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The members of the Commission on Judicial Nomination are saddened by the passing of Court of Appeals Judge Theodore T. Jones. Judge Jones was a remarkable human being who exhibited singular warmth to all who knew him, and was a distinguished jurist who epitomized the scholarship and collegiality that are hallmarks of the Court of Appeals. His 2007 appointment to the Court of Appeals from the Supreme Court, Kings County, followed his illustrious career as a lawyer dedicated to the public interest.

The Commission is taking up the task of filling the void left on the Court of Appeals by Judge Jones's untimely passing, following the procedures established by Judiciary Law Section 68(2). The Commission will promptly promulgate notice of the procedures pursuant to which it will solicit and nominate candidates, and the deadlines for applying for this vacancy. Candidates who have pending applications with the Commission for the upcoming vacancy on the Court of Appeals that will occur as of January 1, 2013, upon the retirement of Senior Associate Judge Carmen Beauchamp Ciparick, will also be considered in connection with the vacancy created by Judge Jones's passing. As required by law, the Commission will make its recommendations to the Governor by no later than March 7, 2013.

The Commission is currently in the process of evaluating candidates for the upcoming Judge Ciparick vacancy, and the Commission will issue its report to the Governor with respect to the Judge Ciparick vacancy on December 1, 2012.

In the interim, any related inquiries may be directed to Stephen P. Younger, Counsel to the Commission, at CJN_Applications@pbwt.com.