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Re: Nomination of U.S. Magistrate Judge Dana M. Douglas

Dear Senators Durbin and Grassley,

We write in support of the nomination of U.S. Magistrate Judge Dana M. Douglas to a position on the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. Judge Douglas would make an excellent appellate jurist based on our personal and professional experiences, as described below. As current and Past Presidents of the New Orleans Bar Association (NOBA), we all join in strong support of Judge Douglas' nomination to this position.

Judge Douglas has been a prominent member of the bar — and of NOBA — from early on in her legal career. By way of example, she has served admirably as a speaker at numerous seminars, as the Chair of the Young Lawyers Section of NOBA, as a chair of multiple professional and service committees, as a board member, officer and recent Past President of NOBA (2017–2018). During that time, all of us have had numerous opportunities to work with, to depend upon and to respect Judge Douglas. Based upon her record as a lawyer, a federal magistrate judge and as a leader, we know Judge Douglas and who she is. We believe that her skills, integrity and temperament will all help make her an excellent addition to the federal appeals court.

We could write much more about Judge Douglas, her professional achievements and her personal attributes. In short, however, we are wholeheartedly and without qualification in support of Magistrate Judge Dana M. Douglas and her nomination to the Fifth Circuit.

Respectfully,

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