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VIA EMAIL AND FIRST CLASS MAIL

May 21, 2012

The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy, Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: *Nomination of Thomas M. Durkin*
To the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

Dear Chairman Leahy:

The ABA Standing Committee on the Federal Judiciary has completed its evaluation of the professional qualifications of Thomas M. Durkin who has been nominated for a position on the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. As a result of our investigation, the Committee is of the unanimous opinion that Mr. Durkin is "Well Qualified" for this position.

A copy of this letter has been provided to Mr. Durkin.

Sincerely,



Allan J. Joseph
Chair

cc: Thomas M. Durkin, Esq.
The Honorable Kathy Ruemmler
Michael Zubrensky, Esq. (via email)
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