

July 26, 2022

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
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Re: Nomination of Bradley Garcia to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley,

We are former colleagues of Bradley Garcia from his time in private practice. We strongly and enthusiastically support Brad's confirmation to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. We represent a broad range of practices, professional backgrounds, experiences, and political views. But we have all practiced with Brad, and we agree that Brad embodies the qualities that we prize in a federal appellate judge and would be an excellent addition to the D.C. Circuit and the nation's judiciary.

Brad came to O'Melveny & Myers LLP in 2013, after graduating magna cum laude from Harvard Law School and completing clerkships with Judge Thomas B. Griffith on the D.C. Circuit and then Associate Justice Elena Kagan on the Supreme Court of the United States. In his years at the firm, Brad exhibited all the qualities that will make him a successful judge—a top-notch legal mind, deep experience in appellate and trial matters, excellent judgment, and a commitment to the broader community.

During his time at O'Melveny, Brad practiced at every level of the federal judiciary, acquiring a body of experience that will serve him well as a judge. He actively participated in the firm's trial litigation. He argued in the U.S. Supreme Court and more than a dozen cases in federal and state courts of appeals and federal district courts. And he was the principal author of briefs in many, many more cases that spanned a wide variety of legal fields, including administrative law, constitutional law, patent law, pension law, criminal law, and immigration law. Brad was involved in some of the firm's most critical and sensitive matters for its largest clients, and he consistently earned those clients' trust through a combination of his deep commitment to their interests, his devotion to principled advocacy and the rule of law, and his exceptional legal skills.

Brad also developed an extensive pro bono practice. In his eight years at O'Melveny, he worked more than 4,000 pro bono hours. This included some of the firm's most high-profile Supreme Court cases—including *United States v. Palomar-Santiago*, 141 S. Ct. 1615 (2021), an immigration case Brad argued. Brad's pro bono commitment often extended to individual representations where personal rights were at stake. For example, Brad led a team of attorneys in a years-long litigation seeking to secure Muslim inmates the right to be served Halal food—a litigation that resulted in a favorable settlement for the firm's clients.

Brad's tenure at O'Melveny also demonstrated his commitment to the broader community. Brad was a standout mentor to junior attorneys at the firm; younger lawyers would clamor to work with and learn from him. Brad also served on the Supreme Court and Appellate Advisory Board of the MacArthur Justice Center, which allowed him to be involved in cutting-edge civil rights and criminal justice litigation around the country. Brad's association with the MacArthur Justice Center also allowed him to secure pro bono argument opportunities for our junior

attorneys, giving more than a few of our associates the chance to argue important appeals for individual indigent clients early in their careers. And Brad was heavily involved with the Appellate Project, which is a project dedicated to expanding opportunities for law students of color who are interested in pursuing appellate practice after graduation.

Brad's top-notch legal skills, commitment to his clients, and dedication to his colleagues and his community resulted in him receiving the Warren Christopher Values Award—our firm's highest honor, bestowed on those who exemplify the firm's legacy of excellence, leadership, and citizenship. These same attributes resulted in Brad joining the Justice Department as a Deputy Assistant Attorney General in the Office of Legal Counsel, carrying on O'Melveny attorneys' storied tradition of public service. And we are confident that Brad's experience, legal skills, and character will help him become a standout appellate judge. Put simply, his talent, civility, and impartial devotion to evenhanded administration of the law make him a fitting addition to a crown jewel of our judicial system.

In the end, Brad's qualifications for the federal bench speak for themselves. And those of us who have worked with Brad closely for years are especially confident that he will be an exceptional jurist. We strongly endorse his confirmation to serve as a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit.

Sincerely,

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