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Please return by fax to (212) 541-7301 or by mail to Advocacy, Committee for Modern Courts, 351 West 54th Street, NY, NY 10019 on or before October 12, 2006.

- 1. As you read in the cover letter to this survey, Legislative action is required to change the way we select Supreme Court justices, would you support a legislative effort to make such changes?**

YES **NO**

Comments

- 2. Do you support holding public hearings to determine how to best amend our laws governing the selection of Supreme Court judicial candidates?**

YES **NO**

Comments

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5. The Feerick Commission recommended a series of reforms to the current elective system that might address the constitutional issues found by the Appeals Court in *Lopez Torres* (see cover letter). Included in the Feerick Commission recommendations, are reforms of the judicial nominating conventions. The reforms are designed to increase the participation and knowledge of delegates to the convention. They include:

- providing for the election of judicial delegates long before the conventions,
- decreasing the number of delegates,
- extending the term a delegate maintains his/her position,
- decreasing the petition signatures required for a delegate, and
- allowing judicial candidates to address the delegates at the convention.

Would you support legislation that would include some or all of these recommendations?

YES NO

Comments

6. Would you support another recommendation of the Feerick Commission: legislation establishing independent judicial qualifying commissions composed of appointees of local bar/civic, not for profit organizations, and law schools or local colleges or universities that would review judicial candidates and report its findings of “most qualified” directly to the delegates and the voters?

YES NO

Comments

A qualified Yes. Again, it is naïve to believe that this process, with these reviewers, could not be political.

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7. **Other elected judges in New York State include County Court, Surrogate Court, Family Court (outside of New York City), New York City Civil Court, District Court and City Court judges. Would you support the creation of independent judicial qualification commissions to review the qualifications of those judicial candidates?**

YES NO

Comments

I am a former County Court Judge, and believe in judicial reform, but believe many of the suggestions you offer seriously miss the mark.

8. **Please circle and comment on which of the following components of our court system are important to the members of your community.**

- Jury Duty
- Court Facilities
- Judges
- City Court
- Family Court
- Supreme Court
- Village or Town Courts

Comments

[wrote "All" above next to choices]

Thank you. Please make sure you sign the first page of this survey and return it by fax to (212) 541-7301 or by mail to Advocacy, Committee for Modern Courts, 351 West 54th Street, NY, NY 10019 on or before October 12, 2006.