in the legal profession, and her dedication and commitment to the law. Indeed, it can be said that Judge Ciparick's outstanding record of achievement instills hope and inspiration to not only young Hispanics, but to members of all minority groups.

As such, the HNBA believes Judge Ciparick's reappointment to a second term on the Court of Appeals would not only reward her for her hard work, diligence, and excellence in the legal