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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

The New York State Commission on Judicial Nomination today announced that it is seeking recommendations and applications of persons who may be qualified to serve as Chief Judge of the State's highest Court, the Court of Appeals of the State of New York, as well as Chief Judge of the State of New York. On January 1, 2016, a vacancy will exist due to Chief Judge Jonathan Lippman's mandatory retirement by reason of age. Under the Constitution of the State of New York, Judges of the Court must retire at the end of the year in which they turn seventy.

Candidates for Chief Judge Lippman's vacancy may download an application from the Commission's website ([www.nysegov.com/cjn](http://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](mailto:greenbergh@gtlaw.com); Fax: (518) 689-1499]. Applications may be filed electronically by e-mailing them to [CJN\\_Applications@gtlaw.com](mailto:CJN_Applications@gtlaw.com) or submitted by mail to the Commission's Counsel. Applications must be submitted to the Commission no later than July 13, 2015.

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 vigorously seeks out, carefully evaluates and then shall nominate

to the Governor seven well-qualified candidates for the office of Chief Judge 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.

As part of the Commission's process of identifying and nominating potential candidates, it will conduct one or more public informational meetings to discuss the requirements for the position and the Commission's procedures and rules for submitting recommendations for qualified candidates. The meeting(s) will be open to the public, and all are encouraged to attend and express their views (orally or in writing) about community needs, the general qualifications for judicial office, and the nominating process. The Commission will shortly circulate further information regarding any such meetings.

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 Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals and the State of New York. Recommendations of qualified candidates for a vacancy are encouraged and may be made to the Commission's Counsel.

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