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Mr. Milton Hoffman  
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Dear Mr. Hoffman:

Three recent news notes:

1. Patricia O'Donnell Ewers, Vice President and Dean of Faculties at DePaul University in Chicago was named President of Pace University, out of 150 applicants.
2. Joseph Fernandez was named Chancellor of New York City Board of Education after an exhaustive effort by search committee.
3. A. J. Emanuelle, Esq., Hon. Samuel G. Freiman and Hon. Joseph Juidice, the three candidates hand picked by the two local political "bosses", were elected Justices of the Supreme Court.

Is anything wrong? You bet!

True court reform, taking politics out of the judiciary, means that candidates for judicial office should undergo an intensive and extensive pre-nomination screening conducted by an impartial panel, composed of members of community service and public interest organizations, and not limited to local bar associations. With the cross-endorsements engineered by the political deal assuring that "boss selection" is tantamount to election, such screening becomes a moral imperative.

The American Bar Association has formulated guidelines for both organizing such panels and procedures to be followed. Manhattan has had such a system for almost twenty years. And this is precisely what our committee will be working for, and hopefully achieving, in 1990.

Very truly yours,

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Chairman, Ninth Judicial Committee

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