

Superior Court of the District of Columbia Washington, D.C. 20001

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February 12, 2013

Honorable Russell F. Canan Associate Judge District of Columbia Superior Court 500 Indiana Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Findings and Recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee

Dear Judge Canan,

Thank you for the Ad Hoc Committee's Findings and Recommendations report. I greatly appreciate the Ad Hoc Committee's efforts in studying the causes of wrongful convictions in the District of Columbia and setting forth recommendations and initiatives to address them. I agree with all of the Ad Hoc Committee's findings and recommendations submitted in the report and look forward to working with the Committee in the future.

I applaud the members of the Ad Hoc Committee for the comprehensive evaluation of the District of Columbia's compliance with best practices throughout the country and success in working together to assemble this thorough report.

The Superior Court strives to attain exemplary standards of practice in the criminal justice system, and the Ad Hoc Committee is well-serving the Court and the community in this important work.

Sincerely,

Lee F. Satterfield

Chief Judge