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STATEMENT FROM THE PRESIDING JUSTICES

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We would like to share some important news regarding admission to the practice of law. We are pleased to announce today that, with the support and encouragement of Chief Judge Janet DiFiore, and with the innovative use of technology, each Department of the Appellate Division will soon be resuming the admission process that had been paused due to the present public health crisis. Virtual admission ceremonies will be conducted for eligible candidates. Character and fitness interviews may also be waived or conducted virtually. While the precise methodology may vary somewhat among the Departments, we are each committed to admitting all qualified candidates as expeditiously as circumstances permit.

Candidates awaiting admission will be contacted by our committed and dedicated Committee on Character and Fitness staff. Because of the substantial volume of pending admission applications, we request that candidates wait to be contacted. We would appreciate your patience. Otherwise, status inquiries from the

thousands of people now awaiting admission will consume our staff's time and potentially delay the admissions themselves. We thank you for your understanding and reiterate our commitment to have all successful candidates admitted to the practice of law as soon as possible.

Stay healthy and stay safe.

Respectfully,



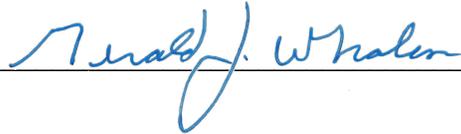
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