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In accordance with Rhode Island General Laws §8-16.1-4(b), the Judicial Nominating Commission reports as follows:

1. The Commission has made significant efforts to encourage racial, ethnic and gender diversity during the period July 1, 2015 to the date of this report. Specifically, the Chair has reached out to the Thurgood Marshall Society and the Rhode Island Hispanic Bar Association to encourage applications for existing vacancies. In addition, the Chair has met with former Dean Logan and current Dean Yelonsky of Roger Williams Law School to enlist their aid in recruiting applicants with diverse backgrounds. Notices of vacancies have been placed in the Providence American, on the website of Providence En Espanol and in Nuevos Horizontes.

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Finally, the Chair has met with Chief Justice Suttell, Presiding Justice Gibney and Chief Judge LaFazia in an effort to identify and recruit applicants with diverse backgrounds.

2. Although the Commission's application materials contain an anonymous questionnaire regarding the information referenced in Rhode Island General Laws §8-16.1-4(b)(i), only a few questionnaires have been returned by applicants. Accordingly, there are no statistics regarding the race, ethnicity and gender of applicants considered by the Commission.

This report will be updated June 30, 2016 and each June 30 thereafter during my term as Chair of the Commission.

Respectfully submitted,



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Chair