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Re: **New Request for Judicial Intervention (RJI) Form**

Dear Mr. Colodner:

I am the Chair of the Committee on State Courts of Superior Jurisdiction of the New York City Bar (the "Committee"), and I write to you in response to the September 29, 2009 Memorandum from the Honorable Ann Pfau requesting comments on the new Request for Judicial Intervention Form (the "Form"). Upon review and discussion of the proposed new RJI Form, the Committee has a few questions and comments.

1. It would be very helpful to attorneys if the Form could be posted to the Office of Court Administration's website in a format that allows attorneys to fill it in, download the Form and save it to their computers. This is apparently not possible with the current RJI form.
2. Does the Commercial Division Addendum replace the current Statement in Support of Request for Assignment to the Commercial Division? If not, these two forms seem to be duplicative and the Committee suggests that the Commercial Division Addendum replace the Statement in Support of Request for Assignment to the Commercial Division.
3. The requirement that attorney registration numbers be provided for all counsel could be difficult and cause confusion because there are attorneys who have the same or similar names and attorneys who have changed their names due, for example, to a recent marriage. The website where attorney registration information is available, in fact, states: "There are attorneys who currently use a name that differs from the name under which they were

admitted." There was a concern among Committee members that the Court would refuse to accept the Form without attorney registration numbers for all attorneys, which may be difficult to impossible to obtain in some cases. It was suggested that perhaps the Form can request the registration number of only the attorney who is submitting the Form.

We appreciate being given the opportunity to comment on this new Form.

Respectfully,



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