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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 6, 2016, the Judicial Nominating Commission reports as follows:

1. On July 20, 2016 a meeting was held with the Governor and the Chief Justice, the Presiding Justice of the Superior Court, the Chief Judge of the District Court, the Chief Judge of the Workers' Compensation Court and the Chief Justice of the Family Court to discuss ways to improve diversity in the judiciary. The Judges were most supportive of our efforts.
2. In connection with selection of qualified candidates for the Rhode Island Superior Court vacancy occasioned by the resignation of

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Judge Hurst, there were twenty-four applicants, ten women, fourteen men and five candidates of color. On October 27, 2016, the Commission sent five names to the Governor including three men, one Caucasian woman and one woman of color.

3. In connection with the Family Court vacancy occasioned by the elevation of Judge Forte to Chief Justice, there were fifteen applicants, eight women, seven men and one woman of Indian descent. On April 26, 2017, the Commission sent five names to the Governor, three men and two women.
4. In connection with the Workers' Compensation Court vacancy occasioned by the elevation of Judge Ferrieri, there were three applicants, two men and one woman. All of the applicants' names were sent to the Governor.

Respectfully submitted,



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Chair