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The Honorable Dick Durbin
The Honorable Chuck Grassley
Senate Judiciary Committee
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: P. Casey Pitts, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, PN2502-117

Dear Chair Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

I write to recommend P. Casey Pitts to be a United States District Judge for the United States District Court for the Northern District of California. Mr. Pitts is an outstanding and brilliant attorney who would be a tremendous and positive addition to the Northern District of California.

I practice law in Washington, D.C. for a major international law firm. I have also served in a variety of public service roles, including as a law clerk to a U.S. Court of Appeals judge, a federal prosecutor, the deputy administrator of the U.S. Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division, general counsel of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, and, most recently, as assistant attorney general for the U.S. Department of Justice Civil Rights Division.

I have known Mr. Pitts for many years. He is an accomplished and distinguished attorney. Mr. Pitts studied at Yale College and Yale Law School. During law school, he was a senior editor of the Yale Law Journal, managing editor of the Yale Journal of Law and Feminism, and co-director of the Rebellious Lawyering Conference.

After law school, Mr. Pitts served as a law clerk to the Honorable Stephen Reinhardt, who was then a judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

Mr. Pitt's practice focuses on representing workers, labor unions, consumers, public entities, and public interest organizations in complex impact and appellate litigation. He has briefed multiple cases before the United States Supreme Court and the California Supreme Court, and has argued cases in the federal and state trial and appellate courts. Mr. Pitts is a recognized expert in

constitutional law, employment discrimination, federal and state wage and hour laws, collective litigation on behalf of workers and consumers, federal and state labor laws, voting rights, antitrust law, and intellectual property, among others.

Mr. Pitts has received numerous accolades for his accomplishments as an attorney. For example, San Francisco Magazine honored Mr. Pitts with its “Rising Star” designation in its 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019 Northern California Super Lawyers listings.

On a more personal level, Mr. Pitts and I served as opposing counsel for several years on a complex and significant nationwide civil rights collective action lawsuit. Mr. Pitts ably represented his client, acted with courtesy and professionalism at all times, wrote and filed well-researched and well-written motions, briefs, and other papers, and appeared in court and effectively, zealously, and thoughtfully advocated for his client.

In short, I recommend Mr. Pitts enthusiastically. Please contact me if I can provide any additional information or if you have any questions or concerns that you would like to discuss.

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

/s/ *Eric S. Dreiband*

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