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Re: Judicial Nominee Ana Reyes

Dear Senator Durbin,

Ana Reyes, a young partner at Williams & Connolly, was nominated this week for the District Court for the District of Columbia Circuit.

We are not friends and I have not seen or spoken to her in quite some time, but we have worked together. I write this (without any request from Ana) only because Ana would be such a credit to the bench. More than any lawyer I can recall, from early in her career she has impressed all the lawyers around her with her intelligence, her skills, her work ethic, and her collegiality. When my firm worked jointly with hers, as we did on multiple matters, our team universally asked me to call the lead lawyer at Williams & Connolly and ask for Ana.


Ana has been the D.C. Bar's Woman Lawyer of the Year and has performed an enormous amount of pro bono work, representing asylum seekers and refugee organizations, including numerous appellate matters for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and impact litigation for Human Rights First. In 2016, she received the Legacy Award by Unlikely Heroes for her representation of young women escaping persecution by a terrorist organization.

Ana's academic credentials are similarly impressive. She graduated magna cum laude from Harvard Law School and was an editor of the law review.

Ana is a star and would reflect well on the President who appoints her for a very long time.

In addition, Ana would be the first Hispanic woman to ever serve on a U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia and the Court's first openly LGBTQ person.

I hope you can help do everything possible to aid in Ana's speedy confirmation. This one is important in so many ways.

: Warm regards,
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Adam Hoeflich