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MEMORANDUM

DATE: 4-25-02

TO: Judiciary and Legislation Committee Members

FROM: Ald. Michael S. D'Amato

RE: Municipal Judge Vacancy

An update on the Municipal Court Branch 2 Judicial Vacancy:

I met last week with Kelly Centofanti, President of the Milwaukee Bar Association, to discuss how the Bar might assist us in our selection process. She expressed her willingness to provide whatever support and expertise we need.

We were able to agree on a process that will provide the Committee and the full Council with direction while not limiting the options allowed us by state statute. After the application period has ended on May 17, all applications will be forwarded to the Milwaukee Bar Association. They will review the letters of application and resumes and provide each applicant with one of 3 ratings, UNQUALIFIED, QUALIFIED, and HIGHLY QUALIFIED.

All applications will then be returned to the Judiciary and Legislation committee for our review and action. After the committee reviews the rated applications, conducts interviews, (if it is the pleasure of the committee), and takes action, one name will be forwarded to the Common Council as our recommended appointee.

Ms. Centofanti was very pleased with the role that the Bar would play, and is at work assembling her review team so that it includes attorneys who either live or practice in the City of Milwaukee, and represent the diversity of the city itself.

As always, please feel free to stop in if you have any questions or concerns.

