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The Honorable Mitchell McConnell
Minority Leader
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The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
Chair, Judiciary Committee
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The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Ranking Member, Judiciary Committee
United States Senate
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The Honorable Kirsten E. Gillibrand
Senator
United States Senate
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**RE: LETTER FROM THE *COLUMBIA LAW REVIEW* IN SUPPORT OF THE HISTORIC
CONFIRMATION OF ARUN SUBRAMANIAN (COLUMBIA LAW '04) TO THE UNITED STATES
DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

Dear Senators Schumer, McConnell, Durbin, Grassley, and Gillibrand:

On behalf of the *Columbia Law Review*, one of the world's leading publications of legal scholarship, I strongly urge you to support the confirmation of Arun Subramanian (Columbia Law '04) to serve as a United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York. Indeed, his confirmation would

be historic: Arun would become the first district court judge of South Asian descent in this district. Arun is a well-qualified candidate and would be a valuable addition to the bench. I write to highlight something about Arun that speaks to his capabilities, character, and commitment to public service: his exceptional dedication to the *Review*.

Founded in 1901, the *Columbia Law Review* is an independent nonprofit corporation that produces a law journal edited and published entirely by students at Columbia Law School. The *Review* is one of the most widely distributed and cited law reviews in the country. Arun joined the *Review* as a Staff Editor in 2002 and, from 2003 to 2004, served with distinction as Executive Articles Editor. In 2003, we were proud to publish Arun's Note,¹ which has guided academics,² practicing lawyers,³ and judges⁴ since its publication.

Many *Review* members move on from the journal once they graduate. But not Arun. Instead, he joined the Board of Directors in 2008, a position he has held ever since. In that role, he assists in overseeing the *Review* alongside other distinguished leaders of the legal community. In addition, in 2021, he contributed a touching tribute to his mentor in the *Review's* special in memoriam volume honoring Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.⁵

Personally, I can say Arun has been incredibly responsive and eager to help when any issues have arisen during my time as Editor-in-Chief. He has graciously extended his time to the *Review*. Why? Because he cares about the institution and, more importantly, about us, the students of the *Review*. I know that Arun would bring even more care to the bench than he has to the *Review* and that he has the intellect, temperament, and background to be an exceptional judge. I strongly urge you to support his confirmation.

Thank you for considering the *Columbia Law Review's* unreserved support for Arun's confirmation.

Sincerely,
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Columbia Law Review

¹ Arun S. Subramanian, Assessing the Rights of IRU Holders in Uncertain Times, 103 Colum. L. Rev. 2094 (2003).

² See, e.g., Abraham Bell & Gideon Parchomovsky, A Theory of Property, 90 Cornell L. Rev. 531, 585 n.279 (2005); Dotan Oliar & James Y. Stern, Right on Time: First Possession in Property and Intellectual Property, 99 B.U. L. Rev. 395, 400 n.21 (2019); James Y. Stern, The Essential Structure of Property Law, 115 Mich. L. Rev. 1167, 1203 n.155 (2017).

³ See, e.g., Plaintiff's Brief in Support of Its Motion for Summary Judgment at 11 n. 22, Blue Ridge Mountain Elec. Membership Corp. v. Ams. Ctr. Corp., No. 2:18-cv-00178-RWS. (N.D. Ga. filed Sept. 9, 2019), 2019 WL 8052082; Plaintiffs' Response in Opposition to Defendants' Motion to Drop Parties at 10, McDaniel v. Qwest Commc'ns Corp., No. 05 C 1008 (N.D. Ill. June 15, 2005), 2005 WL 7139105.

⁴ In re Asia Glob. Crossing, Ltd., 404 B.R. 335, 338 (S.D.N.Y. 2009); In re Worldcom, Inc., 343 B.R. 430, 439 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2006).

⁵ Arun Subramanian, A Titan Among Us—On Dissents, Waymaking, and Strong Coffee, 121 Colum. L. Rev. 719 (2021).