

July 6, 2022

The Honorable Dick Durbin Chair, Committee on the Judiciary United States Senate 711 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Chuck Grassley Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary United States Senate 135 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

As Dean of the University of Puerto Rico School of Law, I write to you in support of the confirmation of Magistrate Judge Camille Vélez-Rivé to the position of district judge in the District Court for the District of Puerto Rico.

Magistrate Judge Vélez-Rivé graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of Puerto Rico School of Law in 1993. Magistrate Judge Vélez-Rivé, a distinguished alumnus of our School of Law, has served with distinction since 2004 in the District Court of Puerto Rico where she currently is the most senior magistrate judge. She has been recognized a Puerto Rican judge of strong character, who firmly believes in judicial independence and will bring diversity and a new perspective to the bench. Furthermore, her reputation is that she is fair, hard-working and always reasonable. Time and again, her opinions have shown to be well supported and thoroughly researched. Magistrate Judge Vélez-Rivé has the credentials, the experience and the demeanor to continue serving the people of Puerto Rico as a district judge.

For these reasons, I strongly recommend Magistrate Judge Vélez-Rivé for the position of District Judge in the District Court of Puerto Rico and hope you will confirm her to said position. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Vivian I. Neptune-Rivera

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