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**Three Persons Recommended for the District of Columbia Court of Appeals Vacancy
Created by the Retirement of Judge Kathryn A. Oberly**

The District of Columbia Judicial Nomination Commission ("Commission") has forwarded to President Barack Obama the names of three lawyers for his consideration in selecting a nominee to fill a judicial vacancy on the District of Columbia Court of Appeals. The President has sixty (60) days to select a nominee to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Kathryn A. Oberly. The Commission recommends the following candidates to fill this vacancy:

Todd Sunhwa Kim is the Solicitor General of the District of Columbia and has held that position since it was established in 2006. He oversees appellate litigation for the District of Columbia government in the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, and the United States Supreme Court. Prior to his current appointment, Mr. Kim worked as an appellate attorney with the Department of Justice in the Environmental and Natural Resources Division, where he handled significant appeals and argued before all of the 13 United States Courts of Appeals. Mr. Kim received an Artium Baccalaureus degree, *magna cum laude*, in biology from Harvard College, and earned his law degree, *magna cum laude*, from Harvard Law School. After law school, Mr. Kim served as a law clerk to Judge Judith W. Rogers of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

Honorable Neal Elliott Kravitz is an Associate Judge on the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, where he has served since 1998. He is a member of the Standing Committee on Fairness and Access to the District of Columbia Courts and the

Superior Court Rules Committee. He has sat by designation on the District of Columbia Court of Appeals on several occasions, and has authored several published opinions for that court. Prior to his appointment to the Superior Court, Judge Kravitz served as counsel to the Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights at the United States Department of Justice, as Principal Deputy Democratic Special Counsel to the United States Senate Whitewater Committee, and as a Special Investigative Counsel to the United States Senate Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs. Judge Kravitz was also the Executive Director for the New Hampshire Public Defender and worked as a staff attorney at the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia. Judge Kravitz has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music from Yale College and earned his law degree from Harvard Law School. Following law school, Judge Kravitz served as a law clerk for Judge Henry A. Politz of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

Paul Reinherz Quitman Wolfson is a partner in the Appellate and Supreme Court Litigation Group of Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP. He represents a diverse group of clients at all levels of federal and state court systems, particularly in the United States Supreme Court, where he has argued 21 cases. Mr. Wolfson joined the firm in 2002, after working as an Assistant to the Solicitor General of the United States at the United States Department of Justice from 1994 to 2002, where he received the Attorney General's Distinguished Service Award in 2001 for "exemplary representation of the United States before the Supreme Court." From 1990 to 1994, Mr. Wolfson was a staff attorney at Public Citizen Litigation Group, a leading national public interest law firm. Mr. Wolfson received his Artium Baccalaureus degree, *magna cum laude*, in History from Harvard University and received a Master's degree in International Relations from the University of Cambridge (England). He earned his law degree from Yale Law School, where he served as Notes Editor on the *Yale Law Journal*. After law school, Mr. Wolfson served as a law clerk for Judge Phyllis Kravitch of the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals, and then for Associate Justice Byron White of the Supreme Court of the United States.

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