DATE: December 5, 2018

TO: Board of Directors, American Judicature Society

FROM: AJS Standing Committee on Judicial Selection, Retention, and Accountability (the “Standing Committee”)

RE: Report of the Standing Committee at the AJS Board of Directors Quarterly Meeting (December, 2018)

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   The Standing Committee’s membership has expanded to include mainland Ex-Officio members: Bob Kaufman (former AJS president, partner at Proskauer Rose LLP [NY]), Paul Titus (former AJS board chair, Of Counsel at Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis LLP [PA]), and Dr. Malia Reddick (former AJS Director of Research and Programs, Director of Judicial Programs for the Institute for the Advancement of the American Legal System [IAALS], and consultant to the Brennan Center for Justice).

2. **Potential Topics for the 2020 Conference.** The Standing Committee has met to discuss possible conference topics and/or speakers for consideration by the Board and/or the Steering Committee. Input has also been received from Malia Reddick, Hon. (Ret.) Judge Leslie Hayashi, and Larry Okinaga.

   Based on a draft outline of topics prepared earlier this year and the Standing Committee’s discussions to date, potential topics for the conference include the following:

   - Judicial fairness, impartiality, and independence
   - Judicial diversity
   - Judicial ethics and conduct
   - Judicial selection, retention, and accountability
   - Judicial administration
   - Revitalizing AJS

   Potential speakers and topics have been suggested, including the following:

   - Hon. Mazie Hirono (judicial impartiality, diversity)
   - Alicia Bannon (Brennan Ctr. - judicial diversity, judicial elections, judicial independence)
• Malia Reddick (judicial elections, diversity)
• Hon. Charles Wiggins (WA Sup. Ct. - judicial elections)
• Hon. Margaret McKeown (9th Cir. - judicial independence)
• Dean Erwin Chemerinsky (Boalt Hall - judicial independence)
• Hon. (Ret.) Jeremy Fogel (Berkeley Judicial Institute - judicial conduct, independence)

The question was raised as to whether speakers should be invited to provide a conservative take on the issues, in general (e.g. a Federalist Society representative). The Standing Committee will be meeting to further discuss potential topics and speakers in the coming months.