

August 20, 2007

Honorable Charlie Crist
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The Capitol, PL05
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Re: Nomination of Miguel de la O

Dear Governor Crist:

I am writing in support of **Miguel de la O** and his nomination to the Miami Dade Circuit Court.

I met Miguel nine years ago when we were selected to participate in the inaugural class of the Kellogg Leadership Foundation's Miami Fellows Initiative. Our first activity as Fellows was an outward bound experience where Miguel and I were assigned to the same canoe. In the course of a quiet and often physically challenging experience, I learned a lot about Miguel; his sensitivity, passion and dedication.

Miguel was raised in Miami, attended our public schools and has a successful practice with his high school debate partner. Miguel is a good friend and a caring citizen. He is committed to the well being of our community and has given generously of his time and his assets to numerous organizations. I know that it has always been his dream to be a judge and I believe he would make a great judge.

Miguel is a fair and open-minded individual. He loves the law. He is always prepared and knows how to work hard. His life has been balanced by his personal experiences and his professional formation. Whenever I have sought his advice, I have found him to be honest, thorough and helpful. Miguel is thoughtful and has the capacity to put himself in other people's place. He has become a trusted friend to many for his compassion and loyalty.

I believe that in Miguel you have a candidate that will be relentless in his pursuit of justice.

Sincerely,



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