



Office of the Attorney General

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Dr. Hector Garcia
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Dear Dr. Garcia:

On February 14, 1977, President Carter signed Executive Order 11972 creating the United States Circuit Judge Nominating Commission. A copy of this Order is enclosed. The purpose of the Commission is to seek out and screen potential nominees for vacancies on the United States Courts of Appeals, and to recommend to the President no more than five well qualified persons from whom he might choose his nominee for each vacancy.

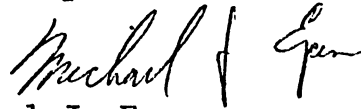
The Commission is divided into thirteen panels of no more than eleven persons, one panel for each federal judicial circuit except the Fifth and the Ninth, for each of which there are two panels. The Order provides that a panel shall be activated when a vacancy occurs on the Court of Appeals in the panel's circuit. As a vacancy now exists in your circuit, the panel for that circuit is being activated. The President has selected you as a member of this panel, and the purpose of this letter is to request that you serve.

Members of the panel will receive no salary, but all necessary expenses, including travel expenses, will be paid by the Federal government. It is anticipated that service will require a significant amount of time on your part, including two meetings of the entire panel, during the sixty days allotted for the panel's work. The Order provides that a member's term shall expire shortly after the panel reports its recommendations to the President, but the President may extend any member's term with his or her concurrence.

It is essential that the panel for your circuit begin functioning immediately in order to return the Court of Appeals to its full complement as soon as possible. Please return the enclosed postcard as soon as possible, indicating on it whether you agree to serve on the panel. If you have any questions, please call me at (202) 739-2107, Assistant Attorney General Dan Meador at (202) 739-3824, or Phil Jordan, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, at (202) 739-5137.

This is an important step toward improving the process of selecting federal appellate judges, and we do hope that you will agree to contribute your time and effort in making it a success. You will receive information about procedures shortly after we receive your card indicating that you will serve.

Sincerely,



Michael J. Egan
Associate Attorney General

Enclosures