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ATT: Stuart A. Summit, Counsel

RE: Verifying the content of the Commission on Judicial Nomination's questionnaire completed by its seven most recent recommendees

for the Court of Appeals

Dear Mr. Summit:

Please advise if the questionnaire which the Commission on Judicial Nomination's seven most recent recommendees were required to complete as their application is identical to the questionnaire which the Commission's seven recommendees from 1998 were required to complete. Specifically, please confirm that Question #30(a)-(b) from the 1998 questionnaire is verbatim identical on the 2000 questionnaire, to wit:

- "30(a) To your knowledge, has any complaint or charge ever been made against you in connection with your service in a judicial office? Include in your response any question raised or inquiry conducted of any kind by any agency or official of the judicial system.
- (b) If the answer to subpart (a) is 'Yes', furnish full details, including the agency or officer making or conducting the inquiry, the nature of the question or inquiry, the outcome and relevant dates [fn]. [fn: Judiciary Law, Article 3-S §64(3) provides that this Commission may require from any court or other agency of the State any information or data as will enable it properly to evaluate qualifications of candidates, subject to an absolute judicial or executive privilege where one exists.]"

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In any event, please fax us this question as it appears on the 2000 questionnaire and mail us a full copy of the questionnaire, along with any coverletter and introductory material to applicants, including the Commission's most recent brochure.

Thank you.

Yours for a quality judiciary,

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