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Dear Governor Crist:

I am writing to support Miguel de la O and recommend that he be selected to fill the open seat of the Circuit Court. Miguel de la O is first and foremost a man of integrity. This is not to say that he is not both a paragon of professionalism and a deeply knowledgeable individual. In fact, quite the opposite is true, which makes his character and honesty even more impressive. His experience as a civil litigator, criminal defense lawyer, an appellate lawyer and a hearing officer has given him the opportunity to try cases before juries and judges at all jurisdictional levels. Moreover, he is a person who is wholly dedicated to civil service. His work as the chairperson of the City of Miami Civil Service Board and numerous other service organizations reflects his compassion for the people of our community and a strong desire to go the extra mile to serve the public. Miguel also commands a high level of respect from fellow lawyers, myself included. His chair on the Florida Bar Grievance Committee reflects the fact that even amongst his distinguished peers he is considered an exceptionally just individual and a model arbiter. As such, he would be ideal to serve on the Circuit Court where he can put his integrity, experience, dedication to service, and knowledge towards serving the greater good. As a member of the Florida Bar that has worked at one of the state's most prestigious law firms, as general counsel to a large company, and now as an owner of a small business, I strongly support Miguel de la O and recommend that he be selected to become a Circuit Court judge.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Frank Carlos Mena", written over a horizontal line.

Frank Carlos Mena, Esquire