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The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
Chairman
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The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Ranking Member
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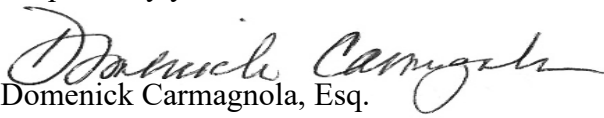
Re: Nomination of Judge Karen Williams to the District Court for the District of New Jersey

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

The New Jersey State Bar Association commends the nomination of U.S. Magistrate Judge Karen Williams to serve on the U. S. District Court of the District of New Jersey. Due to vacancies, the New Jersey federal bench has been operating in a state of emergency for several years and the recent slate of nominees will help members of the public resolve their disputes in a timely fashion. Further, their confirmations will continue to ensure that our bench reflects the rich and diverse backgrounds of the people of this state.

Judge Williams has been a distinguished member of the bench since 2009 where she has earned a reputation for fairness and impartiality. She has demonstrated her commitment to improving the legal community through her work as an adjunct professor and brings to the position the knowledge of a seasoned practitioner having worked in private practice for 17 years prior to joining the bench. Once confirmed, she will undoubtedly continue to be an asset to the U.S. District Court and people of our state.

Respectfully yours,


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