



June 16, 2022

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

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

Re: **Letter of Support for The Hon. Florence Y. Pan for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia**

Dear Chair Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

The National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA) extends its strong support for Judge Florence Y. Pan to serve on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia. Judge Pan is a leader in the Asian Pacific American community—both nationally and in Washington DC.

NAPABA is the national association of Asian Pacific American attorneys, judges, law professors, and law students. NAPABA represents the interests of over 60,000 attorneys and over 90 national, state, and local bar associations. Its members include solo practitioners, large firm lawyers, corporate counsel, legal services and non-profit attorneys, and lawyers serving at all levels of government. NAPABA engages in legislative and policy advocacy, promotes Asian Pacific American political leadership and political appointments, and builds coalitions within the legal profession and the community at large. NAPABA also serves as a resource for government agencies, members of Congress, and public service organizations about Asian Pacific Americans in the legal profession, civil rights, and diversity in the courts.

Judge Pan received overwhelming bipartisan support in her prior confirmations before the U.S. Senate. In 2009, she was confirmed by voice vote to the Superior Court of the District of Columbia and in 2021, she was confirmed to the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia by a vote of 68-30. She holds the distinction as the first Asian Pacific American judge to serve on any level in Washington, DC. With 13 years of judicial experience, Judge Pan has served in the Criminal, Family Court, and Civil Divisions, and has presided over more than 650 trials. Judge Pan has taught Constitutional Law and Criminal Procedure at Georgetown University Law Center for the past nine years and was voted best adjunct professor by the students in the LL.M. program in 2018.

Judge Pan has devoted her entire legal career to public service. She clerked for the Hon. Michael B. Mukasey in the Southern District of New York, and the Hon. Ralph K. Winter on the Second Circuit. She then worked at Main Justice, as a Bristow Fellow in the Office of the Solicitor General and as an attorney in the Criminal Appellate section. Judge Pan served as a Senior Adviser to the Undersecretary of

Domestic Finance, at the Treasury Department and then as an Assistant United States Attorney in the District of Columbia for ten years, including two years as Deputy Chief of the Appellate Division, before she was appointed to the Superior Court bench. She earned two undergraduate degrees, summa cum laude, from the University of Pennsylvania; and earned her J.D., with distinction, from Stanford Law School.

Judge Pan is endorsed by NAPABA's affiliate the Asian Pacific American Bar Association of the Greater Washington, D.C. Area and has served as Secretary of NAPABA's Judicial Council.

Judge Pan is exceptionally well qualified to serve on the appellate court. The National Asian Pacific American Bar Association proudly supports her nomination.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Priya Purandare". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Priya Purandare
Executive Director