

# JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION

## OPEN SESSION

July 8, 2008

Minutes

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A meeting of the Judicial Nominating Commission was held on July 8, 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, Mirlen A. Martinez Mal, William Rampone, Solomon A. Solomon and C. June Tow.

Commissioner(s) absent: Dennis Coleman 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.

Mr. Carlotti informed the Commissioners that Christine Jabour, George Muksian and James Murray withdrew their names from the list of candidates in light of the amendment to Section §8-16.1-6 of the Rhode Island General Laws.

Ms. Tow requested that the number of Commissioners present during a Public Comment Hearing be included in the letter that Mr. Carlotti prepares to the Governor which sets forth the names selected to fill a judicial vacancy. Mr. Carlotti agreed with Ms. Tow.

The Commission interviewed the following applicants for the vacancy on the Rhode Island District Court created by the retirement of Associate Justice Walter Gorman: Joseph DiPietro, Terence Houlihan, Paul Ragosta, Laura Pisaturo, Margaret Lynch-Gadaleta and John Martinelli.

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. Following each interview, Mr. Carlotti briefly explained the public comment meeting scheduled for July 15, 2008.

Mr. Martinelli also withdrew his name from the list of candidates at the time of his interview due to the amendment to Section §8-16.1-6 of the Rhode Island General Laws.

There being no further business in open session, upon motion made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather L. Correia".

Heather L. Correia  
Legal Assistant