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Dear Mrs. Curran Smith,

It is with great honor that the Italian American Police Association endorses you for Judge of the Cook County 12th Judicial Subcircuit. We are impressed by your 18 years of diverse legal experience and how you will bring it to the bench, making you an exceptional candidate for this role.

We were impressed by your 18 year career, practicing law in courtrooms across the state, advocating for clients in a wide range of legal matters, including traffic, criminal, civil, domestic relations, personal injury, guardianship, probate, DCFS appeals, and employment disputes. Your extensive legal background and commitment to defending personal liberties and freedoms afforded by the Constitution are commendable.

In addition to your significant litigation experience, which includes jury trials, bench trials, pretrial motions, and post-trial motions in state court, federal court, and administrative proceedings, you have demonstrated a remarkable ability to balance compassion and firmness in your negotiation and settlement efforts.

Your commitment to justice extends beyond your legal practice. You have served as a Committee Chair with the Northwest Suburban Bar Association and you are an active member of multiple Bar Associations, including the Illinois State Bar Association, the Northwest Suburban Bar Association, and the DuPage County Bar Association. Also, your involvement in community activities, such as volunteering as a panel speaker for a high school law class and serving as a volunteer lunch monitor and parent helper at your children's school, further exemplifies dedication to public service.

The Italian American Police Association firmly believes that you possess the qualities and experience necessary to serve as an outstanding Judge of the Cook County 12th Judicial Subcircuit. The Italian American Police Association is proud to endorse your candidacy and wishes you the best in your campaign. You are encouraged to use our name and our endorsement appropriately.

Sincerely,

James A. Viola  
Board Chairman  
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