

# JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION

## Open Session

August 17, 2010

Minutes

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A meeting of the Judicial Nominating Commission was held on August 17, 2010 in open session at 5:15 p.m., at the Department of Administration, One Capitol Hill, Second Floor Conference Room A, Providence, Rhode Island, pursuant to the notice of the meeting to all of the Commissioners and to the public, as required by RIGL §45-46-6(c).

The following Commissioners, constituting a quorum, were present and participated throughout the meeting: Herbert J. Brennan, D.O., Chairperson, Jeffrey M. Grybowski, Norman L. Landroche, Jr., Mirlen A. Martinez Mal, Richard M. McAuliffe, Jr., D. Faye Sanders, Robert M. Silva and C. June Tow.

Commissioners absent: Dennis M. Coleman.

Also present: Eneida Diaz, Legal Assistant to the Commission.

Dr. Brennan presided over the meeting and Ms. Diaz acted as recording secretary.

Dr. Brennan welcomed the audience and gave a brief explanation of the manner in which the meeting would be conducted and introduced each of the six (6) 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:

Associate Justice of the Superior Court, Edward C. Clifton, Retired Family Court Justice Pamela Macktaz, Clifford Monteiro, Debra Cunningham, William P. Morris and Stuart Smith spoke on behalf of Acting Chief Judge Haiganush R. Bedrosian; Associate Justice of the Family Court Raymond E. Shawcross and Pat Rocha spoke on behalf of Associate Justice Stephen J. Capineri; Ret. Col. Rene Remillard, Victoria Almeida, Louise R. Monroe, and Dennis Langley spoke on behalf of Associate Justice Lauren D'Ambra, Lia Stuhlsak and Warren Hurlbut spoke on behalf of Associate Justice Michael B. Forte; John E. McMann, IV spoke on behalf of Associate Justice John E. McMann, III; Brother Brendan Gerrity, Tricia Martland and Peter Zandron spoke on behalf of Associate Justice Kathleen A. Voccola; and Frank Geremiah, Anne Grant and Faith Torres spoke out about general Family Court issues.

Dr. Brennan then explained the voting process. The Commission members conducted the voting on written ballots. After one round of voting, the following five (5) 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,

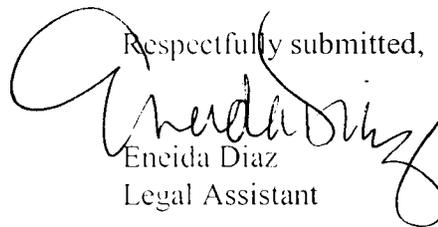
background investigative reports and letters of recommendation:

<b>Acting Chief Judge Haiganush R. Bedrosian</b>	<b>6 votes</b>
<b>Associate Justice Stephen J. Capineri</b>	<b>8 votes</b>
<b>Associate Justice Laureen D'Ambra</b>	<b>7 votes</b>
<b>Associate Justice Michael B. Forte</b>	<b>8 votes</b>
<b>Associate Justice Kathleen A. Voccola</b>	<b>7 votes</b>

**(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 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Eneida Diaz  
Legal Assistant

# EXHIBIT A

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ROUND 1

AS Capineri — 8  
 AS Forte — 8  
 AS D'Ambrq — 7  
 AS Vocciola — 7  
 AS Bedrosian — 6  
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 AS McCann — 1

**JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION VOTING TALLY**

FAMILY COURT — CHIEF JUDGE JEREMIAH'S SEAT

August 17, 2010

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Brennan	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Coleman						
Grybowski	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Landroche		✓	✓	✓		✓
Mal	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
McAuliffe	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Sanders		✓		✓	✓	✓
Silva	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Tow	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	6	8	7	8	1	7

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Coleman						
Grybowski						
Landroche						
Mal						
McAuliffe						
Sanders		✓		✓	✓	✓
Silva						
Tow						
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Coleman						
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JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION  
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PUBLIC COMMENT AND VOTING SESSION  
RE: CHIEF JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT

~~DEBRA CUNNINGHAM~~

August 17, 2010

Department of Administration, Second Floor Conference Room A

**PLEASE PRINT AS CLEARLY AS POSSIBLE**

<b><u>CANDIDATE: HAIGANUSH R. BEDROSIAN</u></b>		
<b>Your Name</b>	<b>Are you a current or past member of the judiciary YES/NO</b>	<b>Speaking in <u>favor</u> of or in <u>opposition</u> of Candidate</b>
③ Edward Clifton	YES	<del>FAVOR</del> FAVOR
Cliff Montero	No	FAVOR
Debra Cunningham ③ Pam Mackay	NO Yes	FAVOR FAVOR
William P. Morris	NO	FAVOR
Stuart Smith	NO	FAVOR
<b><u>CANDIDATE: STEPHEN J. CAPINERI</u></b>		
<b>Your Name</b>	<b>Are you a current or past member of the judiciary YES/NO</b>	<b>Speaking in <u>favor</u> of or in <u>opposition</u> of Candidate</b>
③ PAT Rocca	No	Favor
③ Judge Raymond Shawcross	Yes	FAVOR

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<b><u>CANDIDATE: LAUREEN D'AMBRA</u></b>		
<b>Your Name</b>	<b>Are you a current or past member of the judiciary YES/NO</b>	<b>Speaking in <u>favor</u> of or in <u>opposition</u> of Candidate</b>
Victoria M. Almeida	YES (NO)	FAVOR
LOUISE R. MONROE	no	favor!
⑤ Rene Remillard <del>Etta</del>	RE Remillard	favor
Dennis Langley LANGLEY(?)	NO	favor
<b><u>CANDIDATE: MICHAEL B. FORTE</u></b>		
<b>Your Name</b>	<b>Are you a current or past member of the judiciary YES/NO</b>	<b>Speaking in <u>favor</u> of or in <u>opposition</u> of Candidate</b>
Lya Stuhlsatz - Gay	NO	Favor
Warren Hurlbut <small>SALVE REGIONA</small>	No	Favor

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<b><u>CANDIDATE: JOHN E. McMANN, III</u></b>		
<b>Your Name</b>	<b>Are you a current or past member of the judiciary YES/NO</b>	<b>Speaking in <u>favor</u> of or in <u>opposition</u> of Candidate</b>
✓ JOHN E. MCCANN IV	NO	Favor
<b><u>CANDIDATE: KATHLEEN A. VOCCOLA</u></b>		
<b>Your Name</b>	<b>Are you a current or past member of the judiciary YES/NO</b>	<b>Speaking in <u>favor</u> of or in <u>opposition</u> of Candidate</b>
① ✓ Br. Brendan Derrity	no	favor
✓ Jricia Martland	NO	FAVOR
PETER ZANDRON (spelling?)	NO	FAVOR

FRANK GEREMIAH  
 ANNE GRANT  
 FAITH TURRES

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} SPUKE OUT ABOUT FAMILY COURT ISSUES IN GENERAL.