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Ms. Sassower:

I write in response to your questions regarding the New York State Commission on Judicial Nomination's procedure for reviewing comments made in response to its proposed rule revisions of July 20, 2009.

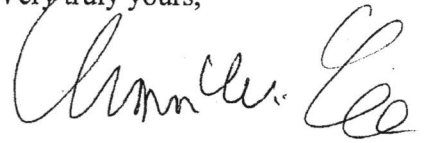
The proposed rules were released to the public on July 20, 2009. They were disseminated through a State-wide press release, by direct mail to a number of parties, and by publication on the Commission's website. On August 5, the proposed rules were published in the New York State Register, and an additional press release was disseminated announcing that the period for comments would close on September 21, 2009.

All comments received were sent to all Commissioners. After receiving input from the Commissioners, a revised set of proposed rule revisions was circulated to all the Commissioners.

On November 3, 2009, the Commission held a telephonic meeting, called by the Commission Chair and attended by all Commissioners and counsel, to discuss the revised proposed rule revisions.

On November 16, at a meeting called by the Commission Chair, Commissioners Kaye, Friendly, Kassar, Kiam, Mansfield, Milonas, Morton, Nathan, and Schwartz, who were physically present at the meeting, and Commissioners Cirando and Lefcourt, who voted by phone, unanimously approved the redrafted proposed rules.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Norman W. Kee". The signature is fluid and stylized, with the first name "Norman" being the most prominent part.

Norman W. Kee