

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ACCESS TO JUSTICE COMMISSION

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Dear Mr. Segal:

On behalf of the District of Columbia Access to Justice Commission, I would like to thank DLA Piper Rudnick Gray Cary for the *pro bono* legal assistance it has provided to the Commission this year. As you may know, the Commission was created earlier this year by the D.C. Court of Appeals to address the lack of legal services available to low and moderate income District residents. Our Commission includes judges from the D.C. Court of Appeals and Superior Court, three past Presidents of the D.C. Bar, and other community leaders.

Although the Commission is only eight months old, we have established an ambitious agenda that includes seeking financial support from the D.C. government for civil legal services, reviewing programs in other states that provide counsel in landlord/tenant cases to determine if similar programs can be initiated here, and preparing an in-depth report that details the legal needs facing the District's poorest residents. We could not have engaged in the depth or breadth of our work without your law firm's support. DLA Piper Rudnick lawyers have been with us every step of the way in providing the assistance we need, whether it involves researching a legal issue or providing space to host a Commission-sponsored event. I am particularly pleased to see that my long-time friend, Harry McPherson, has agreed to serve on the Commission's political advisory committee. Harry's advice will be invaluable as we proceed with our projects. I have also been quite impressed with the work of Lisa Dewey, Sara Moghadam, and Eliza Nagle. Each has demonstrated a commitment to the Commission's mission and already made valuable contributions.

Please let me know if you would like additional information about the Commission. I can be reached at 202-662-9074 or Edelman@law.georgetown.edu. I would also be happy to speak to any group at your firm about the Commission's work

and DLA Piper Rudnick's contribution to it. Thank you again for your support. Best wishes for a safe and happy holiday season.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Edelman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "P" and "E".

Peter B. Edelman
Chair

cc: Elizabeth Dewey
Jeffrey Liss
Lee Miller