February 2, 2024

The Honorable Richard J. Durbin   The Honorable Lindsey Graham
Chairman   Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary   Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate   United States Senate
711 Hart Senate Office Building   211 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510   Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Letter in support of Amir Ali, nominee for United States District Court for the District of Columbia

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Graham,

We are current and former Jenner & Block LLP attorneys, who have had the privilege of working directly with Amir Ali.

We write with enthusiastic support for Amir's nomination to the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. He is a person of tremendous integrity, a lawyer of exceptional talent, and will make an exceptional Judge.

Amir joined Jenner & Block LLP in 2013 after graduating magna cum laude from Harvard Law School and completing two prestigious clerkships, with Judge Raymond C. Fisher on the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and Justice Marshall Rothstein on the Supreme Court of Canada. While at Jenner, Amir practiced throughout the federal judiciary, litigating many complicated, high-stakes cases for a diverse array of firm clients. He litigated cases across a broad range of legal fields, including complex commercial cases, intellectual property disputes, administrative litigation, and appeals. Amir is intimately experienced with federal court litigation and its complexities, and he is exceptionally qualified to serve as a judge on the D.C. District Court.

Throughout his tenure at Jenner & Block, Amir exhibited strong judgment, intellect, integrity, and commitment, and he worked with others, including opposing attorneys, in a very civil and cooperative manner. His work product was of the very highest quality. He thinks deeply, clearly, and rationally about problems. He is open-minded and interested in multiple points of view on any issue. These very same qualities that earned Amir the trust and respect of his clients and colleagues throughout the firm will also, in our opinion, make him an exemplary federal judge.

To no surprise to those who know him, Amir also held an extensive pro bono practice at Jenner, a core value of the firm. Amir argued some of the firm's most high-profile matters, including one case before the U.S. Supreme Court and two before federal circuit courts, prevailing in all three for his clients. He also litigated effectively in the trial court. As a result of these cases and countless others, Amir earned the firm's prestigious Albert E. Jenner Award, established in 2002 and awarded to a lawyer who demonstrates exemplary pro bono legal services.

While at Jenner, Amir also spent significant time dedicated to the broader firm and legal communities. He participated in the firm's hiring committee and was a mentor of the firm's junior attorneys and summer associates. Amir has carried on this commitment throughout his career, serving as an accomplished teacher of and mentor to students at Harvard Law School, the Georgetown University Law Center, and the University of the District of Columbia David A. Clarke School of Law. He also consistently finds time to serve as a resource and sounding board to many attorneys, who turn to him for his cogent advice and good judgment. And even after leaving the firm, Amir has co-counseled with and mentored junior attorneys on several occasions, helping them prepare for and successfully argue high-stakes cases of their own.

Although we work in a variety of legal practices and hold diverse professional experiences, backgrounds, and political views, we have a shared belief that Amir will be an extraordinary federal judge. We are honored to support Amir Ali's nomination to the D.C. District Court and urge his swift confirmation.

> *Please note: the undersigned individuals have signed on to this letter in their personal capacities and not in any official capacity.*

Sincerely,

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