

# JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION

## OPEN SESSION

October 23, 2007

### Minutes

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A meeting of the Judicial Nominating Commission was held on October 23, 2007 at 5:15 p.m., in open session at the Department of Administration, Second Floor Conference Room, Providence, Rhode Island, pursuant to the notice of the meeting to all Commissioners and to the public, as required by **RIGL §42-46-6**.

The following Commissioners were present and participated throughout the meeting: Chairman Stephen Carlotti, William Rampone, Valentino Lombardi, Faye Sanders, Herbert Brennan, Dennis Coleman and June Tow.

Commissioners absent: Solomon Solomon and Patty Fairweather.

Also present: Heather Correia, Legal Assistant to the Commission and Ed Fitzpatrick, Providence Journal Reporter.

Mr. Carlotti presided over the meeting and Ms. Correia acted as recording secretary.

A motion to go into executive session was made and seconded by the Commission at 5:20 p.m.

**This portion of the meeting shall be closed to the public in accordance with RIGL §42-46-4 in order to discuss matters allowed to be exempted from discussion at open meetings under subdivision (1) of §42-46-5(a), namely, “the job performance, character, or physical or mental health of a person or persons.”**

The Commission returned to open session at 5:25 p.m. A motion was made and seconded to seal the proceeding executive session minutes.

**Pursuant to RIGL §§42-46-4 and 42-46-5, as permitted under §42-46-7(c) the minutes of the preceding Executive Session shall be kept closed and sealed.**

Mr. Carlotti explained the interviewing process to each applicant and informed them that the interviews were held in open session but at their request if so desired the interview could go forward in executive session. He also explained that during the public hearing process, each applicant may have two people testify on their behalf and requested that comments are kept to five minutes or less so that everyone has an opportunity to speak. He then invited each applicant to make a brief statement as to why they were applying for the judgeship.

The Commission interviewed the following applicants for the vacancy on the Rhode Island District Court: Alan Goulart, Robert Humphrey and Dawn Huntley.

During Ms. Huntley's interview, a motion to go into executive session was made and seconded by the Commission at 6:15 p.m.

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The Commission also interviewed Stephen Isherwood and Laura Pisaturo for the vacancy on the Rhode Island District Court.

A motion to go into executive session at was made and seconded by the Commission at 7:10 p.m.

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The Commission returned to open session at 7:12 p.m. A motion was made and seconded to seal the proceeding executive session minutes.

**Pursuant to RIGL §§42-46-4 and 42-46-5, as permitted under §42-46-7(c) the minutes of the preceding Executive Session shall be kept closed and sealed.**

There being no further business in open session, upon motion made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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