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NATIONAL PRESIDENT**

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Via Electronic Mail

The Honorable Patrick Leahy
Chairman, U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510-6275

Re: Hispanic National Bar Association Endorsement of the Hon. Adalberto Jordán for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit

Dear Senator Leahy,

On Behalf of the Hispanic National Bar Association (“HNBA”), I write to highly recommend the confirmation of the Honorable Adalberto Jordán to the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit. The HNBA is a non-profit, non-partisan national membership organization that represents the interests of more than 100,000 Hispanic attorneys, judges, law professors, law students and paralegals in the United States and its territories.

The HNBA has conducted appropriate due diligence as required by the HNBA’s *Policies and Procedures Governing Judicial Endorsements* (2008), and has voted to endorse Judge Jordan’s candidacy for the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals. Based on our review, it is clearly evident that Judge Jordán is exceedingly qualified to join the bench of the Eleventh Circuit. He is exceptionally well regarded, respected, and admired as a Judge on the U.S. District Court in the Southern District of Florida.

Judge Jordán has a storied and highly respectable resume. Born in Cuba, he is a naturalized U.S. citizen. He graduated second in his class, moving on to clerkships with the Eleventh Judicial Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Thomas Alonzo and with Justice Sandra Day O’Connor at the U.S. Supreme Court. He then worked in private practice in Miami, where he made partner in five years.

Afterwards, he joined the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Southern District of Florida, where he was ultimately named Chief of the Appellate Division. Following his tenure at the U.S. Attorney’s Office, he was nominated to a seat on the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida by President Bill Clinton, and was confirmed by the Senate with an overwhelming vote of 93-1.

Our due diligence revealed that Judge Jordán is held in extremely high regard throughout the legal community. He is respected amongst his peers as a jurist, talented as a federal prosecutor, and committed to *pro bono* service and equal justice. He also serves as an adjunct professor at the University of Miami and Florida International University, and is active in his

local community. Additionally, he has been publically endorsed by the Cuban American Bar Association.

The HNBA has found Judge Jordán to be an exceedingly qualified candidate for the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals. His experience in the judiciary since his time as a federal clerk, in private practice, and his time spent as the Chief of the Appellate Division of the U.S. Attorney's Office, in addition to the consensus among his peers of his qualifications, make Judge Adalberto Jordán a highly qualified and experienced candidate.

Accordingly, the HNBA strongly encourages the prompt confirmation of Judge Adalberto Jordán for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit. We stand ready to assist in your deliberations. Should there be any additional questions, please feel free to contact me through our national office at (202) 223-4777, or directly at (646) 320-8240. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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