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SHIREEN MATTHEWS NOMINATED TO FEDERAL BENCH IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The South Asian Bar Association (SABA) of North America, SABA San Diego, and SABA Southern California are proud to announce the nomination of former SABA San Diego President Shireen Matthews to the position of federal judge in the Southern District of California. If confirmed, Ms. Matthews will be the first South Asian to serve as an Article III federal judge in the Southern District of California.

“We applaud the nomination of the exceptionally qualified Shireen Matthews, who has a demonstrated commitment to diversity, having been president of SABA San Diego and then serving on Jones Day’s Diversity and Inclusion & Advancement Committee,” said Aneesh Mehta, President of SABA. “This is an historic nomination and we urge the Senate to quickly confirm her, adding another deserving South Asian voice to the judiciary.”

Ms. Matthews earned her B.A., magna cum laude, from Georgetown University and her J.D., cum laude, from Duke University School of Law. Upon graduation from law school, Ms. Matthews served as a law clerk for Judge Irma E. Gonzalez of the United States District Court for the Southern District of California. She later served as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Criminal Division of the United States Attorney’s Office for the Southern District of California. Ms. Matthews is currently a partner at Jones Day in San Diego, California.

In addition to her stellar academic and professional achievements, Ms. Matthews has devoted considerable time to her community. Ms. Matthews has served as a lawyer representative for the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference. She provides pro bono legal assistance to veterans, and she has served on the SABA North America Board of Directors.

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