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The Honorable Dick Durbin  
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The Honorable Chuck Grassley  
Ranking Member  
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Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

We write on behalf of the private-practitioner members of the Federal Circuit Bar Association to express our enthusiastic support for the President's nomination of Ms. Kathi Vidal to serve as the Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office at the U.S. Department of Commerce. Our government-practitioner members have not participated in the preparation and submission of this letter given their governmental roles.

Ms. Vidal is recognized in the Circuit community as a leading intellectual property lawyer and a top patent litigator. Ms. Vidal represents clients across a wide range of technologies, possessing valuable managerial experience as the Silicon Valley office managing partner of a large international law firm and as Global Head of litigation at her prior firm.

This Association's mission of blending all aspects of the Circuit community has benefitted from Ms. Vidal's membership and substantial contributions for over two decades. As a leader of the Pro Bono Committee, she provided valuable insight and guidance to growing pro bono outreach. Ms. Vidal's leadership style and inclusiveness benefitted the Association through her service on the Board of Directors and as a Senior Advisor. In an organization committed to informed analysis and balanced decision-making, Ms. Vidal has been a shining example of our values. She bears the confidence of our members and senior leadership by her steadfast commitment to assuring that all interested stakeholders have opportunity for input.

We applaud this nomination of a highly qualified and dedicated practitioner. If we can be of assistance in any manner, please contact me or our Executive Director, Deborah Miron (miron@fedcirbar.org or 202-558-2421).

Laura Masurovsky



President, Federal Circuit Bar Association