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The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Lindsey O. Graham
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Nomination of Adeel A. Mangi to the Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Graham:

I write on behalf of the Association of the Federal Bar of New Jersey ("AFBNJ")¹ in unwavering support of the nomination of Adeel A. Mangi to serve on the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

Mr. Mangi is extremely qualified to serve as a Judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. He is an experienced trial attorney and appellate practitioner who uniquely possesses the ability to evaluate cases and legal arguments from that perspective. Moreover, his affable nature, diversity, and intellect will be an asset to the Third Circuit bench. The Association is confident that Mr. Mangi will serve the citizens of New Jersey well.

Accordingly, we strongly urge his confirmation in the upcoming Senate Judiciary Committee hearing. Thank you in advance for your attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,

Victor A. Afanador
President

cc: Honorable Cory A. Booker
Honorable Robert Menendez

¹ Established in 1789, the District of New Jersey is the oldest and largest undivided district court in the nation. For the past 50 years, the AFBNJ has served as the voice of the federal bar in New Jersey, supporting both the Court and the attorneys who practice here by offering educational, training and social events throughout the year and connecting the federal bench and bar to address issues of court administration and federal practice. The Association has over 800 members representing the federal litigants who continue to be adversely impacted by the judicial backlog created by these vacancies. Over the past five decades, our Association has been led by several distinguished attorneys who later became federal judges, including Judges Frederick B. Lacey, Lawrence A. Whipple, and Herbert J. Stern. With over a dozen active federal judges serving on our Advisory Board, and given our longstanding history supporting the bench and bar, we are in a unique position to help maintain and advocate for the high standards of our judiciary.