

JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION

OPEN SESSION

June 17, 2008

Minutes

A meeting of the Judicial Nominating Commission was held on June 17, 2008 at 5:15. p.m., in open session at the Department of Administration, Third 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: Stephen J. Carlotti, Chairman, Herbert J. Brennan, Valentino Lombardi, William Rampone, Solomon Solomon and C. June Tow.

Commissioner(s) absent: Dennis Coleman, Mirlen Martinez Mal and D. Faye Sanders.

Also present: Heather L. Correia, Legal Assistant to the Commission.

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

The Commission interviewed the following applicants for the vacancy on the Rhode Island Superior Court created by the retirement of Associate Justice Vincent Ragosta: Fausto C. Anguilla, Michael Fontaine, Stephen Isherwood, Sandra A. Lanni, Henry S. Monti, George M. Muksian, James V. Murray, Kristen E. Rodgers, Brian Van Couyghen and Carol A. Zangari.

Mr. Carlotti explained the interviewing process to each applicant and that each Commissioner would be asking one or more questions. He then invited each applicant to make a brief statement as to why they were applying for the judgeship.

Mr. Carlotti informed the Commission that he received a telephone call from Edward Fitzpatrick, a reporter from the Providence Journal, and Mr. Fitzpatrick requested copies of the letters of recommendations that the Commission received on behalf of the candidates. Mr. Carlotti explained that he read the statute pertaining to public records and such statute does not address letters of recommendations. He then asked the Commissioners if he should request an opinion from the Attorney General's office and the Commission agreed unanimously.

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Heather L. Correia". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Heather L. Correia
Legal Assistant