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June 21, 1979

Hon. Earl Ben Gilliam
4545 Collwood Blvd, Unit 52
San Diego, California 92115

Dear Judge Gilliam:

The Department of Justice has just informed us that you are under serious consideration for appointment as United States District Judge for the Southern District of California.

The Federation of Women Lawyers' Judicial Screening Panel ("FWL") has been formed to assess the demonstrated commitment to equal justice of individuals being considered for appointment to district and circuit court federal judgeships. As you know, President Carter's Executive Order creating the United States Circuit Judge Nominating Commissions and his Executive Order implementing the Omnibus Judgeship Act require that judicial candidates possess and have demonstrated commitment to equal justice under law.

In establishing its ratings, which relate solely to the question of demonstrated commitment to equal justice, FWL will follow the investigatory model of the A.B.A. Standing Committee on the Judiciary with respect to interviews and background research. Attached is a single page questionnaire requesting basic biographical information. If you would prefer to send us your Nominating Commission questionnaire or resume, please feel free to do so. Set forth below are the two questions essential to FWL's inquiry.

1. What activities in your professional and personal life evidence your demonstrated commitment to equal justice? Such activities may include, for example, civil rights litigation; involvement in projects dedicated to securing equal rights for women, minorities and the poor; participation in relevant legislative efforts; efforts to advance the status of women and minorities in the legal profession and in business, professional and social organizations; provision of representation to the poor and disadvantaged.

2. Who are the individuals with whom it would be appropriate for us to speak regarding these aspects of your career, and where can they be reached?

FWL would appreciate receiving your reply to these two questions and the requested biographical information no later than

July 5, 1979. Please direct your answers to Diana Richmond, Esq., 447 Sutter Street, San Francisco, CA 94108. FWL is also asking each candidate to meet with our Circuit and/or State Representative for an interview which will be kept to one hour. Ms. Richmond will telephone you shortly to arrange an appointment. Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

Lynn Hecht Schafran,
National Coordinator

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cc: Diana Richmond, Esq.

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CANDIDATE'S BASIC DATA FORM

Candidate's Name: _____

1. Office Address and Telephone:

2. Admissions to the Bar:

3. Please list your employment history with dates, including law practice, elected or appointed office, judicial experience, business and other non-legal employment.

4. Please list what you consider to have been your major cases or major decisions during the last five years.

5. Please list the titles and citations of any books, articles, speeches and other publications you have written.

6. Please list the organizations and clubs of which you were or are a member, including civic, public service, social, fraternal, political, professional and special interest organizations.