



July 30, 2009

Via Hand Delivery

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

Re: Endorsement of Elizabeth Espinosa Krupa for First Judicial District Court

Dear Governor Ritter:

It is with the full support of the Colorado Hispanic Bar Association (“CHBA”) that I write to endorse Elizabeth Espinosa Krupa for the First Judicial District Court.

As you know, our due diligence process involves reviewing the candidate’s judicial application; contacting and interviewing the references and individuals referenced in question 19 of the candidate’s judicial application; identifying, contacting and interviewing CHBA members who know the work of the judicial candidate; and requesting a personal statement from the candidate with respect to their work and commitment to the Hispanic community. We also interviewed Ms. Krupa regarding her application. Based on this due diligence, we are pleased to endorse Ms. Krupa for the First Judicial District Court bench.


Ms. Krupa would bring a broad range of experience to the First Judicial District Court. She has a combination of both criminal and complex civil litigation experience. Moreover, Ms. Krupa is a skilled trial attorney with a broad knowledge of law, procedure, and evidence. She gained experience in criminal law and procedure through her eight years as both a state and federal public defender. For the last five years, Ms. Krupa has developed significant experience in the civil arena as a trial attorney for the SEC.

Ms. Krupa's colleagues are highly complimentary of her work. They observe that she is a "very experienced trial lawyer" and is adept at working with juries and witnesses. She has a reputation as a thoughtful attorney who maintains her composure and professionalism throughout. Ms. Krupa listens to others, but is not afraid to make tough decisions and stand by them. Her demeanor is calm and measured. She is a very quick learner with a strong, confident attitude. All agree that Ms. Krupa has all the qualities necessary for the bench.

Ms. Krupa has also made significant contributions to the Hispanic community. For example, she attended and participated in the First Ladies Luncheon conducted by Project C.U.R.E. (Commission on Urgent Relief and Equipment), a Denver nonprofit that has pledged to deliver more than \$2 million in lifesaving medical relief to hospitals and clinics in Mexico's poorest regions. She has also served on the board of Teatro Salsa, a Chicano youth theatre group in Grand Junction, Colorado, and she was a team leader for the CHBA Ride the Rockies event in which she helped raise money and secure lodging and equipment to take ten Hispanic youth on training rides for Ride the Rockies. Ms. Krupa serves as an example for all in the legal community and in the CHBA.

For all of these reasons, we endorse Elizabeth Espinosa Krupa for appointment to the First Judicial District Court. Should you have any further questions, please contact me at (303) 383-6644. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Meshach Rhoades
President, Colorado Hispanic Bar Association

cc: Trey Rogers
Elizabeth Espinosa Krupa