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By Email: Senate Judiciary Committee staff and counsels

The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
U.S. Senate
711 Hart Senate Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
U.S. Senate
135 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

**Re: Recommendation for Ana C. Reyes
U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia**

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

Please allow this letter to serve as the highest possible recommendation for Ana C. Reyes for your consideration for the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia.

This is the kind of letter that one waits a long time to be able to write. Ana is, quite simply, one of the most interesting and impressive alumni in the storied 242-year history of Transylvania University – a history that includes two Vice Presidents and two Chief Justices of the United States.

On a more personal level, Ana is one of the most engaging and accomplished people I have encountered during my twenty-two years in higher education. I believe specifically that she would be an excellent candidate for a seat on the federal bench because of her ability to connect and communicate so creatively and effectively with a wide range of people. I believe the role of a federal judge is perfectly suited to her talents and interests and I have total confidence in her abilities to excel in this vital and demanding role.

One of my colleagues, who has known Ana since she was 16 years old, stated that even at that age she was beyond exceptional--mature far in excess of her years and with an outstanding intellect. When Ana interviewed on our campus for the full-tuition W.T. Young Scholarship, one of the committee members said that she was the top choice that year because Ana had a drive, natural intelligence and background experiences unlike anything he'd seen before. Ana's outstanding professional career as an attorney has certainly demonstrated a fulfillment of that early potential.

Moreover, Ana served actively as a member of Transylvania University's Board of Regents and she has spoken frequently to our students interested in law. She is always willing to assist Transylvania students from Kentucky and she has supported the University financially, enabling Kentucky students like herself to attend college.

Ana is an extremely bright and articulate person with wide interests and the capacities to explore and present those interests in compelling ways. In short, Ana Reyes has all the capabilities necessary to be an outstanding judge and a fine member of the federal bench. I have no doubt that she would be a tremendous asset to the judiciary. I have no reservations whatsoever about recommending her and I believe that she will make her alma mater, the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and the nation as a whole extremely proud.

If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me. I know all too well how difficult a competitive selection process can be and your careful consideration of Ana's candidacy is sincerely appreciated.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brien Lewis', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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