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Dear 18B Panelist,

       I was recently appointed by the Appellate Division, 2nd Department to succeed Judge Arthur Eiberson as Administrator of the Nassau County 18B Panel. I am grateful to Judge Eiberson for his assistance to me during the transition period and I thank the 18B Search Committee and the Board of Directors of the Nassau County Bar Association for the trust they have placed in me.

       Many of you know me personally, but for those who don't, please note that after graduating from St. Johns Law School in 1968 (I was incredibly young at the time) I worked for a Manhattan law firm, was a partner in my own firm, and in 1975 began working for Denis Dillon in the Nassau County District Attorney's office. I left Mr. Dillon's office in October of 2000 after 25 years and 10 months of service. During my time there, I tried felony cases and then served as Executive ADA for Administration. My duties in that title included the administration of the office, the trial techniques training of all new ADA's and the Continuing Legal Education of all ADA's.

       With that background, I hope to do my best to serve the needs of the Bar Association, the Courts and each of you. If there are problems that you feel exist in the current system, I would appreciate hearing from you about them. If you have suggestions as to how to motivate the Governor and/or Legislature to increase the 18B pay scales, I welcome them. If you have an idea about a C.L.E. program or series of programs that would interest you, please let me know.

       I hope to establish an E Mail Address for this office in the near future so that we may communicate more easily in the future. In that regard, if you have an E Mail address that is NOT listed in the Bar Association 2000-2001 Guide (pp. 291 to 327) please let us know what it is at your earliest convenience.

       That's it for now. I look forward to meeting many of you in the coming weeks and I thank you for your past, present and future work as an 18B attorney.

           Sincerely,

           Patrick L. McCloskey