SUPREME COURT OF VERMONT 109 STATE STREET MONTPELIER, VERMONT 05609-0801

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PAUL L. REIBER
CHIEF JUSTICE

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Barbara Blackman, Esq. Chair, Judicial Conduct Board

(sent via email only to bblackman@lynnlawvt.com)

Dear Chair Blackman,

The Judiciary has received the attached communication from a nonprofit organization called "Fix the Court," which advocates for openness and accountability in federal and state judiciaries. The letter requests that the Court consider expanding the financial reporting required of judicial officers to include spousal income, liabilities, and real property. The Court requests that the Judicial Conduct Board consider this proposal and make a recommendation to the Court on whether to amend Rule 3.15 of the Vermont Code of Judicial Conduct and the annual financial disclosure form.

Thank you for your service as Chair of this important committee.

Sincerely,

Hon. Paul L. Reiber

Vermont Supreme Court