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Ms. Elena Ruth Sassower
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Dear Ms. Sassower:

Your letter of February 17, 1999 to Association President James C. Moore has been forwarded to me for response. Per your request, I am enclosing the "Guidelines for Evaluating Qualifications of Judicial Candidates" that govern the operation of our Committee on Judicial Selection.

As you will note from section "G" of the Guidelines, the work of our Committee is confidential; consequently, we cannot provide you with copies of the material considered by the Committee in connection with its evaluations of judicial candidates. Similarly, under a policy established by our House of Delegates, we are not permitted to release rosters of committees or sections to entities outside the Association for purposes unrelated to Association business.

Very truly yours,

Kathleen R. Mulligan Baxter