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Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo
Governor of the State of New York
State Capitol
Albany, New York 12224

Dear Governor Cuomo:

The New York State Bar Association has considered the qualifications of the seven individuals whose names were submitted by the Commission on Judicial Nomination for possible appointment as Associate Judge of the Court of Appeals in connection with the retirement of Hon. Paul G. Feinman.

We reviewed each candidate's background, studied their decisions and/or writings and interviewed those who know them. Personal interviews were conducted with each candidate. While the specific matters discussed with each nominee varied, they generally included background, experience and temperament to serve as Associate Judge.

Based on these evaluations, the candidates have been rated by the New York State Bar Association as follows:

Michael S. Bosworth, Esq.:	“Well Qualified”
Hon. Anthony Cannataro:	“Qualified”
Hon. Judith J. Gische:	“Well Qualified”
Caitlin J. Halligan, Esq.:	“Well Qualified”
Hon. Denise A. Hartman:	“Well Qualified”
Hon. Erin M. Peradotto:	“Well Qualified”
Hon. Troy Karen Webber:	“Well Qualified”

I am enclosing a copy of the “Guidelines for Evaluating Qualifications of Judicial Candidates.” We hope you will find this information helpful in making an appointment to the office of Associate Judge of the Court of Appeals.

Please let me know if you would like any further information.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott M. Karson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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