

July 1, 2022

Hon. Dick Durbin
Chair, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
711 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Hon. Chuck Grassley
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
135 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Nomination of Roopali H. Desai to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley,

We are judges serving in the Arizona State Judiciary, or who have retired from such service, and we write to support Roopali H. Desai's nomination for the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Those of us signing this letter serve or served on all levels of Arizona's judiciary—the Superior Court, the Court of Appeals, and the Supreme Court. We represent all political party registrations and we have diverse backgrounds. We join together to express our confidence in Ms. Desai's legal skills and judicial temperament as she moves forward in the confirmation process.

All of us know Ms. Desai as a litigator, a prominent member of the bar, or by her sterling reputation. Ms. Desai has extensive experience appearing in the state court system. We are proud to say that we have witnessed her rapidly grow over the years from a talented young associate to a nationally recognized legal practitioner. She has represented clients in high-stakes commercial disputes, administrative and regulatory proceedings, election litigation, and constitutional law cases. In all instances, Ms. Desai is ready and well-prepared to present her client's best legal arguments in court. She consistently commands the facts of her case. Ms. Desai's courtroom demeanor displays conviction for her client's position while showing respect for the court, her opposing counsel, and the other parties. Ms. Desai also demonstrates consistent respect for and adherence to the rule of law in her advocacy.

If Ms. Desai is confirmed, we are sure that she will rise to become an excellent judge with a reputation for legal skill and integrity. Ms. Desai is a person of impeccable character and high regard for our judicial process. Through many years of hard work, she has earned our admiration. We respectfully urge your support for her swift confirmation.

Sincerely,

/s/ Hon. Scott Bales (Ret.)
Former Chief Justice, Arizona Supreme
Court

/s/ Hon. Ruth McGregor (Ret.)
Former Chief Justice, Arizona Supreme
Court

/s/ Hon. Stanley Feldman (Ret.)
Former Chief Justice, Arizona Supreme
Court

/s/ Hon. Lawrence Winthrop (Ret.)
Former Chief Judge, Arizona Court of
Appeals (Division One)

/s/ Hon. Diane Johnsen (Ret.)
Former Chief Judge, Arizona Court of
Appeals (Division One)

/s/ Hon. Patricia K. Norris Ret.)
Former Judge, Arizona Court of
Appeals (Division One)

/s/ Hon. Katherine Cooper
Maricopa County Superior Court Judge

/s/ Hon. John Hannah
Maricopa County Superior Court Judge

/s/ Hon. Danielle Viola
Maricopa County Superior Court Judge

/s/ Hon. Scott Minder
Maricopa County Superior Court Judge

s/ Hon. Randall Warner
Maricopa County Superior Court Judge

cc: Sen. Kyrsten Sinema
Sen. Mark Kelly