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VIA US MAIL and FAX (850) 487-0801

Honorable Charlie Crist
Office of the Governor
The Capitol, PL05
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Re: Judicial Nominations: Miguel de la O

Dear Governor Crist:

I am giving my highest recommendation to Miguel de la O, who is applying to serve as circuit court judge. I cannot imagine a more qualified, ethical, and public-spirited candidate.

Miguel may seem young for a judge, in his mid-40s, but already has an abundance of litigation and trial experience, both criminal (working with Neal Sonnett) and civil (he is now primarily involved in commercial litigation.) He is an excellent lawyer who has been involved in several high profile matters.

I have known him personally for about fifteen years, through mutual friends who are also Steel Hector & Davis alumni, and have discussed many political and legal issues with him over the years. His legal analysis is always sharp, intelligent, and reasonable, and he has always been motivated by a sincere spirit of public service and pursuit of the common good.

I should mention some of his impressive accomplishments, such as his service on the Florida Board of Bar Examiners, and adjudicating matters at the Miami Civil Service Board. I also know him to be personally generous with a very charitable spirit.

He is an excellent attorney and person of unimpeachable character who happens to be Cuban American. As a judge, he would be intelligent, fair, and polite to litigants with an excellent judicial temperament. I expect he would be of the same caliber as Judges Adalberto Jordan and Cecilia Altonaga. I doubt that you could do better than to nominate Miguel De La O to the circuit court in Miami.

Very truly yours,



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