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**Judicial Nomination Commission Invites Comments from the Bench, Bar, and
Public on Applicants for the Judicial Vacancy Created by the
Retirement of Judge Kathryn A. Oberly**

Members of the bench, bar, and public are hereby notified by the District of Columbia Judicial Nomination Commission (the "Commission") that there are 11 applicants for the pending vacancy on the District of Columbia Court of Appeals. The Commission will submit the names of three applicants to the President of the United States for his consideration to nominate and appoint a judge. The applicants are:

Alan Robert Burch
Hon. Karen Aileen Howze
Deborah Judith Jeffrey
Hon. Craig Steven Iscoe
Todd Sunhwaee Kim
Geoffrey Morris Klineberg

Hon. Neal Elliot Kravitz
Harold DeWitt Lester, Jr.
Vijay Shanker
Robert James Spagnoletti
Paul Reinherz Quitman Wolfson

The Commission invites comments regarding the fitness of the above-listed applicants for a judicial position on the District of Columbia Court of Appeals. Applicants can be evaluated with respect to eight categories:

1. **Judicial Temperament** (e.g., ability to treat everyone with respect; willingness to listen with patience and courtesy; collegiality);
2. **Professional Skills and Abilities** (e.g., experience; intellectual ability; analytical skills; knowledge of the law and its underlying principles; knowledge of the

rules of procedure and evidence; ability and willingness to learn and develop professionally);

3. **Ethics** (e.g., integrity; impartiality; objectivity; sound judgment; restraint);
4. **Commitment to Diversity** (e.g., treats people equally, fairly and with respect, regardless of gender, race, economic status, sexual orientation or any other factor; promotes inclusiveness of women and minorities);
5. **Leadership and Communication Skills** (e.g., ability to communicate clearly and succinctly; ability to inspire respect and confidence; decisiveness);
6. **Efficiency and Organizational Skills** (e.g., ability to work efficiently and under time constraints; ability to work constructively with others; ability to manage time);
7. **Writing Skills** (e.g., ability to write clearly, concisely and persuasively); and
8. **Community Service** (e.g., pro bono activities; public service; volunteer activities; civic or charitable activities or memberships).

The Commission has created a web-based [*Applicant Evaluation Process*](#) to facilitate the opportunity to provide comments on the applicants' qualifications. The applicant evaluation questions are also available in PDF format on the Commission's website (www.jnc.dc.gov) and can be printed, completed, and forwarded to the Commission via mail (515 5th Street, NW, Suite 235, Washington, DC 20001), email (dc.jnc@dc.gov) or fax ((202) 879-0755). All comments must be received by no later than November 22, 2013.

Comments submitted to the Commission are confidential and will not be released to the public or applicant. Any comments discussed with an applicant will be discussed without revealing the source of such comment, absent written consent by the individual providing the comment.

Any technical problems or questions should be directed to the Commission's Executive Director at (202) 879-0478 or dc.jnc@dc.gov.

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