

Diego Suárez, Jr Chairman of the board & CEO

July 7, 2022

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

Dear Ranking Member Grassley:

I'm Chairman of the Board and CEO of V. Suárez & Co., Inc., a Puerto Rico family corporation doing business for the past eighty years in the food and beverage distribution sector in the Island. It is with great pleasure that I recommend Ms. María Antongiorgi-Jordán, Esq. for a Judicial Position in the US Court for the District of Puerto Rico.

Ms. Antongiorgi-Jordán began her tenure at the U.S. Court for the District of Puerto Rico in June 2018 as Chief Deputy Clerk and was appointed Clerk in September 2019. She is responsible, along with the Chief Judge, for the overall court governance and administration overseeing supervision of a 100 person staff. She is an advisor to the Chief Justice in making all determinations pursuant to applicable statues, guidelines and judicial policies and advises other judicial officers on judiciary policies, case management and docketing. During her tenure, she has been a Member of all Court Committees and she spearheaded the court's policies and procedures as well as all the technology initiatives during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ms. Antongiorgi-Jordán also brings vast prior experience to the court from her legal work as Capital Member of McConnell Valdés law firm where she started her career in 1995. At McConnell, she obtained a broad legal background in civil and criminal practice where she was Lead Counsel for numerous notable cases with litigation, counseling, and administrative responsibilities. She was a member of the firm's White Collar Practice Area and a Member of the Criminal Justice Act Panel for the Puerto Rico District Court.

I recommend Ms. Antongiorgi-Jordán for a Judicial Position in the US Court for the District of Puerto Rico for her integrity and character as well as for her professional credentials of relevant experience in legal matters and court proceedings.

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