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Re: Evaluation of Ethel R. Hernandez for Superior Court Judge

The Ventura County Bar Association Judicial Evaluations Committee evaluates candidates in contested judicial elections and candidates seeking appointment to Superior Court judgeships in Ventura County and certain California appellate judgeships. This evaluation is separate from the evaluation conducted by the State Bar of California Judicial Nominees Evaluation Commission. In contested elections the evaluations are released to the public through the media to inform the electorate about the Bar's views of the candidates' qualifications. The evaluations for those seeking judicial appointment are provided to the Governor and are otherwise kept confidential.

Please help us evaluate the candidate named at the top of the enclosed Confidential Comment Form by completing the form. Your thoughtful assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Please evaluate the candidate as an individual and not as compared with any other candidate for the same or any other office. The names of persons supplying information will not be revealed to the candidate and will not be revealed even to the committee unless authorized.

Your comments and observations written in the blank spaces on the form would be especially helpful. Please check one of the blanks on the back of the form concerning whether your name may be revealed to the committee.

If you wish to expand on your comments, please call me at my office (805) 654-3514 or my cell phone (619) 857-5217. I urge you to call if you are well acquainted with the candidate professionally or if you have particularly positive or negative comments.

Please return the form to me by email or regular mail within 10 days at the address listed at the bottom of the form, marked PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL: NOT LEGAL INTAKE, and NOT to the Bar Association.

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Thank you in advance for your help.

Very truly yours,

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