

# JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION

## OPEN SESSION

May 8, 2007

Minutes

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A meeting of the Judicial Nominating Commission was held on May 8, 2007 at 5:20. p.m., in open session at the Department of Administration, Conference Room 2, 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, Solomon Solomon, Valentino Lombardi, Herbert Brennan, Dennis Coleman, and June Tow.

Commissioners absent: Patty Fairweather and Faye Sanders.

Also present: JoAnn Dubuc, Legal Assistant to the Commission and Edward Fitzpatrick, Providence Journal Reporter.

Mr Carlottii presided over the meeting and Ms. Dubuc acted as recording secretary.

Mr. Carlotti announced that there was no Chairman's Report for this meeting. Ms. Tow requested that a short housekeeping meeting be held at some time to set some commission rules regarding attendance notice and other things. Mr. Carlotti responded that he intends to call a meeting of the Commission prior to the next search to discuss changes regarding the process of filing applications, financial statement requirements, and other items, and Ms. Tow's concerns would be addressed at that time.

Ms. Tow asked members if they felt that questions being asked of the applicants be done on a rotating basis with each commissioner asking one question at a time. It was the consensus of the members that asking one or two questions consecutively was ok with them.

Commissioners interviewed the following applicants for the vacancy on the R.I. Superior Court: John Martinelli, Henry Monti, Kristin Rodgers and Carol Zangari.

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 then invited each applicant to make a brief statement as to why they were applying for the judgeship.

Following the interviews, Mr. Carlotti announced that the members would meet in the JNC office at 5:00 p.m. prior to the open comment hearing on Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>.

There being no further business in open session, upon motion made and seconded the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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