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August 24, 2018

The Honorable James Conley Justice, Jr. Governor, State of West Virginia State Capitol Charleston, WV 25305

Re: West Virgin

Dear Governor Justice:

West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals Vacancies

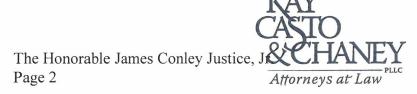
Pursuant to W. Va. Code § 3-10-3a, the Judicial Vacancy Advisory Commission has interviewed a number of candidates offering varying levels of courtroom and life experiences as we consider the two current vacancies on the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals. Each candidate possesses significant talents to offer to our Court. We believe that our judiciary is in a period of unparalleled scrutiny. This Commission has concerns about public perceptions surrounding the Court. These appointments, while relatively short in terms of period of service, will have a potentially significant impact on our Court based on its calendar. Therefore, we submit to you the following list of best-qualified persons for the first vacancy, in alphabetical order:

Timothy P. Armstead Stephen R. Crislip Robert J. Frank D. C. Offutt, Jr.

Further, we submit to you the following list of best-qualified persons for the second vacancy, also in alphabetical order:

Gregory B. Chiartas
James Victor Flanagan
Evan Jenkins
William Schwartz
Martin P. Sheehan

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Should you require any additional information from the Commission, please call me at your convenience.

Very truly yours, Nebra Scudiere / legn

Debra Scudiere, Chair

Judicial Vacancy Advisory Commission

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