

May 20, 2024

The Honorable Dick Durbin  
Chairman  
Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Lindsey Graham  
Ranking Member  
Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Letter of Support for Anne Hwang, Nominee for the U.S. District Court for Central District of California

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Graham,

We are judges who sit on the Los Angeles Superior Court with Judge Anne Hwang, and each of us was formerly an Assistant United States Attorney for the Central District of California. We are familiar with Judge Hwang's reputation, work ethic, and commitment to justice as a judicial officer and as a Deputy Federal Public Defender. Some of us have even litigated cases against Judge Hwang as opposing counsel. We write to offer our enthusiastic support of her nomination to the United States District Court for the Central District of California.

Judge Hwang has the experience to serve as a United States District Judge. She began her career practicing civil law at Irell & Manella LLP, where she tried one civil case and one criminal case. Then, for approximately twelve (12) years, she served as court-appointed counsel, representing indigent defendants in federal court. She took her role as a zealous advocate seriously and fairly. At the Federal Public Defender's Office, she tried 13 jury and bench trials. Judge Hwang also had an excellent reputation within the United States Attorney's Office and was known to be professional, courteous, and ethical. Because of her legal acumen and reputation, Judge Hwang quickly rose up through the ranks and was eventually appointed Chief Deputy Federal Public Defender in 2018.

Judge Hwang also has the temperament and work ethic to excel as a federal judge. Since 2019, she has served as a judge on the Los Angeles Superior Court, where she has presided over civil, criminal, and traffic courtrooms. Judge Hwang is able to manage heavy dockets while balancing the due process rights of litigants, including self-represented litigants. As a criminal judge, she presided over 30 criminal jury trials. As a civil judge, she has resolved approximately fifty (50) motions per week, including several summary judgment motions a week. Judge Hwang enjoys a reputation of being a hardworking, intelligent, and fair jurist.

As a lawyer and a judicial officer, Judge Hwang has been active in the legal community. She was a member of the Los Angeles Criminal Justice American Inn of Court, and she served on the Executive Committees of the Los Angeles County Bar Association's Criminal Justice Section and Litigation Section. She previously served as co-chair of the California Judges Association's Criminal Law and Procedure Committee and currently serves as co-chair of the California Asian Pacific American Judges Association's Law School Committee. She is also active with the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association's Judicial Council.

We thank you for the opportunity to express our strong support for Judge Hwang's nomination to the United States District Court.

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