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To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Judicial Nominating Commission

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Importance: Normal

Dear [REDACTED], you are echoing thoughts I am hearing a lot these days. I am on the JNC for the Fla. Supreme Court, not the federal one. However, I do know some of the fed xommissioners. With your ermission, I will forward you suggestion to them. Also, I have a friend who has been. Very vocal about the lack of women on the federal JNC (just 3, I believe). No wonder we aren't getting more women's names coming out!

FYI we had our first meeting with JE's defense lawu

Yers yesterday. Only Roy Black showed up. They are really dragging their feet! It.s obvious, cynical and just what we are growing to expect. In he meanime we have 2 new clients_ [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Hope all is well with you. When do you make your move?

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From: [REDACTED]

To: KATHERINE W. EZELL

Sent: Thu Mar 26 10:23:47 2009

Subject: Judicial Nominating Commission

Hi Kathy – I don't know if you are on the commission for the new federal district judge position that will be opening up in Ft Lauderdale (now that Judge Hurley has taken senior status), but I wanted to put my plug in for seeking out qualified female candidates. There aren't any women district judges north of the Miami-Dade County line, and there seems to be a strange two-track system (lots of women as magistrates, but none as district judges). From my experience, feminism is about 10 years or so behind down south – the old boys network is much more firmly entrenched up here – but it seems about time to shake things up. Judge Gonzales also is the only minority judge north of Miami-Dade, which is another issue, but I know asking for a two-fer is probably too much.

Sorry to bend your ear about this, but everyone whom I have heard talking about it seems to bring up the same old names.

Thanks.

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