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VIA FACSIMILE & FIRST CLASS MAIL

The Honorable Linda D. Turner
Chair of the Selection and Tenure of Magistrate Judges
Superior Court of the District of Columbia
500 Indiana Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Endorsement of Marisa J. Demeo for Appointment as Magistrate Judge for the Superior Court of the District of Columbia

Dear Judge Turner:

On behalf of the Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA), I write to express our unqualified support for the appointment of Marisa J. Demeo to the position of Magistrate Judge for the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

Ms. Demeo's excellent qualifications, dedication to community service, and well-deserved reputation as an outstanding attorney render her highly qualified for this position. In 1993, Ms. Demeo began her legal career at the Department of Justice, Honors Program, Civil Rights Division, Employment Litigation Section, where she litigated Title VII race, national origin, sex, and religious discrimination cases against state and local governments in federal district courts around the country.

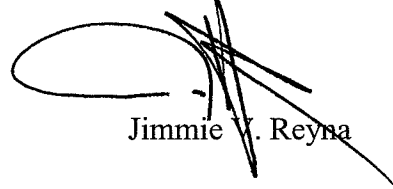
In 1997, she joined the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF) as a Legislative attorney and in 1998 became Regional Counsel of the Washington, DC office. During her career at MALDEF, Ms. Demeo developed and advocated policy positions on Latino civil rights issues, including employment, voting, education, access to public programs, criminal justice, and immigrant's rights. She also testified before Congress and various federal boards and commissions.

In 2004, she began her career as a prosecutor with the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia. She has rotated through the Misdemeanor, Felony, Grand Jury, and Sex Offense Domestic Violence Sections. She currently handles detention hearings, plea negotiations, motion hearings, trials, and sentencing.

The HNBA has considered this endorsement carefully through our judicial due diligence review process. Based on that review, it is an honor to endorse Marisa J. Demeo for appointment as a Magistrate Judge to the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

The HNBA represents the interests of over 38,000 Hispanic legal professionals, including attorneys, judges, law professors and law students, in the United States and Puerto Rico. We stand ready to assist in your deliberations, and to respond to any questions that you may have. Please feel free to contact me through our national office, or directly at (202) 293-8128.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jimmie V. Reyna". The signature is stylized with a large loop on the left and several vertical strokes on the right.

cc: Liz Lopez, HNBA Region V President
Antonio Arocho, HNBA Executive Director
HNBA Executive Committee