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Honorable Charlie Crist
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Re: Recommendation to the Circuit Court for Miguel M. de la O

Dear Governor Crist:

I am writing to you to express my support for the nomination of Miguel M. de la O for Miami-Dade County Circuit Court Judge. I have had the honor and privilege of being Miguel's friend for over 15 years and his law partner for the last 2 years.

Being both a friend and co-worker of Miguel, I have had the unique opportunity of observing him in almost all facets of his personal life and business "life." On a professional level, I can honestly say, without hesitation, that Miguel is one of the finest legal minds I have come across in my almost 20 years of practice. Equally as important, he practices his profession with a level of honesty, integrity and fairness that every lawyer should hope and strive to achieve. Miguel truly defines what it means to be a business partner. Moreover, Miguel's professional commitments are not limited to his law practice as he devotes a significant amount of time to the Florida Board of Bar Examiners, as well as numerous civic organizations.

The same personality traits that make Miguel the lawyer/business partner that he is spill over to his personal life as well. Miguel is a devoted family man who does his best to ensure that his wife and children come first. Miguel also has many friends whom I know think as highly of him as I do.

As incredibly easy as it is to craft a recommendation for Miguel because of who and what he is, it is, at the same time, difficult to be recommending Miguel for anything that will result in him leaving the firm. I joined the firm, in part, to lead the firm's litigation department because of Miguel's aspiration to become a judge, knowing full well that he would undoubtedly accomplish that goal and have to leave the firm. Having had the opportunity to be his partner for the past 2 years, I would welcome the opportunity to

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work with him for many more years. However, I know that it is Miguel's heartfelt desire to be on the bench, and I also know that he will be a great asset to the judicial system. It is for these reasons that I ask you to give Miguel your utmost consideration as the next judge on the Miami-Dade County Circuit Court.

Respectfully,



Joel S. Magolnick