

May 14, 2023,

Senator Richard Durbin
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Senator Lindsey Graham
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
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Re: Nomination of Judge Ana de Alba to the U. S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals.

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Graham,

I am submitting this letter in ardent support of the nomination of U. S. District Court Judge Ana de Alba for a seat on the U. S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals. I have been involved in the justice system in various capacities for 35 years. I was a prosecutor with the Fresno County District Attorney's Office when I first met Judge de Alba. I was assigned to a misdemeanor calendar and Judge de Alba presided over my assigned department. I appeared in her courtroom at least three days per week for a period of several months. I am now in private practice.

I found that Judge de Alba made every effort to be fair. She was polite and professional to the attorneys on both sides, and she considered all arguments presented to her. Notwithstanding encountering as many as 100 or more cases in a single day, she ran an efficient and orderly courtroom while maintaining the utmost decorum.

Even with the high volume of matters on the daily calendar, Judge de Alba was remarkably polite and respectful to the defendants, victims, witnesses, and the audience.

Judge de Alba possesses a strong intellect and made a sincere effort to get it right when confronted with complex issues. Though we disagreed at times, I never felt compelled to appeal any of her rulings regarding my cases.

I appreciated Judge de Alba's professional demeanor and her display of humanity on a daily basis despite the rigors of an impacted department.

Respectfully submitted,



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