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Yesterday, the Clerk of the Court of Appeals of the State of New York formally notified the Commission on Judicial Nomination of the vacancy on the Court created by the retirement of Associate Judge Paul G. Feinman. Judge Feinman is an extraordinary person and a distinguished jurist who epitomizes the scholarship and collegiality that are hallmarks of the Court of Appeals. The Commission is now taking up the task of filling the void left on the Court by his retirement, following the procedures established by Judiciary Law Section § 68(2).

Candidates for the Judge Feinman vacancy may download application forms from the Commission's website (www.nysegov.com/cjn) or contact the Commission's Counsel, Henry M. Greenberg, c/o Greenberg Traurig, LLP, 54 State Street, 6th Floor, Albany, New York 12208 [Tel.: (518) 689-1492; e-mail: greenbergh@gtlaw.com; Fax: (518) 689-1499]. Applications may be filed electronically by e-mailing them to CJN_Applications@gtlaw.com or submitted by mail to the Commission's Counsel. **The deadline to submit applications is April 8, 2021.**

Candidates who currently have pending applications with the Commission for the upcoming vacancy on the Court of Appeals that will occur as of June 4, 2021, upon the retirement of Associate Judge Leslie E. Stein, will also be considered in connection with the

vacancy created by Judge Feinman's retirement **and do not need to submit a new application.**

The Commission is currently in the process of evaluating candidates for the upcoming Judge Stein vacancy, and the Commission will issue its report to the Governor with respect to the Judge Stein vacancy on or about April 9, 2021.

With respect to Judge Feinman's vacancy, as required by law, the Commission must make its report to the Governor within 120 days from receipt of notice of such vacancy. The Commission is mindful of the extraordinary circumstances presented by Judge Feinman's unexpected retirement and the need to swiftly fill the resulting vacancy on the Court of Appeals. The Commission will promptly discharge its Constitutional and statutory responsibilities and nominate and recommend to the Governor three to seven well-qualified candidates.

The Commission was created by Article 6, § 2 of the New York State Constitution. Consistent with its mandate, the Commission is entrusted with responsibility for evaluating, and then recommending to the Governor, candidates to fill vacancies on the Court of Appeals. The Commission carefully seeks out, evaluates and then nominates to the Governor three to seven well-qualified candidates from the extraordinary, diverse community of lawyers admitted to practice in New York State for at least ten years. The Governor's appointment is subject to confirmation by the New York State Senate.

To fill past judicial vacancies on the Court, the Commission has nominated to the Governor a wide variety of lawyers, including private practitioners, public interest attorneys, law professors, government officials and sitting Federal and State judges. While prospective candidates must file an application with the Commission, recommendations may be made by anyone who believes that a prospective candidate could be an excellent Judge of the Court. Recommendations of qualified candidates for a vacancy are encouraged and may be made to the Commission's Counsel.

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