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February 18, 2010

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RE: Annual Report pursuant to Item 38, Paragraph D, of the 2009 Appropriations Act

Dear Chairmen:

Item 38, Paragraph D, of the 2009 Appropriations Act requires the Executive Secretary to submit to the Chairmen of the House and Senate Committees on Courts of Justice and the Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees a fiscal impact assessment of the recommendations of the Judicial Council and the Committee on District Courts for the creation of any new judgeships, including the cost of judicial retirement.

In light of the economic crisis, the Chief Justice did not intend to seek authorization for any new judgeships during the 2010 Session of General Assembly and no study was conducted

by the Judicial Council or the Committee on District Courts regarding the need for new judgeships in 2009. Accordingly, no fiscal impact assessment was prepared.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With kind regards, I am

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K R HADE". The letters are stylized and connected.

Karl R. Hade

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cc: The Honorable Susan C. Schaar, Clerk
The Honorable Bruce F. Jamerson, Clerk
Mr. Richard E. Hickman, Jr., Senate Finance Committee
Mr. Michael Jay, House Appropriations Committee
Ms. Mary Kate Felch, Division of Legislative Services
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