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“The Road to the Court of Appeals: Demystifying the Process”

**The Commission on Judicial Nomination to Hold Open Discussions
About Nomination Process in Connection with the Coming Vacancy in the Seat Now
Held by Associate Judge Leslie E. Stein**

In an effort to demystify the selection process for Judges of New York’s highest court, the Court of Appeals, the Commission on Judicial Nomination will host a virtual informational meeting on Friday, November 20, 2020, from 12:30 PM – 1:30 PM, facilitated by the New York State Bar Association.

Under the Constitution of the State of New York, the Commission on Judicial Nomination 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 recommends to the Governor well-qualified candidates from the extraordinary, diverse community of lawyers admitted to practice in New York State for at least ten years.

On June 4, 2021, a vacancy will exist on the Court due to the retirement of Associate Judge Leslie E. Stein. As part of the Commission’s process of identifying and recommending candidates to fill vacancies on the Court, the Commission conducts meetings to discuss the requirements for the position and the Commission’s procedures and rules for submitting recommendations of qualified candidates. The meetings are 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.

E. Leo Milonas, the Chair of the Commission and a former Justice of the Appellate Division with 26 years of judicial experience, will host the informational meeting on November 20. He will discuss the process of applying to join the Court of Appeals with former Chief Judge Jonathan Lippman and former Associate Judges Carmen Beauchamp Ciparick and Howard A. Levine. Other scheduled speakers and panelists include:

Scott M. Karson, President, New York State Bar Association
John A. Cirando, Commissioner, Commission on Judicial Nomination
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The meeting is open to the public and will be administered as a Zoom webinar. However, due to the virtual format of the event, preregistration is required at this link: https://nysba.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN__-GTrvGASFkW278nWS109w. After registering you will receive a confirmation email from Zoom and will have the option to create an Outlook Calendar, Google Calendar, or Yahoo Calendar meeting reminder for yourself.

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