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**The Honorable Emmet G. Sullivan
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**Nine Persons Recommended for Superior Court Vacancies Created by the Resignation
of Judge James E. Boasberg and the Retirements of Judges John H. Bayly, Jr.
and Stephanie Duncan-Peters**

The District of Columbia Judicial Nomination Commission ("Commission") has forwarded to President Barack Obama the names of nine lawyers for his consideration in selecting nominees to fill three judicial vacancies on the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. The President has sixty (60) days to select a nominee to fill each vacancy created by the resignation of Judge James E. Boasberg and the retirements of Judges John H. Bayly, Jr. and Stephanie Duncan-Peters. The Commission recommends the following candidates to fill these vacancies:

Honorable James E. Boasberg

Peter Arno Krauthamer is the Deputy Director for the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia where he manages a staff of approximately 220, including 110 attorneys. He is also responsible for establishing and implementing policies, participating in the formulation and execution of the budget, and providing advice to the Director on various legislative initiatives. Mr. Krauthamer began his career as a staff attorney at the Public Defender Service in 1983. He was promoted to Chief of the Trial Division in 1990 and Training Director in 1992. From 1994 to 1995, Mr. Krauthamer was a staff attorney with the Federal Public Defender for the District of Columbia. In 1995, he joined the

faculty of the Howard University School of Law as an Assistant Professor and Clinical Supervising Attorney and remained in those positions until 2000. From 2000 to 2004, he served as the Deputy Director for the District of Columbia Pretrial Services Agency. Mr. Krauthamer received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Brandeis University and earned his law degree from Boston University School of Law.

John Francis McCabe, Jr., is a Magistrate Judge on the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. Since his appointment in 2002, he has served in the Family Court and has presided in the Criminal Division in misdemeanor trials, arraignments, and preliminary hearings. Since 2010, he has been the Deputy Presiding Magistrate Judge and the Alternative Chairperson of the District of Columbia Commission on Mental Health. He has also served as co-chair of the Family Court Training Committee. From 1998 to 2002, Judge McCabe worked as an Assistant United States Attorney in the District of Columbia, and from 1990 to 1998, he was Assistant Corporation Counsel with the Office of the Corporation Counsel (now the Office of Attorney General for the District of Columbia). From 1989 to 1990, Judge McCabe was a staff attorney with the Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia and from 1986 to 1989, he was an associate at Peterson Young Self & Asselin, in Atlanta, Georgia. Judge McCabe has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from Duke University and earned his law degree from Tulane University Law School.

Elizabeth Carroll Wingo is a Magistrate Judge on the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. Since her appointment in 2006, she has served in both the Criminal Division and the Family Court. From 2004 to 2006, she served as the Assistant Deputy Attorney General for Public Safety in the Office of the Attorney General of the District of Columbia, where she had previously served as the Chief of the Criminal Section. From 1999 to 2004, Judge Wingo was an Assistant United States Attorney in the District of Columbia, where she prosecuted a wide variety of crimes, including homicides and sexual assaults. From 1997 to 1998, she worked as an associate in the District of Columbia office of Sullivan & Cromwell. Judge Wingo received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Government and English, *magna cum laude*, from Dartmouth College. She earned her law degree from Yale Law School. Following law school, Judge Wingo served as a law clerk for the Honorable T.S. Ellis, III, in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia.

Honorable John H. Bayly, Jr.

Joseph Edmund Beshouri is a Magistrate Judge on the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. Since his appointment in 2009, he has served in the Civil Division, presiding concurrently over the non-jury civil trial calendar and the tax-lien calendar. Judge Beshouri was a criminal defense practitioner for 23 years until his appointment as a

Magistrate Judge. He represented individuals charged in complex litigation in Superior Court, in Maryland's District and Circuit courts, and in the United States District Courts for both the District of Columbia and Maryland. For several years, Judge Beshouri served as an instructor with the National Institute of Trial Advocacy at the George Washington University Law School. Judge Beshouri has a Bachelor of Arts degree in International Studies from the University of South Florida and earned his law degree from Catholic University of America's Columbus School of Law.

Laura Ellen Hankins is Special Counsel to the Director of the Public Defender Service of the District of Columbia. As Special Counsel, she is responsible for monitoring and commenting on legislation before the District of Columbia Council related to criminal justice, juvenile justice, and mental health issues. Ms. Hankins also serves as the Public Defender Service representative on the District of Columbia Sentencing and Criminal Code Revision Commission, and helped create and assist in the implementation of the District of Columbia's voluntary sentencing guideline system. She also serves on the committee responsible for drafting the District of Columbia's pattern criminal jury instructions and is also a member of the Legal Ethics Committee of the District of Columbia Bar Association. Ms. Hankins began her legal career in 1992 in the Trial Division of the Public Defender Service, defending indigent juveniles and adults accused of crimes. From 1997 to 2000, she worked at the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc., as an associate counsel with the Criminal Justice Project. Ms. Hankins has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from Brown University and earned her law degree from Harvard Law School.

Elizabeth Jane Shapiro is a Deputy Director in the Civil Division of the United States Department of Justice, Federal Programs Branch. She has served in the Department of Justice since 1991, defending the government against a wide variety of constitutional and statutory challenges. In 2001, Ms. Shapiro was named to the Civil Division's Terrorism Task Force. During her tenure, she served as a Special Assistant United States Attorney in the Northern District of Texas prosecuting a major national security case. From 1989 to 1991, Ms. Shapiro served as an appellate attorney in the Office of the Solicitor, United States Department of Labor. Ms. Shapiro is regarded as an expert in the area of government information and privileges, and regularly teaches classes for the District of Columbia Bar Association. She has received numerous awards throughout her career. Ms. Shapiro received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Michigan and earned her law degree from Georgetown University Law Center. Following law school, she served as a law clerk for the Honorable Stephen F. Eilperin of the Superior Court for the District of Columbia.

Honorable Stephanie Duncan-Peters

Danya Ariel Dayson is an attorney with the firm of O'Toole, Rothwell, Nassau & Steinbach where her practice includes litigation in both state and federal courts. She has represented criminal defendants in a wide range of cases ranging from drug offenses to capital cases. Ms. Dayson serves on the Domestic Relations and Paternity and Support Subcommittee of the Family Court Implementation Committee and volunteers as a trainer and worker at the Family Court Self Help Center at the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. She is a member of the Steering Committee for the Family Court Section of the District of Columbia Bar Association. Ms. Dayson serves as an Adjunct Professor at George Washington University School of Law. She received two Bachelor of Arts degrees in Political Science and Russian and Eastern European Studies from Appalachian State University, and earned her law degree from Georgetown University Law Center. Following law school, Ms. Dayson served as a law clerk for the Honorable Robert E. Morin of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

Karen Aileen Howze is a Magistrate Judge on the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. Since her appointment in 2002, she has presided over abuse and neglect cases, domestic violence cases, and criminal arraignments. In 2010, Judge Howze was elected to a three-year term on the Board of Trustees of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. She has served on the Board of the Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital and is a member of the Girl Scout's Women's Advisory Board. From 1991 until 2002, Judge Howze practiced law as a sole practitioner, representing abused and neglected children, their parents, foster parents, and adoptive parents. Judge Howze has also worked as an instructor at the American University School of Communications, an Adjunct Professor at Howard University School of Communications, and as a Managing Editor/International Edition for *USA Today*. Judge Howze has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism, *summa cum laude*, from the University of Southern California and earned her law degree from Hastings College of Law.

Jason D. Tulley is Special Counsel to the Director of the Public Defender Service of the District of Columbia. As Special Counsel, he heads the agency's Forensic Practice Group which focuses on litigation of science issues, from DNA to fingerprints and the psychology of eyewitness identification. He is also the Vice-Chair of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers' Forensic Science Committee, working on a variety of national issues related to scientifically sound forensic practices and education for the defense bar in all forensic disciplines. Mr. Tulley joined the Public Defender Service in 2003 as a staff attorney in the Trial Division and in 2007 was promoted to supervisor. During his tenure, he has represented indigent criminal defendants in a wide range of major felony cases. From 2000 to 2003, Mr. Tulley was a Deputy Capital Defender for the Capital Defender

Office in New York City, where he represented indigent defendants in capital cases. From 1996 to 2000, he worked as an associate for Bennett & Nathans, LLP, in Baltimore, Maryland. Mr. Tulley has a Bachelor of Arts degree with Honors in Sociology from State University of New York and earned his law degree from the University of Maryland School of Law. Following law school, Mr. Tulley served as a law clerk for the Honorable Theodore G. Bloom of the Court of Special Appeals of Maryland.

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