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FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT  
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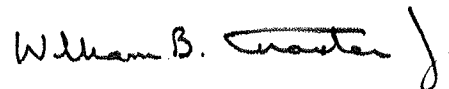
Dear Convention Committee Members:

Please accept this letter of support on behalf of the South Carolina Chapter of the Federal Bar Association's proposal to host the Federal Bar Association's Annual Meeting and National Convention in Charleston, South Carolina, in 2020.

The South Carolina Chapter of the Federal Bar Association is an active and growing chapter that regularly hosts events throughout the state. The Chapter enjoys the full support and involvement of the Fourth Circuit as well as the South Carolina District Court Judges. All of the Fourth Circuit judges located in South Carolina are actively involved in chapter activities and events and would likely participate and attend the national meeting to the fullest extent their schedules allow. By way of just one example, during my time as the Chief Judge of the Fourth Circuit, I worked with the South Carolina Chapter to host a two-day Appellate Advocacy CLE in Greenville, South Carolina. This event included the participation of Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, and a number of Fourth Circuit Judges for a special sitting of the Fourth Circuit in Greenville, South Carolina, as well as the involvement of the District Court and Magistrate Judges of the District of South Carolina, along with members of the South Carolina Chapter and faculty and students from Furman University and the University of South Carolina School of Law.

On behalf of all of the Fourth Circuit judges, I urge you to consider favorably the proposal submitted by the South Carolina Chapter. The Fourth Circuit has not hosted an annual convention of the Federal Bar Association since 2003, and Charleston, South Carolina, is an ideal location to showcase the charms of both the District of South Carolina as well as the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Sincerely,



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