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### Re: Endorsement of Anna María Tejada, Esq. for HNBA National Vice President of Membership

Dear Members and Leadership of the HNBA:

As President of the Hispanic Bar Association of New Jersey (“HBA-NJ”), it is with great honor that I submit our endorsement of Anna María Tejada, Esq. for National Vice President of Membership of the Hispanic National Bar Association (the “HNBA”). Anna María represents the very best of our community. She is a brilliant attorney and inspiring leader, who has dedicated her life to service and the advancement of Latinos in the legal profession. She is perfect for the job.

Through her vision and strong leadership, Anna María propelled the HBA-NJ to new heights. She was our 34<sup>th</sup> President and led the organization from 2013 to 2014. During her Presidency, Anna María founded the HBA-NJ’s American Dream Pipeline Program to mentor and expose high school students from urban and immigrant communities to the legal profession and attorneys of similar backgrounds and experiences. Even after her term ended, Anna María has continued to serve as a chair of the pipeline program and volunteered countless hours to ensure its success and the advancement of its students. At this year’s Annual Scholarship Gala and Awards Dinner, the HBA-NJ celebrated a significant milestone—namely, the first alumni of the pipeline program to enroll in law school. During his remarks, he attributed his successes and mindset to the guidance he received from Anna María during the program’s inaugural year. In addition to her work strengthening the HBA-NJ’s pipeline of future leaders, Anna María resurrected our women’s empowerment conference during her term, renaming it the Women’s Empowerment Leadership & Law (W.E.L.L.) Conference, and put on a record-setting program that continues to be wildly successful to this day. Anna María’s Presidency was so groundbreaking and successful that, during her term, the HBA-NJ received the HNBA’s Affiliate of the Year Award.

Anna María has brought that same vision, leadership, and passion to the HNBA. For the past 10 years, Anna María has served in various leadership roles within the HNBA,

including Regional President and National Vice President of Programs. She has excelled in each of those roles, and we have no doubt that she will continue to lead with honor and distinction.

Simply put, Anna María is a rock star and trailblazer. She is a partner at one of the most prestigious law firms in the world, a role model to countless students and lawyers in our community, and a visionary leader on both a state and national level. She has the skill, leadership, integrity, and dedication to take on the important role of HNBA's National Vice President of Membership. The HBA-NJ wholeheartedly endorses Anna María for that position, and urges all HNBA members to vote for her.

Very yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Reynold Lambert', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Reynold Lambert  
President, Hispanic Bar Association of New Jersey