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January 30, 2012

Hon. Richard A. Simonton
Judicial Nomination Commission
P. O. Box 1249
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Dear Judge Simonton:

The Legislature has created a new position of Associate Water Judge. The term is to commence on July 1, 2012.

The Judicial Nomination Commission is required to receive applications for this position and submit a list of recommended applicants to the Chief Justice.

The procedures provided for in Title 3, Chapter 1, MCA, and the rules adopted thereunder, apply to the appointment of this position. Section 3-7-221, MCA, provides the qualifications and term of office of the Associate Water Judge.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. The Office of Court Administration will provide assistance to the Commission; please contact Beth McLaughlin for additional information.

Good luck in your deliberations. I look forward to hearing from you.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike McGrath".

Mike McGrath
Chief Justice

c: Members of the Judicial Nomination Commission
Justices
Hon. C. Bruce Loble, Chief Water Judge
Beth McLaughlin
Ed Smith