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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **U.S. COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FIRST CIRCUIT RENAMES COURTROOM IN HONOR OF JUDGE JUAN R. TORRUELLA**

SAN JUAN (November 6, 2023) — The U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, in partnership with the General Services Administration, renamed the Court of Appeals Courtroom, located on the fifth floor of the José V. Toledo United States Courthouse in San Juan, Puerto Rico, the "Honorable Juan R. Torruella U.S. Court of Appeals Courtroom" on Monday, November 6, 2023. Judge Torruella was the first Puerto Rican on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit. He was appointed to the Court of Appeals in October of 1984 after serving as a district judge on the U.S. District Court for the District of Puerto Rico from 1974 to 1984. The courtroom renaming honors Judge Torruella's dedication to the law, commitment to the rights of the people of Puerto Rico, and decades-long service to the federal judiciary, as well as to the community at large.

A true renaissance man, Judge Torruella, in addition to being a distinguished jurist, was a scholar, painter, and musician. A dedicated family man, his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews carry on the traditions he so loved. He was a world-class sailor who represented Puerto Rico in the Summer Olympics numerous times. For the 500th anniversary of America's discovery, Judge Torruella sailed from Puerto Rico to Spain and back.

Judge Torruella is the author of numerous books and articles, including *The Supreme Court and Puerto Rico: the Doctrine of Separate and Unequal* and *Global Intrigues: The Era of the Spanish-American War and the Rise of the United States to World Power*.

Judge Torruella received his undergraduate degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1954, his J.D. from Boston University School of Law in 1957, and his master's degree from Magdalen College, Oxford University in 2003. Judge Torruella also earned his LL.M. from the University of Virginia School of Law, as well as his M.P.A. from the University of Puerto Rico School of Public Administration, in 1984. He worked in private practice from 1959 to 1974.