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The Honorable David B. Albo  
Chairman, House Courts of Justice Committee  
6367 Rolling Mill Place, Suite 102  
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The Honorable Kenneth W. Stolle  
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The Honorable Vincent F. Callahan, Jr.  
Chairman, House Appropriations Committee  
P.O. Box 1173  
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The Honorable John H. Chichester  
Chairman, Senate Finance Committee  
P. O. Box 904  
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Dear Mr. Chairmen:

The provisions of Item 30 D of the Appropriations Act (Chapter 4 of the Acts of Assembly 2006, Special Session I) provide that "the Judicial Council and the Committee on District Courts are requested to submit a fiscal impact assessment of their recommendations for the creation of any new judgeships, including the cost of judicial retirement, to the Chairmen of the House and Senate Committees on Courts of Justice, and the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees." The Judicial Council recommends the creation of four new circuit court judgeships (one each in the tenth, twenty-sixth, twenty-seventh and thirtieth judicial districts). The Committee on District Courts recommends three new general district court judgeships (one each in the second, eleventh

and twenty-sixth judicial districts) and two new juvenile and domestic relations district court judgeships (one each in the first and twenty-eighth judicial districts). Pursuant to the Appropriations Act, please find enclosed the fiscal impact assessment for the creation of each new circuit court and each new district court judgeship. The total cost for each new circuit court judgeship is \$231,831. The total cost for each new district court judgeship is \$210,113.

If you have any questions, please let me know. With best wishes, I am

Very truly yours,



Karl R. Hade

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Enclosures

cc: The Honorable Susan C. Schaar, Clerk  
The Honorable Bruce F. Jamerson, Clerk  
Mr. Richard E. Hickman, Jr., Senate Finance Staff  
Mr. Michael R. Jay, House Appropriations Staff  
Ms. Mary Kate Felch, Division of Legislative Services  
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CIRCUIT COURT JUDGESHIP COSTS  
SALARY EFFECTIVE 11/25/06

		<u>Circuit</u>
SALARY		\$143,549
RETIREMENT	41.47%	59,530
GROUP LIFE	1.13%	1,622
RETIREE HEALTH INS.	1.07%	1,536
FICA BASE	94,200 @7.65%	7,206
FICA (above cap)	49,349 @1.45%	716
HEALTH		8,176
DEF COMP MATCH		480
CLERK HIRE		1,500
PERSONAL COMPUTER		2,500
SUB/RET JUDGES:		
CIRCUIT AVG.EXP. PER JUDGE		4,660
FICA FOR SUB JUDGE		356
TOTAL		\$231,831

CIRCUIT SUBSTITUTE BASED ON 23.3 DAYS @ \$200.00

DISTRICT COURT JUDGESHIP COSTS  
SALARY EFFECTIVE 11/25/06

	District
SALARY	\$129,202
RETIREMENT                    41.47%	53,580
GROUP LIFE                    1.13%	1,460
RETIREE HEALTH INS.        1.07%	1,382
FICA BASE                    94,200 @7.65%	7,206
FICA (above cap)            35,002 @1.45%	508
HEALTH	8,176
Def. Comp Match	480
PERSONAL COMPUTER	2,500
SUB/RET JUDGES:	
DISTRICT AVG.EXP. PER JUDGE	5,220
Fica Sub Judge	399
TOTAL	 \$210,113

DISTRICT SUBSTITUTE BASED ON 26.1 DAYS @ \$200.00