

# JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION

Open Session/Public Comment Hearing

**June 10, 2009**

Minutes

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A meeting of the Judicial Nominating Commission was held on June 10, 2009, in open session at 5:15 p.m., at the Department of Administration, Conference Room A on the Second Floor, 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, constituting a quorum, were present and participated throughout the meeting: Stephen J. Carlotti, Chairperson, Herbert J. Brennan, Dennis Coleman, Robert M. Silva, Mirlen A. Martinez Mal, William Rampone, D. Faye Sanders, Solomon A. Solomon and C. June Tow.

Commissioner(s) absent: None.

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

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

Mr. Carlotti welcomed the audience and gave a brief explanation of the manner in which the meeting would be conducted and introduced each of the seven candidates. He then opened the floor for public comment and requested that everyone keep their remarks to five (5) minutes. The following persons were recognized and heard:

Judge Vincent Ragosta and Kayla Urena spoke on behalf of William Ferland; Marie Langlois and Keith Stokes spoke on behalf of John Gowell; Kathleen Partington and A.T. Wall spoke on behalf of Rebecca Partington; Elwood Johnson and Marc Desisto spoke on behalf of Brian Van Couyghen; Amalie Santiago and Robert Mann spoke on behalf of Stacey Veroni; John Tarasevich, Norman Reno and Michael Kiselica spoke on behalf of Stephen White and Jerome Williams and William Dolan spoke on behalf of Brian Stern.

Mr. Carlotti then explained the voting process. The Commission members conducted the voting on written ballots. After one round of voting, the following five candidates received the required number of votes and their names will be forwarded to Governor Carcieri, in alphabetical order, for his consideration, along with copies of their applications, financial information, background investigative reports and letters of recommendation:

<b>William J. Ferland</b>	<b>9 votes</b>
<b>John R. Gowell, Jr.</b>	<b>4 votes</b>
<b>Rebecca T. Partington</b>	<b>9 votes</b>

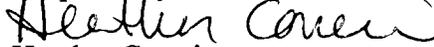
**Brian P. Stern**  
**Stacey P. Veroni**

**9 votes**  
**9 votes**

**(Copies of the voting records are attached hereto as Exhibit A)**

There being no further business in open session, upon motion made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Heather Correia  
Legal Assistant

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JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION VOTING TALLY

SUPERIOR COURT - PFEIFFER'S SEAT

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Name	William J. Ferland	John R. Gowell, Jr.	Rebecca T. Partington	Brian P. Stern	Brian Van Couyghen	Stacey Pires Veroni	Stephen R. White
Carlotti	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓
Brennan	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Coleman	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Mal	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓
Rampone	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
Sanders	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
Silva	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Solomon	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
Tow	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>

**JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION VOTING BALLOT**

SUPERIOR COURT – PFEIFFER’S SEAT  
June 10, 2009

**PLEASE VOTE FOR FIVE (5) CANDIDATES**

Commissioner: Herbert Brennan

ROUND: ①

Name	Yes (✓)
William J. Ferland	✓
John R. Gowell, Jr.	✓
Rebecca T. Partington	✓
Brian P. Stern	✓
Brian Van Couyghen	
Stacey Pires Veroni	✓
Stephen R. White	

**JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION VOTING BALLOT**

SUPERIOR COURT – PFEIFFER’S SEAT  
June 10, 2009

**PLEASE VOTE FOR FIVE (5) CANDIDATES**

Commissioner: William Rampone

ROUND: 1

Name	Yes (✓)
William J. Ferland	✓
John R. Gowell, Jr.	
Rebecca T. Partington	✓
Brian P. Stern	✓
Brian Van Couyghen	✓
Stacey Pires Veroni	✓
Stephen R. White	

**JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION VOTING BALLOT**

SUPERIOR COURT – PFEIFFER’S SEAT  
June 10, 2009

**PLEASE VOTE FOR FIVE (5) CANDIDATES**

Commissioner: Solomon A. Solomon

ROUND: ONE

Name	Yes (✓)
William J. Ferland	✓
John R. Gowell, Jr.	
Rebecca T. Partington	✓
Brian P. Stern	✓
Brian Van Couyghen	✓
Stacey Pires Veroni	✓
Stephen R. White	

**JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION VOTING BALLOT**

SUPERIOR COURT – PFEIFFER’S SEAT  
June 10, 2009

**PLEASE VOTE FOR FIVE (5) CANDIDATES**

Commissioner: Stephen J. Carlotti, Chairman

ROUND: 1

Name	Yes (✓)
William J. Ferland	✓
John R. Gowell, Jr.	
Rebecca T. Partington	✓
Brian P. Stern	✓
Brian Van Couyghen	
Stacey Pires Veroni	✓
Stephen R. White	✓

**JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION VOTING BALLOT**

**SUPERIOR COURT – PFEIFFER’S SEAT**  
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**PLEASE VOTE FOR FIVE (5) CANDIDATES**

Commissioner: Robert Silva                      ROUND: 1 (one)

Name	Yes (✓)
William J. Ferland	✓
John R. Gowell, Jr.	✓
Rebecca T. Partington	✓
Brian P. Stern	✓
Brian Van Couyghen	
Stacey Pires Veroni	✓
Stephen R. White	

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SUPERIOR COURT – PFEIFFER’S SEAT  
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**PLEASE VOTE FOR FIVE (5) CANDIDATES**

Commissioner: Dennis Coleman

ROUND: 1

Name	Yes (✓)
William J. Ferland	✓
John R. Gowell, Jr.	✓
Rebecca T. Partington	✓
Brian P. Stern	✓
Brian Van Couyghen	
Stacey Pires Veroni	✓
Stephen R. White	

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**SUPERIOR COURT – PFEIFFER’S SEAT**

June 10, 2009

**PLEASE VOTE FOR FIVE (5) CANDIDATES**

Commissioner: Faye Sanders

ROUND: 1

Name	Yes (✓)
William J. Ferland	✓
John R. Gowell, Jr.	
Rebecca T. Partington	✓
Brian P. Stern	✓
Brian Van Couyghen	✓
Stacey Pires Veroni	✓
Stephen R. White	

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SUPERIOR COURT – PFEIFFER’S SEAT  
June 10, 2009

**PLEASE VOTE FOR FIVE (5) CANDIDATES**

Commissioner: Mirlen A. Martinez Mal

ROUND: 1

Name	Yes (✓)
William J. Ferland	✓
John R. Gowell, Jr.	
Rebecca T. Partington	✓
Brian P. Stern	✓
Brian Van Couyghen	
Stacey Pires Veroni	✓
Stephen R. White	✓

**JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION VOTING BALLOT**

SUPERIOR COURT – PFEIFFER’S SEAT  
June 10, 2009

**PLEASE VOTE FOR FIVE (5) CANDIDATES**

Commissioner: June Tow

ROUND: ONE

Name	Yes (✓)
William J. Ferland	✓
John R. Gowell, Jr.	✓
Rebecca T. Partington	✓
Brian P. Stern	✓
Brian Van Couyghen	
Stacey Pires Veroni	✓
Stephen R. White	

**JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION**  
**SIGN IN SHEET**  
**PUBLIC COMMENT AND VOTING SESSION**  
**RE: ASSOCIATE JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT**  
 June 10, 2009  
 Conference Room A, Second Floor

Please print clearly

Your Name	Are you a current or past member of the judiciary YES/NO	Name of Candidate you are speaking on behalf of	Speaking in favor of or in opposition of Candidate
<del>JANICE PARINGTON</del>	<del>NO</del>	<del>REBECCA PARTING</del>	<del>FAVOR</del>
<del>Amalie Santiago</del>	<del>No</del>	<del>Stacey Veroni</del>	<del>IN FAVOR</del>
<del>Robert MANN</del>	<del>No</del>	<del>Stacey Veroni</del>	<del>FAVOR</del>
<del>John TARASEWICH</del>	<del>NO</del>	<del>STEVE WHITE</del>	<del>FAVOR</del>
<del>BILL DOLAN</del>	<del>NO</del>	<del>BRIAN STERN</del>	<del>FAVOR</del>
<del>Keith W. Stolz</del>	<del>NO</del>	<del>John Gowell</del>	<del>FAVOR</del>
<del>Elwood M. Johnson</del>	<del>NO</del>	<del>Brian Vintoyshen</del>	<del>FAVOR</del>
<del>Kurt A. RAGOSTA</del>	<del>Yes</del>	<del>Wm. Ferland</del>	<del>FAVOR</del>
<del>Marie J. Langlois</del>	<del>No</del>	<del>Jerry Gowell</del>	<del>FAVOR</del>
<del>NORMAN RENO</del>	<del>NO</del>	<del>Steve White</del>	<del>IN FAVOR</del>







