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To: Members of the Executive Committee
From: Vito J. Lopez
Re: Judicial Selection Issues
Date: February 6, 2006

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Please be advised that on January 27, 2006, United States District Judge John Gleeson (Eastern District, New York) issued an Order, preliminarily enjoining the use of Judicial Conventions for the nomination of party candidates for the Public Office of Justice of the Supreme Court, effective immediately.

While we believe it is likely that the matter will be appealed, we, nevertheless need review a number of our current judicial selection procedures in order to accommodate this determination. Under Judge Gleeson's Order, candidates for the Supreme Court would be designated by petition for nomination in the September Primary Election, subject to further action by the legislature.

Judge Gleeson's "Memorandum and Order Including Preliminary Injunction," consists of seventy-seven (77) pages and is too voluminous to reproduce and transmit with this writing. Should you wish to read it, in its entirety, you can find it on the internet at:

<http://www.brennancenter.org/programs/downloads/lopeztorres/lopeztorres-decision.pdf>

Potential changes to the current Screening Committee resolution would include an adjustment of the time frame in which the Committee must report its evaluation of Supreme Court Candidates (currently set forth as June 15th), as well as concomitant adjustments to enable the Committee to meet any revised deadline.

I have invited Martin Edelman, Esq., the Chairman of our Screening Committee to address these issues to our next Executive Committee meeting, for which you have received notice, on February 16, 2006.