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## SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

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## To Whom It May Concern:

I am a Superior Court Judge in Riverside, California. I was appointed to the bench by Governor Brown in December 2011. Before then, I served as a prosecutor for over 20-years. Over the years, I've worked with high school students in the Mock Trial and Youth Court programs. It is in this capacity, that I have gotten to know Ms. Senuri Boralessa during her high school years and I'm pleased to write this letter of recommendation on her behalf.

California's Inland Empire, where Senuri lives, is composed of approximately 4.2 million residents. Nearly 50% of the residents are Latino—our schools have an even high Latino population at 63%. I'm the only Latina Judge in the entire Inland Empire. Sadly, there is little diversity in all areas of leadership throughout the region. Currently, I'm assigned to a civil calendar—many of my cases involve medical malpractice. I have observed that most malpractice cases that come before my court arise from a failure to communicate or because the medical professional didn't "care." This region desperately needs doctors like Ms. Boralessa who are brilliant, culturally aware, and will care about *all* of their patients.

Ms. Boralessa is a wonderful person. She will make a terrific doctor in any area, but she is desperately needed in our region. She has a keen intellect. She is meticulous, hardworking, and a high achieving student. In addition to her extensive academic achievements, the qualities that I admire most about Senuri Boralessa are her poise, her communication skills, her sincere commitment to making the world a better place, and her ethics.

When Senuri speaks it isn't long before the attention focuses toward her – in a good way. Her creativity and enthusiasm for learning naturally draw others toward her. In leading discussions, Senuri listens carefully to others and works diligently and creatively to craft strategies that reflect the views of all parties. Additionally, Senuri's advocacy and public speaking skills are top notch. She is extremely articulate and consistently expresses her views persuasively and in a well-thought-out manner. She also demonstrates an extremely calm demeanor despite a heavy I.B. course load and an extensive extracurricular schedule. Finally, Ms. Boralessa shows a very strong commitment to gender and racial equality.

What I find most impressive about Ms. Boralessa is her ethics and courage to do what is right. I have personally witnessed actions taken by Ms. Boralessa on behalf of another student to correct a wrong. Though she is busy—and would receive no personal benefit from her action—Ms. Boralessa exhibited courage, honor and restraint in the manner that she intervened, and in so doing helped remedy a matter that would benefit others students in the future.

In short, I find Ms. Boralessa to be steady, thoughtful, culturally aware, imbued with common sense, possessed of an inquisitive mind, and holding a strong wisdom and judgment on matters that extend beyond her school environment. She gets along with all of her peers and she has strong reputation among teachers, coaches and community. For all these reasons, I expect that if admitted, Ms. Boralessa will have a strong presence within your student body and will make significant contributions to your university, and within our community as a first-rate doctor.

If I may answer any questions, please do not hesitate to call: (951) 704-7566.

Sincerely,

Raquel Anna Marquez

Judge of the Superior Court

County of Riverside