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Honorable Charlie Crist
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Re: Miguel M. de la O
Applicant for Circuit Court Judgment

Dear Governor Crist,

Mr. de la O has applied for the circuit court judgeship. I write on behalf of Mr. de la O with great enthusiasm and pride. I met Mr. de la O several years ago when I was appointed by the Florida Supreme Court to the Florida Board of Bar Examiners. Mr. de la O had been appointed a year earlier and we instantly became friends. I greatly respect Mr. de la O as a friend and mentor.

I have the pleasure of working on the Board of Bar Examiners with Mr. de la O for the last several years. I have sat beside him as a "judge" during informal and formal hearings of bar applicants. I have been greatly impressed by not only his questioning of applicants, but also by his thought process in deliberation, resolution and recommendations after a hearing. As a bar examiner we look at an applicant's history, problems and potential problems, talk to applicants, have informal and formal hearings and most importantly decide on the future of potential lawyers. Sometimes tough decisions have to be made. I have witnessed Mr. de la O be insightful in his questioning of applicants and witnesses; polite and courtesy to all who appeared before him, including applicant, their counsel, their witnesses and fellow Board Members; and fair in resolving the many character and fitness issues that come before the Board.

Mr. de la O was elected by his fellow Board Members to Chair our Board. This is a great tribute to the person that he is. He is respected and admired by his fellow Board Members. He is able to effectively run meetings and hearings, which at times can become very long and

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tedious. There is no doubt that he will be able to bring these great attributes to the bench to serve the citizens of the Eleventh Circuit.

I am board certified by the Florida Bar in family law and practice exclusively in the area of family law in Tampa. I have had the opportunity to talk to Mr. de la O about some of my family law issues to gain his insight. I have been impressed by his ability to understand issues and recommend solutions in an area of law that he does not practice exclusively. I believe this speaks highly of his potential as a judge. Even though Mr. de la O has experience in criminal and civil matters, he will excel as a judge in any division he is placed due to his ability to understand problems, research the law and come to thoughtful equitable decisions.

Lastly, I have had the opportunity as a Board of Bar Examiners to travel to several retreats with Mr. de la O and his family. His wife, Rosa, and children are delightful to be with and add another fabulous dimension to Mr. de la O. He is a committed family man who has excelled not only in the practice of law, but more importantly, in life. He will make an excellent judge who will be admired and respected by fellow jurists, lawyers, and the citizens of Florida. It is with the above that I recommend him to the Circuit Court bench.

If you have any questions regarding Mr. de la O please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Alexander Caballero, Esquire

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