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Subject: Re: Retirement of Judge Barbara Crancer

Dear Judge Cohen and Fellow Commissioners:

Perhaps being new to the process has me a bit behind the learning curve, but in the aggregate it seems wholly improper that this commission be asked to keep this information from the public of the Governor: and, with the written expression that the Governor would only be informed after he makes a selection from the existing panel. We serve on a public commission and our duties, as I see it as public servants, are to serve the public with as much transparency as possible. The formal announcement of a judicial vacancy is of public interest.. Keeping it a secret until such time as the Governor fills the existing vacancy is not, in my opinion and belief, part of this commission's public charge and something with which I strongly disagree.

Secondly, I appreciate that Judge Crancer gave us such a long lead-time and would encourage you that we gain some efficiencies by starting the process early through leveraging our recent work. To further assist us in the decision processes I suggest we have the judicial ratings for all judges in the 21st so as to provide relative ratings of applicants.

Simply, I will not conspire to keep this information from the public or from the Governor and encourage you to make the information public as soon as possible without my having to do so unilaterally.

Please let me know by the end of the week.

Sincerely,

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Sent: Wednesday, December 12, 2007 3:43 PM

Subject: Retirement of Judge Barbara Crancer

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> Commissioners: I received today correspondence from Associate Circuit  
> Judge Barbara Crancer announcing her retirement effective April 1, 2008.  
> I  
> will send you each a copy of her correspondence. The rules permit the  
> commission to submit its nominations to the governor within 60 days  
> of April 1. Before we start the process to fill Judge Crancer's  
> position, I would prefer to wait until the governor selects for the  
> current opening.  
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> would appreciate your input on the timing. Regards and thanks again  
> for all your hard work, Judge Cohen