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VIA U.S. MAIL

Hon. Charlie Crist
Office of the Governor
The Capitol, PL05
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0001

Re: Letter of Recommendation for Miguel M. de la O for Appointment as Judge in the 11th Judicial Circuit Court in Miami-Dade County.

Dear Governor Crist:

Miguel M. de la O is my law partner and my friend. Though I would be terribly sorry to see him go – for the selfish reason that I enjoy our daily collegiality and because I heavily rely on his wisdom and litigation acumen – I am nevertheless writing to highly recommend Miguel for appointment to the Circuit Court in the 11th Judicial Circuit.

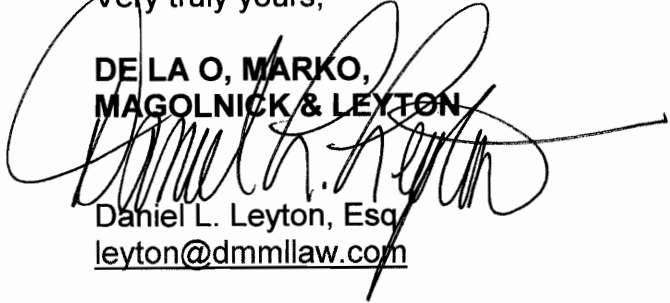
You will, I'm sure, be flooded with recommendations praising Miguel's legal mind, his even temperament, which is perfectly suited to be a judge, and his sound judgment. All of these things are true. I can add three points. First, over the six years I've worked with Miguel, some of the strongest, most enthusiastic praise I've heard for him comes from counsel he's opposed in contentious litigation (who appreciate his integrity and respect his skill), and from Judges who routinely see Miguel in their courtrooms (who appreciate his candor, ethics and skill). Second, Miguel is not just an outstanding legal mind. He is an outstanding person, particularly with regard to his ethics and integrity. Miguel consistently does what's ethically right, even if it isn't tactically advantageous. Third, Miguel is an outstanding trial lawyer. He is always prepared, knows the rules of procedure and evidence backwards and forwards, and can analyze issues quickly. These qualities would make him an outstanding Judge, the kind praised by lawyers who practice and try cases before him and highly-regarded by the community he serves.

Miguel is among the finest lawyers – and the finest persons – I have ever known. If appointed to the bench, Miguel would make you proud, and I'm confident he would be among your best judicial appointments. I hope you will agree, and appoint Miguel de la O

as the newest Judge in the 11th Judicial Circuit. I am happy to answer any questions your staff may have, and I very much appreciate this opportunity to write to you.

Very truly yours,

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