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Chief Justice Laura Stith
Missouri Supreme Court
Supreme Court Building
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Chief Justice Stith:

I am writing to request any transcripts, recordings and all other records related to the 30 interviews that were recently conducted by the Appellate Judicial Commission. As a member of this commission, you and six other members had the opportunity to interview 30 applicants in order to come to a final panel of three.

As you might imagine, details from these interviews will be very helpful to our office as we begin our own exhaustive interview process. I am sure you will agree that any interview transcripts, audio recordings, notes, format, length and any additional information from these interviews will be helpful to us as the governor prepares to make this important decision.

In an effort to make an even more informed decision with respect to Missouri's highest court as well as to help increase transparency in the selection process, we respectfully request the following:

- Any transcripts and/or audio recordings and notes from every interview with every applicant
- Information on meeting and interview times, locations and length
- Details of notice provided regarding all commission meetings and interviews
- Insight into the questions presented to the applicants including whether they were standardized and what questions were included or given priority

We have already received the applications for the three finalists but the information I have outlined was not included.

Once we receive your documents, we will compile a comprehensive record of all applicant interviews with all available records, research and communications to aide our office and the governor in making his final decision. I urge you to make this information

available with all expediency as it is our intention to conduct a thoughtful and exhaustive selection process for this highly important position.

If you have any questions, please contact me, Henry T. Herschel, at (573)751-5218.

Sincerely,

Henry T. Herschel
General Counsel