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December 20, 2007

Dear Mr. Steele,

Thank you for participating in the judicial evaluation process. We have read and considered all of the materials you submitted, the investigators' report, and your Alliance interview. We have found you **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED** for the position of Appellate Court justice.

Sincerely,

The image shows two handwritten signatures in black ink. The signature on the left is 'Lonny Ben Ogus' and the signature on the right is 'Susan K. Horn'. Both signatures are written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lonny Ben Ogus

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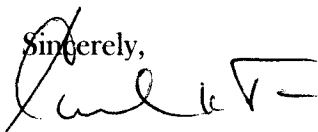
Honorable John O. Steele
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Dear Judge Steele:

This is to advise you of the results of your interview by the Cook County Bar Association in conjunction with the Alliance of Bar Association for Judicial Screening. The Cook County Bar Association has completed a review of your application, investigation, and comments from the interviewing panel.

We are pleased to inform you that your background and credentials support a rating of "Recommend" for the office of the Illinois Appellate Court judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County.

Sincerely,



Carl K. Turpin
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