

May 31, 2023

VIA EMAIL

Ms. Sarah Bauer, Chief Counsel for Nominations Ms. Katherine Nikas, Staff Director U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary 224 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

Re: Women's Bar Association's Endorsement of Hon. Loren AliKhan for U.S. District Judge, U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia

Dear Ms. Bauer and Ms. Nikas:

On behalf of the Women's Bar Association of the District of Columbia (WBA), I am writing to express our support of Judge Loren AliKhan for U.S. District Judge, U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia.

Our principal goal in endorsing judicial candidates is to ensure the appointment of qualified judges and, consistent with that goal, to increase the number of judges who support the mission of the WBA. We consider, in our recommendations, the candidate's background, level of experience, connection to the District of Columbia, record of public service, a demonstrated commitment to the equality of all litigants, and an attention to women's needs and concerns.

We evaluate each candidate for endorsement by reviewing his or her resume and other supporting documentation, and discussing the candidate's skills and character with references. We ask each person contacted specific questions regarding the candidate's qualifications, integrity, temperament, experience, and commitment to the concepts of equal opportunity and equal justice under law.

Judge AliKhan is a dedicated public servant who currently serves as an Associate Judge on the D.C. Court of Appeals. Prior to that appointment, she was the Solicitor General for the District of Columbia. In that capacity, she oversaw the district's civil, criminal, and administrative appeals before

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the D.C. Court of Appeals, the D.C. Circuit, and the U.S. Supreme Court. In her six-and-a-half years with the D.C. Office of the Attorney General, Judge AliKhan worked on over 1,000 cases in the D.C. Court of Appeals on a wide range of issues, including constitutional law, criminal law, family law, employment, tax, torts, workers' compensation, and zoning. This unparalleled breadth of experience makes her uniquely qualified to join the Court.

We endorse Judge AliKhan for her credentials, and also because of her commitment to mentoring women lawyers in the District. She was an invaluable mentor to junior lawyers when she worked at O'Melveny & Myers LLP and a frequent participant in women's leadership events. At the D.C. Office of the Attorney General, Judge AliKhan handled all aspects of the Charles F.C. Ruff Fellowship Program, which recruits a diverse group of recent graduates from area law schools to work in public service. In her time at the helm of the program, she brought over 100 new lawyers into the D.C. Office of the Attorney General. The vast majority of them remain in public service with the District or federal government after the conclusion of their fellowship.

We believe that Judge AliKhan would be an asset to the Court. She has demonstrated commitment to public service and devotion to the District. Her intellect and compassion make her an ideal candidate to serve on the bench.

For these reasons, and the others outlined herein, the WBA is pleased to endorse Judge Loren AliKhan for the position of U.S. District Judge, U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia.

Sincerely,

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Candace Beck President

cc: Hon. Loren AliKhan