

United States District Court  
For the  
District of Puerto Rico

San Juan, Puerto Rico 00904

Carmen Consuelo Cerezo  
U.S. District Judge

February 26, 1988

Mr. Gary Montilla  
Assistant United States Attorney  
United States Attorney's Office  
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Tampa, Florida 33602


Dear Mr. Montilla:

I have been informed that Assistant U.S. Attorney Ricardo R. Pesquera is seeking a transfer to the Criminal Division of the Orlando or Tampa Office. The reasons for that decision are well known to you as is the person seeking the position in that office. However, I feel satisfied in letting you know my opinion of Ricardo. I have known him since he was a child in breeches. There is one trait which has stayed with him since those days: his eagerness to accomplish what he sets out to do.

During the time that he served as my law clerk, I knew well that he was a born trial lawyer and his fulfillment would come about only in a courtroom. So it came to be. As an Assistant U.S. Attorney I have seen him fly like an eagle. He is thorough in his work and clever in trial strategy and presentation of evidence. His cross examinations and closing arguments in cases before me were outstanding.

He has chosen to explore beyond his protected turf. He certainly has the will and the skills to serve well in any other district. I recommend him to you without any reservation. Receive my warmest regards and I hope to see you soon.

Salud,

  
CARMEN CONSUELO CEREZO

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✓ bcc: Ricardo R. Pesquera  
Assistant U. S. Attorney