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The New York State Commission on Judicial Nomination (“the Commission”) today announced that it is seeking recommendations and applications of persons who may be qualified to serve as Associate Judge of the State’s highest Court, the Court of Appeals of the State of New York. On August 24, 2015, a vacancy will exist on the Court due to the retirement of Associate Judge Susan Phillips Read.

Candidates for Judge Read’s vacancy may download an application 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. Applications must be submitted to the Commission no later than August 10, 2015.

The Commission is currently soliciting candidates to fill the upcoming vacancy of Chief Judge of the New York State Court of Appeals and the State of New York that will occur as of January 1, 2016, due to Chief Judge Jonathan Lippman’s mandatory retirement by reason of age. Applications for the position of Chief Judge are due to the Commission no later than July 13, 2015. Candidates who have submitted an application by the July 13, 2015 deadline may also be considered in connection with the coming vacancy created by Judge

Read's retirement **and do not need to submit an additional application**, so long as they indicate to the Commission on or before August 10, 2015 that they want to be so considered.

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 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 interests 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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