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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 12, 2018, the Judicial Nominating Commission reports as follows:

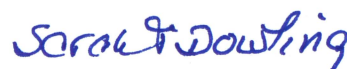
1. The Commission made recommendations with respect to the following judicial vacancies: two District Court vacancies, the first occasioned by the resignation of Rafael A. Ovalles and the second by the death of William C. Clifton; three Superior Court vacancies occasioned by the death of Walter R. Stone and the retirement of Allen P. Rubine and Michael A. Silverstein; and two Workers' Compensation Court vacancies occasioned by the retirement of Debra L. Olsson and Hugo L. Ricci, Jr.

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There were twenty-seven applications for each of the District Court vacancies. With respect to the Ovalles vacancy, the Commission forwarded five candidates to the Governor including one woman of color and one man of color. The Governor subsequently appointed, and the Senate confirmed, the appointment of Melissa DuBose, a woman of color. In connection with the District Court vacancy occasioned by the death of William C. Clifton, the Commission forwarded three names to the Governor including one man of color. The Governor subsequently appointed, and the Senate confirmed, the appointment of Christopher Knox Smith, a man of color. In connection with the Superior Court vacancy occasioned by the death of Walter R. Stone, there were twenty-two applications. The Commission sent four names to the Governor including three women, one of whom is of color. The Governor appointed, and the Senate confirmed, the appointment of Melissa E. Darigan. In connection with the Superior Court vacancies occasioned by the retirement of Allen P. Rubine and Michael A. Silverstein, the Commission forwarded a total of six names to the Governor including three women, two of whom are minorities. In connection with the vacancies on the Workers' Compensation Court, there were eight applicants. The Commission forwarded the names of five applicants to the Governor including one individual of color and two women. The Governor appointed, and the Senate confirmed, the appointment of Keith Cardoza, an individual of color and Susan Pepin Fay.

2. The Commission has not been directed to conduct any further screenings as of the date hereof.

Respectfully submitted,



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Chair