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Commission on Appellate Court Appointments  
Human Resources Department  
Administrative Office of the Courts  
1501 W. Washington, Suite 221  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Re: Andrew Jacobs

Dear Commissioners:

I understand that Andrew Jacobs has submitted an application for appointment to the Arizona Supreme Court. I have known Andrew for many years, and I want to add a note of enthusiastic support.

Andrew joined Snell & Wilmer as a partner in 2002. He had previously been a partner at an excellent Chicago firm, Jenner & Block. I have had an opportunity to work closely with Andrew, and to observe him over the course of the last 15 years. Andrew has a first rate mind, is called upon to solve some of our clients' most difficult problems, and is an extremely dedicated and diligent individual. He has demonstrated great skill as a writer, and as an effective oral advocate. He has been recognized by his peers at the appellate bar by being invited to be a Fellow of the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers.

As a member of the firm, Andrew has shown great commitment to working with our younger people and developing a number of younger appellate lawyers. He has received multiple mentoring awards, in addition to a firm award for leadership in pro bono. He is one of our principal advisors in ethics matters, and is active in training staff and lawyers to understand and comply with rules, the law, and the concept of professionalism.

Andrew cares deeply about the courts. He founded the District of Arizona Pro Bono Program and led it from 2007 to 2014. Andrew has worked thousands of hours in the State Bar Rules Committee and chaired it from 2014 through 2018. During that period, the committee

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worked on some of the biggest reforms in 25 years. Andrew played a substantial role in the recommendations with respect to changes in 2017 and 2018.

Andrew is not only a very good and decent person, he is intelligent, diligent and personable. He is a very qualified applicant. Andrew knows his way around litigation, both at the trial and appellate levels, and he definitely knows what is going on in the courtroom. Andrew has the qualities we would hope to find in our judges.

I hope the committee will give Andrew strong and favorable consideration.

Very truly yours,

/JOHN J. BOUMA

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