



**STATE OF CONNECTICUT**  
JUDICIAL SELECTION COMMISSION

Leander Dolphin, Chairperson  
Judicial Selection Commission

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Commission on Judicial Compensation  
c/o Judiciary Committee  
Legislative Office Building  
Hartford, CT 06106-1591

RE: Judicial Compensation

Dear Commission Members,

I write today in my capacity as Chairperson of the Connecticut Judicial Selection Commission to provide written comment with regard to your examination of judicial compensation in Connecticut and your recommendations regarding the same.

I have reviewed the report submitted by Chief Justice Mullins to this Commission, and write in support of his recommendations in that report, for all of the reasons articulated therein. Without question, seeking highly qualified and experienced attorneys and retaining experienced judges is paramount in ensuring that we maintain a qualified, fair, and impartial judiciary. Based on my experience previously serving on the Commission on Judicial Compensation in 2020, and now serving as the Chairperson of the Judicial Selection Commission, it is apparent that the current compensation for judges in our state may be an impediment to attracting qualified candidates with diverse professional backgrounds and experience. Moreover, as Chief Justice Mullins notes in his report, the current compensation may also be impacting retention of judges, which causes great concern.

Chief Justice Mullins' recommendation that such compensation be increased in each of the next four years is reasonable and fair, particularly as judicial compensation in Connecticut currently lags behind the majority of other states.

Thank you again for your time and attention to these matters.

Leander A. Dolphin, Chair

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