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This is the report of the Judicial Nominating Commission made in accordance with Rhode Island General Laws §8-16.1-4(b). Since the filing of the annual report on July 31, 2017, the Judicial Nominating Commission reports as follows:

1. The Commission is currently engaged in a search for the following judicial vacancies: two District Court vacancies, the first occasioned by the resignation of Rafael A. Ovalles and the second by the death of William C. Clifton; one Superior Court vacancy occasioned by the death of Walter R. Stone and two Workers' Compensation Court vacancies occasioned by the retirement of Debra L. Olsson and Hugo L. Ricci, Jr. There were twenty-seven applications for each of the District Court vacancies. With respect to the Ovalles vacancy, the Commission has extended an invitation

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to ten individuals including three individuals of color. In connection with the District Court vacancy occasioned by the death of William C. Clifton, the Commission extended invitations for interviews to ten individuals including three individuals of color. In connection with the Superior Court vacancy occasioned by the death of Walter R. Stone, there were twenty-two applications. The Commission extended invitations for interviews to nine individuals including three individuals of color. In connection with the vacancies on the Workers' Compensation Court, there were eight applicants. The Commission extended invitations for interviews to five applicants including one individual of color.

2. In advertising the above referenced vacancies, the Commission was aided by the work of Sabina Matos and Cheryl Burrell of the Office of Diversity, Equity and Opportunity in the Rhode Island Department of Administration. They provided the Commission with an expanded list of advertising opportunities and a Marketing Plan which we will continue to implement as funds become available. The Commission is extremely grateful to the ongoing interest and work of Representative Anastasia Williams who coordinated the meeting with the Department of Administration and who has enthusiastically assisted in recruitment of minority candidates.

Respectfully submitted,



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Chair