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Chief Justice Laura Stith
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Dear Chief Justice Stith:

Thank you for your response to our request for information on the recent Supreme Court panel. There are a few questions we would like supplemented.

Upon review, we found that the three Supreme Court candidates' application materials you sent to our office last Thursday were incomplete.

First, the materials failed to include a two-page addendum to one candidate's application regarding question 13(b) of the Appellate Commission's twenty-five question form. The reason this omission is highlighted is because question 13(b) asks the candidate to list ten cases that each applicant has tried – a significant question for which a complete response is appropriate. After we contacted the candidate, we were given the two page addendum, but it only listed four cases that had been tried. I am unsure why this information was omitted.

Second, one of the candidate's statements of judicial philosophy, provided to the Appellate Commission as an addendum, was omitted. This was particularly enlightening as it addressed head-on the question of judicial philosophy by one of the candidates.

Third, the materials provided to this office did not include the signed permission waivers for background checks and the background checks themselves. We are now in the process of procuring another set of permission waivers from the candidates directly, after which, we will have another set of background checks run.

Thank you for providing answers to these questions that are important to our decision-making process.

Sincerely,



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