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MEDIA ADVISORY

Public Forum on Becoming a Judge at 2015 Judicial//Bar Conference

WHEN: Friday, April 17, 2015, 2:15PM

**WHERE: Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center–
1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, DC**

WHO:

Judge Russell F. Canan, DC Superior Court; Chair, Committee on the Selection & Tenure of Magistrate Judges;

Judge Emmet G. Sullivan, United States District Judge, U.S. District Court-DC; Chair, District of Columbia Judicial Nomination Commission;

Holly A. Idelson, Senior Counsel, Senate Committee on Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs;

Christopher D. Kang, Deputy Counsel to the President, Office of the White House Counsel;

Natalie O. Ludaway, Member, DC Judicial Nomination Commission;

Woody N. Peterson, Member, DC Judicial Nomination Commission;

Addy R. Schmitt, *Panel Moderator*, Counsel, Miller & Chevalier, Magistrate Judge Advisory Merit Selection Panel.

The District of Columbia Courts and the District of Columbia Bar collaborate to present a joint conference each spring to discuss timely issues in the legal profession. The public forum “So, You Want to be a Judge on the District of Columbia Courts?” is designed to provide information and answer questions related to the process of applying for and becoming an associate or magistrate judge in the District of Columbia. The forum presents a rare opportunity to meet and hear from representatives from all stages of the process, including the DC Judicial Nomination Commission, the White House Counsel’s Office, the United States Senate, the Committee on the Selection and Tenure of Magistrate Judges, and the Magistrate Judge Advisory Merit Selection Panel.

The panel will discuss qualifications for judicial office, the application process, and, for associate judges, the nomination and confirmation process. The forum will include a question and answer session. All those interested in aspiring to the bench or seeking insight into the selection of judicial officers in the District of Columbia are encouraged to attend. **Registration for this free forum:** <http://www.dcbbar.org/about-the-bar/annual-events/membership-forum.cfm>