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The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Nomination of Karen McGlashan Williams to the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

The Garden State Bar Association (“GSBA”) is pleased to issue this statement supporting President Biden’s nomination of Hon. Karen M. Williams, U.S.M.J., to the District Court for the District of New Jersey.

Professionally, Judge Williams’s whole career has been an accomplishment. She received her Bachelor of Science from the Pennsylvania State University in 1985 and her Juris Doctor from the Temple University Beasley School of Law in 1992. Thereafter, Judge Williams spent seventeen years in private practice in Atlantic City, New Jersey. On May 1, 2009, Judge Williams was appointed a United States Magistrate Judge—then described as her greatest professional accomplishment.

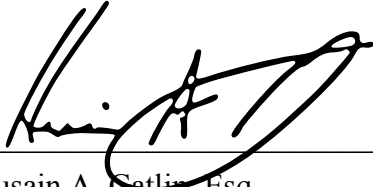
President Biden has selected a stellar nominee who reflects the values and diversity of New Jersey. Judge Williams is a highly qualified jurist with a long and distinguished legal career that demonstrates an unwavering commitment to justice. At the District Court, she will ensure equal justice under the law while working for the greater good with her commitment to service and fairness.

Service to humanity is a stronghold of excellence Judge Williams embodies. In 2013, the GSBA presented Judge Williams with its *Van Y. Clinton Award*, celebrating the accomplishments of this pioneering jurist. Repeatedly, Judge Williams has assisted the GSBA in its continuing legal education endeavors and broader initiatives to encourage more diversity and equity on the bench and in the legal community. We applaud Judge Williams for her decency, honesty, and dedication. Above all, she will continue to serve as an exemplary judge and an inspiration to our community.

Accordingly, we commend President Biden's nomination of the Hon. Karen M. Williams, U.S.M.J., to the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey.

Please do not hesitate to contact the GSBA if we may assist further.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Husain A. Gatlin', is written over a horizontal line.

Husain A. Gatlin, Esq.
President, 2021-2022 Term