

May 25, 2018

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley, Chairman
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Re: *Nomination of Judge Rudy Ruiz for the Southern District of Florida*

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Feinstein:

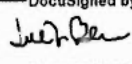
The undersigned submit this joint letter of recommendation in support of the appointment of Judge Rudy Ruiz to the Federal District Court for the Southern District of Florida.

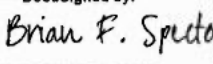
The authors of this joint letter are all the current and past chairpersons for the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on Rules and Procedures for the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida (the "Local Rules Committee"). The Local Rules Committee is composed of prominent members of the local bar – including both criminal and civil practitioners, as well as federal judges and magistrate judges and the Clerk of Court – who are appointed by the Chief Judge for the District. The committee works closely with the federal judiciary to monitor federal rules changes and other developments in the law and to annually recommend amendments to the Local Rules for the Court's consideration. We believe that our experience as chair of the Local Rules Committee (and the years of practice that brought each of us to that position) gives us special insight into the qualities that make our best federal jurists.

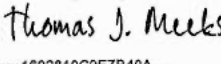
We write in support of the appointment of Judge Ruiz to this District's bench because we believe that Judge Ruiz epitomizes those qualities. Judge Ruiz possesses an intellect of the highest caliber, displays a strong work ethic, and has a broad breadth of experience in both the public and private sector. And notwithstanding his exceptional abilities and accomplishments, Judge Ruiz maintains the measured temperament that is the mark of an exceptional jurist and the sign of true commitment to a dispassionate judiciary. Among the members of the bar of the Southern District of Florida, Judge Ruiz is uniformly well regarded for his objectivity, wisdom, and humility.

We have never before come together as a group to write a letter recommending a nominee to the federal bench. We do so now because we hold Judge Ruiz in the deepest esteem and we strongly believe that he will be an excellent addition to the bench in a District to which we have each devoted our life's work.

We thank you for consideration of these comments in favor of the appointment of Judge Rudy Ruiz.

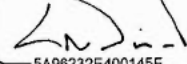
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