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Dear ICJL Judicial Retention Commission:

Attached are the responses to the ICJL 2018 Retention Questionnaire. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Bartkowicz".

Hon. Ronald F. Bartkowicz

ICJL 2018 JUDICIAL RETENTION QUESTIONNAIRE

Retention Judge Judicial Position

1. State the main reason why voters should return you to the bench.

Voters should return me to the bench because I possess the following qualities:

- Productive
- Good health
- Respectful
- Knowledgeable
- Found qualified no less than 5 times by the bar review evaluations

2. What actions have you taken as a judge of which you are most proud of?

I extend respect and courtesy to members of the Illinois bar and Court personnel. Moreover I am sensitive to difficulties experienced by those individuals selected for jury service. Lastly, each semester, we hire externs from surrounding law schools and expose them to the judiciary system by immersing them in different projects.

3. Name and describe one change you would make in the Illinois Court System.

I want to expand the scope of voluntary and mandatory alternative dispute resolutions.

4. ~~One prominent Illinois judicial evaluation survey asks attorneys to evaluate candidates on Integrity, Impartiality, Legal Ability and Temperament. Critique yourself in these four areas as to who you personally approach your job as a judge?~~

The answer is best summarized by Judicial Performance Commission of Cook County judicial performance improvement plan, which found no substantial weaknesses. Also, the Judicial Evaluation Commission indicated that my attorney evaluations were equal to or greater than the scores for other judges