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The Honorable Charlie Crist
Governor, State of Florida
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Re: *Nomination of Miguel de la O*
Nominee – Judicial Vacancy – Eleventh Circuit

Dear Governor Crist:

I am writing you this letter to highly recommend the appointment of Miguel de la O to the judicial vacancy for which he has been nominated in the Eleventh Circuit.

I have known Miguel for almost twenty years, and have worked both with him and on opposing sides in a professional capacity. Over the years, I have also had the opportunity to become acquainted with Miguel personally, and have seen his commitment as a father to his three children and a civic leader in the greater Miami area.

Miguel is one of the brightest lawyers with whom I have ever worked. His sense of right and wrong, his appreciation for the rule of law and his ability to place a situation in the context of historical events and precedent is unparalleled in my experience. In litigation, Miguel has the ability to see the big picture, but also the dedication to hone in on the details. Miguel's professionalism, ethics and civility in the profession stand as an example for other lawyers and jurists. This commitment to professionalism, however, does not in any way diminish Miguel's ability or willingness to advocate on his client's behalf. Having been on the opposite side, I can attest that Miguel is a formidable opponent who is always prepared. Based on my experiences with Miguel, I am confident that these

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qualities will continue should Miguel be selected as a trial judge in the Eleventh Circuit.

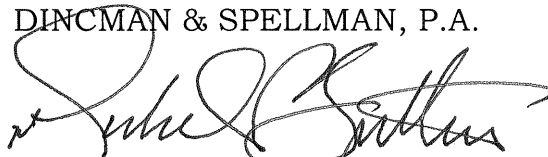
To be a trial judge in the State of Florida, a person must have varied experiences as a partitioner. Because circuit judges get reassigned every couple of years in each circuit, a person who has limited his or her practice to one area of law is at a distinct disadvantage to a person who has experienced several areas of the law. Miguel's experiences harken back to the times of the general practitioner, as he has represented clients in criminal matters, civil litigation, business and transactional law, appellate proceedings, and even served as a hearing officer for the Dade County School Board and the City of Miami Civil Service Board. Truly, the experiences that Miguel brings to the bench are unique and varied. Miguel would be a valuable asset to the trial bench on the Eleventh Circuit.

In addition to his abilities as a lawyer and judicial candidate, Miguel's resume reflects an incredible commitment to the legal profession as well as to community service and civic involvement in the Miami area. Aside from his honors and awards, Miguel has proved himself to be a leader in his community, while still being the managing partner of his law firm and a devoted husband and father to his family.

Miguel de la O represents all of the qualities required of a trial judge in this great State: intelligence, common sense, fairness, dedication, a respect for the rule of law, and the strictest adherence to professionalism. The citizens in Dade County and across the State will greatly benefit by the appointment of Miguel de la O as a circuit judge in the Eleventh Circuit.

Very truly yours,

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