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The Honorable Charles B. Schumer
Majority Leader
United States Senate
322 Hart Senate Office Building
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The Honorable Lindsey Graham
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

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

Dear Senators Schumer and Graham:

We are pleased to write this letter of support for our former colleague Ana de Alba, who has been nominated to serve on the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and is awaiting confirmation by the United States Senate. We have known Ana since she was a student at UC Berkeley Law. We first hired her as a summer law clerk and then offered her an associate position upon graduation. From the beginning, Ana made it clear how important it was for her to be able to do pro bono work. She became the firm's Pro Bono Coordinator in 2009. During her time at the firm, Ana excelled as she worked on wide variety of cases, including complex business and construction litigation matters, employment law representing both employers and employees, and plaintiff's personal injury cases. She approached every case with the same hard work, enthusiasm, and intelligence, while always maintaining good relationships with opposing counsel and the courts. She became a shareholder in 2012.

Ana's heartfelt desire to give back by providing pro bono legal services to those in need became a guiding principle of the firm. She changed us. Ana's dedication to pro bono work resulted in her receiving numerous local and statewide awards. Even after her appointments to the Fresno County Superior Court bench and then to the United States District Court her commitment to helping others remains steadfast as is evident by the time and effort she expends to reach out to those in underserved areas. Ana will always hold the door open for others to follow through.

In sum, we have no doubt that Ana will be an exceptionally well-qualified jurist who will demonstrate an incredible intellect, an indefatigable willingness to do the hard work, the highest ethics, and an unquenchable thirst for equal justice under the law.

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Very truly yours,

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