

GOVERNOR OF PUERTO RICO Pedro R. Pierluisi

April 27, 2022

President Joseph R. Biden The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

It is with great pleasure that I recommend the nomination of Maria Antongiorgi Jordan, Esq. for the position of Judge for the U.S. District Court of Puerto Rico. Her professional qualifications and personal character have already served Puerto Rico and our Nation well, and I know that her work ethic and experience will prove worthy of the high level of skill that our judicial system demands.

Ms. Antongiorgi has served our federal District Court as Clerk of Court with aplomb since 2018. She is responsible, along with the Chief Judge, for the overall court governance and administration of the Clerk's Office and all its dependencies, including Human Resources, Finance, Procurement, Information Technology, Jury Services and Operations, as well as case management and docketing. Additionally, she makes all determinations pursuant to applicable statues, guidelines and judicial policies and supervises a staff of approximately 100 personnel. She also has been a member of the U.S. District Court Examination Committee for the past ten years and has served in several committees and initiatives in support of the Court's mission.

During her time preceding the Court, Ms. Antongiorgi worked at one of Puerto Rico's top legal firms since she started her career as an attorney in 1995, later becoming a capital member of the firm's labor and employment law practice group. She is an experienced litigator and has vast experience in counseling and employee relations, organizational planning and management of operations. During her 23 years of complex litigation practice in state and federal courts, she led multiple labor and employment cases, representing both multinational and local companies in the entertainment and media business, manufacturing, hospitality, food and beverage, technology, pharmaceutical and retail industries. Impressively, Ms. Antongiorgi served as lead attorney in over 45 trials with a 91%



success rate. Her command of the law, its processes and case management is clearly self-evident.

Preceding her legal career, Ms. Antongiorgi obtained her B.A. from Seton Hill University, her law degree from the Interamerican University of Puerto Rico, and an LLM on Labor and Employment Law from Georgetown University. I am attaching Ms. Antongiorgi's curriculum vitae for your review.

I recommend her nomination without reservation. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or need additional information regarding the appointment to this important vacancy.

Sincerely,

Cc: Dana A. Remus, Counsel to the President