

May 14, 2023

Senator Richard Durbin
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Senator Lindsey Graham
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Ana de Alba, Nominee to the United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit

Dear Chairman Durbin and Rankin Member Graham:

It is a privilege to write in support of Judge Ana de Alba's judicial nomination to the Ninth Circuit and urge her confirmation. In Judge de Alba's time on the bench in Fresno County, she presided over many criminal matters, from adult misdemeanor crimes to crimes committed by juvenile offenders. During my current four-year tenure as Deputy District Attorney in Fresno County, California, I appeared before Judge de Alba almost daily from October 2019 until March 2020, and again frequently from July-August 2021.

As Judge de Alba primarily practiced civil law prior to becoming a judge, she was gracious in accepting input and feedback from her assigned DAs and public defenders when needed. On a daily basis, Judge de Alba handled a rigorous misdemeanor calendar and always maintained a pleasant and courteous demeanor on the bench. Judge de Alba understood the roles of both the prosecutor and the defense attorney in the criminal justice system, that each was vital and deserved respect.

She has an unparalleled work ethic and worked diligently to acclimate and learn criminal law when her background and experience aligned to civil litigation. Judge de Alba is incredibly accomplished but remains humble and dedicated to her family above everything. It was incredibly touching and inspiring to attend her investiture to the District Court and witness her family and colleagues speak in support of her and her accomplishments.

I can wholeheartedly say that Judge de Alba is committed to the Fresno County community and improving fairness and equity in it.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my letter in support of Judge de Alba's confirmation to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Sincerely,

Jenny Volanti

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jenny Volanti', is written over the typed name. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'J' and a long, sweeping underline.