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On behalf of the Italian American Police Association, it is with great respect and confidence that we endorse your candidacy for retention as a Circuit Court Judge. Since your initial swearing-in in December 2012, your dedication to serving the community has been evident through your varied and commendable assignments. Your early work in the Traffic Division, subsequent impactful service in the Juvenile Justice Division, and current role in the Criminal Division showcase a breadth of experience and a deep commitment to justice.

Your academic achievements, including a degree in Economics from the University of Illinois-Chicago and a law degree from IIT Chicago Kent Law School, have provided a strong foundation for your distinguished career. Your tenure as a Cook County Assistant State's Attorney and your extensive practice as a sole practitioner have contributed significantly to the legal community in Oak Park and beyond.

Moreover, your involvement with esteemed organizations such as the Illinois Judges Association, the Justinian Society, the Alliance of Illinois Judges, and the Catholic Lawyers Guild speaks volumes of your dedication to the profession and the values it upholds. Your volunteer work at the St. Vincent DePaul food pantry exemplifies your commitment to community service and social responsibility.

We believe that your continued presence on the bench is vital for the administration of fair and just legal proceedings. Your experience, integrity, and dedication are assets that will continue to benefit the judiciary and the public at large. You are encouraged to use our name and our endorsement appropriately.

Sincerely,

James A. Viola
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