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**Notice of Expiration of Term of the Chief Judge of
the Superior Court of the District of Columbia**

Members of the bench, bar, and public are hereby notified that the four-year term of the Honorable Lee F. Satterfield as Chief Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia will expire on September 30, 2012. The District of Columbia Judicial Nomination Commission (the "Commission") is charged with the responsibility of designating the Chief Judge from among the judges of the Court in regular, active service.

Chief Judge Satterfield is eligible for redesignation as Chief Judge and has notified the Commission of his interest in being redesignated. The Commission has requested that Chief Judge Satterfield submit a statement of interest in redesignation that addresses his achievements over the past four years and his plans for the Court over the next four years, should he be redesignated to serve as Chief Judge for a second term.

All judges in regular, active service on the Superior Court of the District of Columbia are also eligible to apply for consideration for a four-year appointment as Chief Judge, and may do so by submitting a statement of interest to the Commission. In addition, any individual, organization, or bar association may nominate an active judge for consideration for the position of Chief Judge, but must first obtain the judge's consent. In discharging its responsibilities to designate the Chief Judge, the Commission will consider each candidate's suitability for that position, including conducting a background investigation. Candidates shall be required to submit relevant financial and medical information and shall complete and return the following forms to the Commission:

- Authorization To Release Information (JNC Form 23)
- IRS Tax Check Waiver (JNC Form 24)
- District of Columbia Tax Check Waiver (JNC Form 25)
- Medical Certification Form (JNC Form 27)
- MPD Criminal History Request (PD Form 70)

All statements of interest and nominations shall be in writing and address the following factors, as well as any additional qualifications relevant to the office of Chief Judge: the candidate's (a) interest in court administration; (b) administrative ability and experience; (c) ability to lead the Superior Court and to promote a sense of cooperation and collegiality among the judges, the Court staff, and other governmental and non-governmental entities; (d) ability to promote confidence in the Court and the judicial system; and (e) ability to provide intellectual leadership.

An original and one copy of each form, along with the statement of interest, shall be submitted to the District of Columbia Judicial Nomination Commission, Attention: Kim M. Whatley, Executive Director, 515 5th Street, NW, Suite 235, Washington, DC 20001. The statement of interest shall also be sent electronically in PDF format to the Commission's electronic mailbox at dc.jnc@dc.gov. The deadline for applications for consideration for the Chief Judge position is the close of business on May 25, 2012.

The Commission does not require letters of recommendation, letters of support, or endorsements, but will accept them. Such letters shall be received by the Commission within 30 calendar days from the application deadline date, or by June 29, 2012. The Commission will publish the names of all candidates and their written submissions on its website (www.jnc.dc.gov) and provide an opportunity for the public to comment. Any information received by the Commission is confidential and is not released to the public or candidate. Any comments discussed with a candidate will be discussed without revealing the source of such comment, absent written consent by the individual providing the comment.

The Commission will also sponsor a public forum to meet and hear from the candidate(s) for Chief Judge. The forum will be held on July 10, 2012, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm, in the Moultrie Courthouse Jury Lounge, located at 500 Indiana Avenue, NW, Third Floor, Room 3100, Washington, DC 20001. Members of the bench, bar and public are encouraged to attend.

Questions concerning the Chief Judge designation process shall be directed to the Commission's Executive Director at (202) 879-0478 or dc.jnc@dc.gov.

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