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Via Hand Delivery

The Honorable Bill Ritter, Jr.
136 State Capitol Building
Denver, Colorado 80203

Re: Endorsement of Angela R. Arkin for the Colorado Court of Appeals

Dear Governor Ritter:

It is with the full support of the Colorado Hispanic Bar Association (“CHBA”) that I write to endorse Angela R. Arkin for the Colorado Court of Appeals. Our due diligence process before endorsing a candidate for the bench involves reviewing the candidate’s judicial application by members of the CHBA’s Nominations and Endorsements Committee; contacting and interviewing the references identified in the candidate’s judicial application; identifying, contacting and interviewing CHBA members who know the work of the judicial candidate; and, often, conducting a personal interview of the candidate.

Having served on the Eighteenth Judicial District Court since 2002, Judge Arkin has presided over domestic relations, probate, mental health, criminal, and civil cases in Arapahoe, Douglas, Elbert, and Lincoln Counties. Prior to serving on the bench, Judge Arkin developed an extensive practice in various areas of law, including criminal and child support prosecution and complex civil, criminal and domestic relations litigation. Judge Arkin is also highly regarded as an authority on family law, having contributed to numerous treatises and articles in the area. In addition, Judge Arkin has presented in all manner of local and national forums on the areas of family law and practice before the State’s judiciary. The volume and substance of the publications and speaking engagements listed in Judge Arkin’s judicial application demonstrate her commitment to excellence in the profession and on the bench. She also continues to serve as an adjunct professor at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law. Her extensive academic, trial, and domestic relations experience makes her particularly well suited for the Court of Appeals.

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Judge Arkin's colleagues regard her as an insightful and hard-working jurist who manages an often emotionally charged docket with utmost care and professionalism. Attorneys who have appeared before Judge Arkin commented on her remarkable wit and sound rulings. Above all, attorneys, guardian ad litem and fellow judges alike commented on Judge Arkin's sound judicial temperament, always treating counsel and parties with fairness and respect. Particularly noteworthy were comments regarding her commitment to excellence and unflappable determination in all her endeavors. Judge Arkin is credited with "cleaning up" an unwieldy district court docket as one of her first of many achievements on the Eighteenth Judicial District Court bench.

Aside from her qualifications as a jurist, Judge Arkin's commitment to public service outside of the courtroom is remarkable. In addition to managing a full docket, Judge Arkin serves in leadership positions on numerous bar association and judicial committees and commissions. Such committees and commissions include the Colorado Access to Justice Commission, the Supreme Court Judicial Officer Education Committee, the Judicial Liaison Section Governing Council, and the Colorado Bar Foundation. Judge Arkin also served on the Colorado Bar Association's Professional Reform Initiative Committee, the Executive Council of its Family Law Section, the Legislative Committee of its Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee, and its Public Legal Education Committee. The foregoing is only a sampling of Judge Arkin's extraordinary level of involvement in Colorado's legal community. As noted by the Executive Director of the Colorado Lawyers Committee, "despite having to manage a district court docket, she made and makes the time to actively participate."

Judge Arkin's extensive experience on the Eighteenth Judicial District Court evidences her qualifications to serve on the Colorado Court of Appeals. Moreover, her extensive public service outside of the courtroom speaks volumes about her commitment to the larger community served by the Court. We therefore respectfully recommend that you appoint Judge Angela Arkin to the Colorado Court of Appeals. Should you have any questions, please contact me at 303-295-8000. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Diego G. Hunt
Chair, Nominations and Endorsements Committee
Colorado Hispanic Bar Association

cc: Trey Rogers
Angela R. Arkin