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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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**Notice of Judicial Vacancy Created by the
Resignation of Judge James E. Boasberg**

Members of the bar, bench, and public are hereby notified by the District of Columbia Judicial Nomination Commission (the "Commission") that a vacancy on the Superior Court of the District of Columbia has occurred as a result of the resignation of Judge James E. Boasberg, effective March 17, 2011. Within 60 days of a vacancy, the Commission is to submit to the President of the United States the names of three persons for possible nomination and appointment to the Court. D.C. Code § 1-204.34. Accordingly, the Commission invites qualified individuals to apply for this vacancy.

Pursuant to D.C. Code § 1-204.33(b), no person may be nominated or appointed a judge of a District of Columbia court unless the person—

- is a citizen of the United States;
- is an active member of the unified District of Columbia Bar and has been engaged in the active practice of law in the District for the five years immediately preceding the nomination or for such five years has been on the faculty of a law school in the District, or has been employed as a lawyer by the United States or the District of Columbia government;
- is a bona fide resident of the District of Columbia and has maintained an actual place of abode in the District of Columbia for at least 90 days immediately prior to the nomination, and shall retain such residency while serving as such judge;
- is recommended to the President, for such nomination and appointment, by the District of Columbia Judicial Nomination Commission; and

- has not served, within a period of two years prior to the nomination, as a member of the District of Columbia Tenure Commission or the Judicial Nomination Commission.

All persons interested in applying for this judicial vacancy—**with the exception of those persons who have applied for the judicial vacancies created by the retirements of Judge John H. Bayly and Judge Stephanie Duncan-Peters**—shall review and comply with the revised instructions and application materials on the Commission’s website. (See www.jnc.dc.gov.) **Applicants for the Judge Bayly and Judge Duncan-Peters vacancies who would like to be considered for the Judge Boasberg vacancy shall not submit application materials. Rather, they shall submit a letter to the Commission (at dc.jnc@dc.gov) requesting that they also be considered for this vacancy.** All applications and correspondence shall be addressed to Kim M. Whatley, Executive Director, Judicial Nomination Commission, 515 Fifth Street, NW, Suite 235, Washington, DC 20001. Incomplete or outdated application materials will not be considered.

In addition to paper copies submitted to the Commission, applicants shall email their Letters of Interest, Resumes, and Applicant Questionnaires in separate PDF format files to the Executive Director (at dc.jnc@dc.gov) and to each Commission member. The email subject line shall include the applicant’s name and shall state that the email contains application materials for a judicial vacancy. If the writing samples are too voluminous to send electronically, so indicate in the email and send paper copies of those documents to each Commission member by mail or courier service. **All application materials shall be received by the close of business on April 14, 2011.**

The Commission does not require letters of recommendation, letters of support, or endorsements, but will accept them. **In this instance, such letters shall be received by the Commission no later than the close of business on May 6, 2011.** Consult the Application Instructions for Judicial Vacancies on the District of Columbia Court of Appeals and the Superior Court of the District of Columbia on the Commission’s website (www.jnc.dc.gov) for additional information on the procedures for submitting letters.

Questions concerning the judicial vacancy application process shall be directed to the Commission’s Executive Director at (202) 879-0478 or dc.jnc@dc.gov.

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