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**VIA EMAIL AND FIRST CLASS MAIL**

June 24, 2013

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

**Re: *Nomination of James J. Donato to the United States District Court for  
the Northern District of California***

Dear Chairman Leahy:

The ABA Standing Committee on the Federal Judiciary has completed its evaluation of the professional qualifications of James Joseph Donato who has been nominated for a position on the United States District Court for the Northern District of California. As a result of our investigation, the Committee is of the opinion that for this position Mr. Donato is Substantial Majority Well Qualified; Minority Qualified.

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

Sincerely,



Judy Perry Martinez  
Chair

**cc: James J. Donato, Esquire (via email)**  
**The Honorable Kathy Ruemmler (via email)**  
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This letter was sent to The Honorable Charles E. Grassley, Ranking Member of the Minority Committee on the Judiciary, United States Senate, 224 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510-6275 on June 24, 2013.