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VIA EMAIL AND POSTAL MAIL

June 2, 2010

The Honorable Patrick Leahy
United States Senate
Committee on the Judiciary
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

**RE: Support for Elena Kagan as Associate Justice of the Supreme Court
of the United States**

Dear Senator Leahy:

On behalf of the Women's Bar Association of the District of Columbia ("WBA"), I am writing to support the nomination of Elena Kagan, the 45th Solicitor General of the United States, as Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. In her years of government service as Solicitor General, Deputy Director of the Domestic Policy Council, Deputy Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy and Associate Counsel to the President, and throughout her career as a professor and Dean of Harvard Law School, Solicitor Kagan has distinguished herself as a brilliant constitutional scholar and writer and as a gifted advocate. Her outstanding credentials and experience and her deep respect for the rule of law and the role of the judiciary establish her as an exemplary nominee to serve on the Supreme Court.

Notably, Solicitor Kagan's intellect and legal acumen have been recognized by those across the political spectrum. During the nomination process for Solicitor General, eight former solicitors general—including Ken Starr, Ted Olson, and Charles Fried—supported her nomination, as did prominent conservatives Brad Berenson and Miguel Estrada, among others. During her relatively short tenure as Solicitor General, she has argued six cases before the Supreme Court and has received accolades for her reasoned arguments and effective advocacy style.

In May 2009, the WBA, in conjunction with the WBA Foundation, honored Solicitor Kagan as its Woman Lawyer of the Year. The Woman Lawyer of the Year Award recognizes a woman for her exceptional achievements in the legal profession and/or for her extraordinary contributions to the advancement of women in the profession. Many of the attributes, characteristics and skills considered for the Woman Lawyer of the Year Award are the same as those that make her eminently qualified to serve as an Associate Justice.

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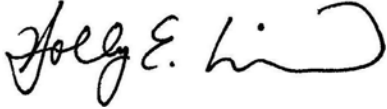
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For all of these reasons, the WBA strongly urges you to vote for confirmation of Elena Kagan as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. If you have any questions regarding this letter of support, please contact me at 202-682-7144 or holly.loiseau@weil.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Holly E. Loiseau". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Holly E. Loiseau
President

cc: WBA Board of Directors
Erica Chabot, Judiciary Press Secretary, U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary
Jeremy Paris, Senior Counsel for Oversight and Investigations, Office of Senator Patrick Leahy