



J. MICHAEL McWILLIAMS

AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION

Office of the President

750 North Lake Shore Drive
Chicago, Illinois 60611
Telephone: 312/988-5109
ABA/net: IMCWILLIAMS

October 21, 1992

Elena Ruth Sassower
Coordinator, Ninth Judicial Committee
Box 70, Gedney Station
White Plains, New York 10605-0070

Dear Ms. Sassower:

This will acknowledge your letter of October 6, 1992.

The function of the Standing Committee on Federal Judiciary is to respond on a confidential basis to requests from the Department of Justice for the evaluation of persons under consideration for appointment to the federal courts. In the event that the individual is thereafter nominated, the Committee reports its recommendation to the Senate Judiciary Committee pursuant to its standing request. The Committee does not make public announcements concerning its activities or actions.

It is implicit in the Committee's process that its investigation and deliberation procedures remain confidential. This includes disclosure of actions taken with respect to particular information it receives. Accordingly, it is not appropriate for the Committee to respond further to your request. I understand that your material was shared with the Senate Judiciary Committee in whose hands the matter now rests.

Thank you for your interest in the judicial nomination process.

Sincerely,

J. Michael McWilliams