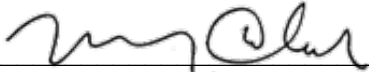
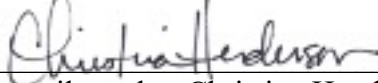


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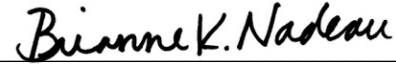
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19 A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

20 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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24 To recognize and honor the 50th Anniversary of the District of Columbia Bar, the gold
25 standard of legal excellence and licensing organization for lawyers in the District of Columbia.

26 WHEREAS, the D.C. Bar was created in 1972 by the D.C. Court of Appeals;

27 WHEREAS, the D.C. Court of Appeals gave the D.C. Bar the authority to regulate all
28 attorney practice under a single disciplinary code. The First President of the D.C. Bar, E. Barrett
29 Prettyman Jr., was a former Department of Justice official and prominent D.C. attorney, lending
30 legitimacy to the nascent organization.

31 WHEREAS, the D.C. Bar elected its first African American President, Charles Duncan, in
32 1973, its second year in existence. This election demonstrated the D.C. Bar's commitment to
33 equity and diversity, a commitment that continues today;

34 WHEREAS, the D.C. Bar was integral in establishing a pro bono legal aid organization in
35 the District, known today as the D.C. Bar Pro Bono Center. The Center is the largest provider of
36 pro bono legal help in the District;

37 WHEREAS, the D.C. Bar's mission is based on three pillars: enhance access to justice;
38 improve the legal system; and empower lawyers to achieve;

39 WHEREAS, the D.C. Bar presents awards to Bar members who reflect the D.C. Bar's
40 mission of government service, equal justice, and opportunity;

41 WHEREAS, the D.C. Bar built its headquarters in Mount Vernon Triangle, continuing the
42 Bar's commitment to integrating into the District's diverse community;

43 WHEREAS, the D.C. Bar instituted a continuing legal education program, encouraging
44 lawyers to continue to grow and learn after Bar admission;

45 WHEREAS, the D.C. Bar has left a legacy of justice, service, and scholarship during its
46 first 50 years; and

47 WHEREAS, the D.C. Bar provides quality representation to a diverse community,
48 representing a membership group that includes 100,000 lawyers in all 50 states and more than 80
49 countries.

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51 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that this
52 resolution may be cited as the "District of Columbia Bar 50th Anniversary Recognition Resolution
53 of 2022".
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55 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors the District of
56 Columbia Bar on its 50th anniversary and for its outstanding dedication to legal service and
57 excellence in the District.
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59 Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.
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