

Senator Richard Durbin  
Chair  
Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Senator Lindsay Graham  
Ranking Member  
Committee on the Judiciary  
Washington, D.C. 20510

May 12, 2023

Re: Nomination of District Judge Ana de Alba to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Graham:

We are former colleagues of District Judge Ana de Alba from her time in private law practice. We are pleased to provide our enthusiastic support for Ana, who has been nominated to serve on the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, and who is awaiting confirmation by the United States Senate. While partners at the Fresno, California law firm of Lang, Richert & Patch, we had the pleasure of working with Ana when she was an Attorney at the firm. Each of us has since moved on to other professional opportunities. We sign this letter in our personal capacities. While we have different backgrounds and viewpoints, we are united in our professional and personal esteem of Ana and belief that she is worthy of swift confirmation.

Ana began her legal career at Lang, Richert & Patch in 2006 as a Summer Associate following her 2<sup>nd</sup> year of law school at UC Berkeley School of Law. Ana joined the firm upon graduation from law school in 2007, and shortly thereafter was admitted to practice law as an Associate Attorney. Ana was promoted to partner of the Firm in 2013. We worked extensively with Ana on a variety of legal matters from employment disputes to complex business, construction, and commercial disputes. From the outset, Ana displayed a strong work-ethic, impeccable integrity, exceptional intelligence and legal abilities, and exhibited a fair and even-tempered approach to her work. Ana's extraordinary legal abilities are matched by her passion for advancing justice and helping those less fortunate. In her first year at the Firm, Ana led the Firm's Pro Bono Department and established a first of its kind workers' rights clinic for low wage earners in California's Central Valley. Her passion and dedication in this role was an inspiration to all her colleagues.

In closing, we believe Ana would be a brilliant judge committed to independence, impartiality, and integrity. We urge the Judiciary Committee to approve her nomination.

Respectfully,

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