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**Carlos Bollar**  
**NATIONAL PRESIDENT**

**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL**

The Honorable Richard J. Durbin  
Chair  
Committee on the Judiciary  
United State Senate  
711 Hart Senate Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley  
Ranking Member  
Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
135 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

**RE: Endorsement of Brad Garcia for Federal Judge**

Dear Chair Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley,

We write on behalf of the Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA) to endorse the nomination of Brad Garcia to the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

The HNBA is a non-profit, non-partisan national membership association that represents the interests of Hispanic attorneys, judges, law professors, law students, and other legal professionals in the United States and Puerto Rico. One of the HNBA's many institutional objectives is to advocate and work to ensure that the federal and state judiciary is diverse and reflects the citizens that come before the courts on a daily basis.

The HNBA has conducted due diligence on Brad Garcia. Our evaluation included an initial paper screening of resumes, social media, and writings/articles to establish minimum qualifications. Candidate and reference interviews along with interviews with peers, attorney peers, and community leaders were conducted to assess relevant legal experience, scholarly work, temperament, reputation, and involvement in the Hispanic community. Brad Garcia has an impressive career, is actively involved in the local legal community, and has a good temperament for the bench.

Mr. Garcia received his BA from The Johns Hopkins University in 2009 and his law degree from Harvard University (magna cum laude) in 2011. At Harvard he served as an editor and alumni chair for the Harvard Law Review.

After law school, Mr. Garcia clerked for the Honorable Judge Thomas Griffith in the District of Columbia Circuit and then for Associate Justice Kagan in the Supreme Court. Following his clerkships, Mr. Garcia joined the law firm O'Melveny & Myers LLP in their Supreme Court and Appellate Litigation practice group as an Associate, became Counsel in 2017, and was made a

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partner in 2021. Mr. Garcia currently serves at the Department of Justice as the Deputy Assistant Attorney General in the Office of Legal Counsel.

Mr. Garcia's speciality is appellate litigation. During his time in private practice, Mr. Garcia appeared in jury trials, pre-trial conferences and motion hearings, and before appellate courts. In that time, he argued over a dozen appeals in federal and state appellate courts. Mr. Garcia has also argued in the Supreme Court, Circuit Court, Federal District Court, and various state courts.

Mr. Garcia has worked on important immigration and constitutional law cases in a pro bono capacity. He has led two amicus briefs for the American Immigration Lawyers' Association. He co-drafted a Supreme Court merits brief for a number of important cases ranging from abortion access in Louisiana, handgun rules in NYC, partisan gerrymandering, one-person one vote standard, notice of removal purposes of immigration proceedings, and the right to literacy in the Detroit Public School system. He served on the MacArthur Justice Center's Supreme Court and Appellate Advisory Board, where he argued a case regarding the Prison Litigation Reform Act's three strikes rule.

Mr. Garcia is well respected and admired by his colleagues and other members of the Bar for his high intellect, notable competence, and good character.

We endorse Brad Garcia for your consideration and selection for the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

If you have any questions concerning this endorsement, please do not hesitate to contact us at the HNBA National Office at (202) 223-4777 or contact Carlos Bollar directly at [president@hnba.com](mailto:president@hnba.com).

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Carlos Bollar  
HNBA National President

Robert Raben  
Chair, HNBA Judiciary Committee

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Co-Chair, HNBA Judiciary Committee

cc:  
Mariana Bravo, HNBA National President-Elect