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Via E-Mail

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Re: Recommendation of the Honorable Nina Y. Wang for the Opening on the District of Colorado Bench

We write, as a members of the Board of Directors of the America Invents Act (AIA) Patent Pro Bono Advisory Council (PBAC), to express our support for the Honorable Nina Y. Wang to fill the vacancy on the U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado.

In addition to Judge Wang's admirable career as a practicing attorney and Magistrate Judge, she has devoted a great deal of time and effort toward helping the disadvantaged. She is committed to giving back to her community, as well as creating avenues for access to the judicial system for underrepresented members of society.

We have worked closely with Judge Wang in the development and expansion of patent pro bono programs. In 2011, she enthusiastically joined the first meeting of the Patent Pro Bono Task Force, a group of professionals assembled to create a nationwide network of patent pro bono programs. Judge Wang was an extremely active member of the task force and instrumental in moving many initiatives forward. Working closely with the Chief Judge of the Federal Circuit at the time, as well as the United States Patent and Trademark Office Director, she was able to use her nationwide pro bono contacts to enhance the reach of the group's message, recruit volunteers, and engage communities. Her work was crucial to the success of this effort, which gained endorsement by the Obama White House and inclusion of patent pro bono as a priority in the America Invents Act.

Judge Wang went on to cofound ProBoPat Colorado. As one of the early patent pro bono programs to be launched, this required a great deal of work, including assembling and leading a local steering committee, finding a nonprofit partner, hiring a full-time administrator, designing

the program's policies and structure, fundraising, and coordinating best practices. Recognizing the importance of this unmet need, Judge Wang worked tirelessly to get the program off the ground.

Judge Wang currently serves on the AIA Pro Bono Advisory Council. This group is a liaison between patent pro bono programs and the USPTO to ensure the sustainability of the 21 regional programs well into the future.

We are honored to endorse Judge Wang for the District of Colorado. Her track record of providing pro bono legal services and supporting pro bono programs shows that she views her work and position as an opportunity to create connection between the bench and the community, particularly for those who have been historically underrepresented within the legal system.

Sincerely,

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