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The Honorable Dick Durbin
Chair, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
711 Hart Senate Office Building
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The Honorable Chuck Grassley
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
135 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

RE: Support for the Confirmation of Judge Gina R. Méndez-Miró to the U.S. District Court

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

McConnell Valdés LLC (McV) is Puerto Rico's leading and oldest full-service law firm and the largest law firm in the Caribbean. As Chairman of its Corporate Practice Group, I fully endorse and urge you to support the nomination of Judge Gina R. Méndez-Miró to the U.S. District Court for the District of Puerto Rico.

Judge Méndez-Miró's professional experiences in the private legal sector precede her, but it is her honorable calling to public service in all three branches of government that impacts me the most. Her career has spanned the Puerto Rico Department of Justice and the Puerto Rico Senate, until her appointment and unanimous confirmation to become a Judge at the Puerto Rico Court of Appeals.

For nearly six years she has served with distinction in Puerto Rico's judiciary. A review of her judicial record reflects that during her tenure in the appellate bench, she has reviewed thousands

of cases and delivered over 700 judgments on important constitutional, criminal, civil and administrative law issues, the majority of which include matters that are addressed daily in the United States District Court.

Judge Méndez-Miró is well respected and highly regarded by all who have worked with her during the various stages of her career. In her adjudication of cases, she demonstrates a profound respect for precedent and the Constitution, meticulously weighing the facts and legal arguments presented in each individual case and resolving based on applicable law. The general assessment of her work both as an attorney and as a judge, is that she is a hardworking, intelligent, fair, and balanced decision-maker. These qualities have also earned the respect of law clerks, students, and peers at the bench. This fact is undoubtedly a testament to her character and quality as a jurist and as a person.

Judge Méndez-Miró's service in different capacities throughout her career has prepared her for elevation to the federal judiciary. Her record demonstrates that she has ample command of the law, experience in public and private litigation and, moreover, is a proven sitting judge in the state court. Finally, I have known Judge Méndez-Miró's at a personal level for many years, and her pattern of excellence and integrity, as well as her temperament and commitment, guarantee she will be an exemplary addition to the United States District Court for the District Puerto Rico.

We support her nomination enthusiastically, and, respectfully, urge the Senate Judiciary Committee to advance her nomination to the full Senate.

Respectfully,

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