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**Judicial Nomination Commission Invites Comments from the Bench, Bar, and Public
on Applicants for the Judicial Vacancy Created by the Resignation
of Judge James E. Boasberg**

Members of the bench, bar, and public are hereby notified by the District of Columbia Judicial Nomination Commission (the "Commission") that there are 34 applicants for the pending vacancy on the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. The Commission will submit the names of three applicants to the President of the United States for his consideration to nominate and appoint a judge. The applicants are:

Maria - Claudia Theresa Christina Amato	Honorable Paul Brooks Handy	Nathan Allan Neal
Lydia Ruth Auzoux	Laura Ellen Hankins	Honorable William Ward Nooter
Alfred Francis Belcuore	Robert James Hildum	Randell Hunt Norton
Honorable Joseph Edmund Beshouri	Teresa Ann Howie	Robert Daniel Okun
Rainey Ransom Brandt	Honorable Karen Aileen Howie	Armando Andres Rodriguez-Feo
Honorable Diane Marie Brenneman	Richard Burton Jerome	Elizabeth Jane Shapiro
Honorable Claudia A. Crichlow	Samuel Charles Kaplan	Honorable Arabella Wattles Teal
Danya Ariel Dayson	Peter Arno Krauthamer	Jason D. Tulley
Catharine Friend Easterly	Honorable John Francis McCabe, Jr.	Gwendolyn Sydney McDowell Washington
Andrew Fois	Honorable Leslie Amenia Meek	Honorable Steven Michael Wellner
Michael Guy Geffroy	Honorable Aida Luz Melendez	Honorable Elizabeth Carroll Wingo
Honorable Sharon Elaine Goodie		

The Commission invites comments regarding the fitness of the above-listed applicants for a judicial position on the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. Applicants can be evaluated with respect to eight categories:

1. **Judicial Temperament** (e.g., ability to treat everyone with respect; willingness to listen with patience and courtesy; collegiality);

2. **Professional Skills and Abilities** (e.g., experience; intellectual ability; analytical skills; knowledge of the law and its underlying principles; knowledge of the rules of procedure and evidence; ability and willingness to learn and develop professionally);
3. **Ethics** (e.g., integrity; impartiality; objectivity; sound judgment; restraint);
4. **Commitment to Diversity** (e.g., treats people equally, fairly and with respect, regardless of gender, race, economic status, sexual orientation or any other factor; promotes inclusiveness of women and minorities);
5. **Leadership and Communication Skills** (e.g., ability to communicate clearly and succinctly; ability to inspire respect and confidence; decisiveness);
6. **Efficiency and Organizational Skills** (e.g., ability to work efficiently and under time constraints; ability to work constructively with others; ability to manage time);
7. **Writing Skills** (e.g., ability to write clearly, concisely and persuasively); and
8. **Community Service** (e.g., pro bono activities; public service; volunteer activities; civic or charitable activities or memberships).

The Commission has created a web-based [Applicant Evaluation Form](#) to facilitate the opportunity to provide comments on the applicants' qualifications. Comments can also be submitted by visiting the Commission's website at dc.jnc@dc.gov. All comments must be received by no later than May 6, 2011.

Comments submitted to the Commission are confidential and will not be released to the public or applicant. Any comments discussed with an applicant will be discussed without revealing the source of such comment, absent written consent by the individual providing the comment.

Some users may see a security certificate message when accessing the JNC Applicant Evaluation Form. Accepting the certificate will allow a user to successfully submit the completed form. Any technical problems or questions should be directed to the Commission's Executive Director at (202) 879-0478 or dc.jnc@dc.gov.

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