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January 7, 2015

The Honorable Robert A. Katzmann
Chief Judge
United States Court of Appeals
for the Second Circuit
40 Centre Street
New York, NY 10007

Dear Judge Katzmann:

I am pleased to submit the Report of the Proceedings of the Second Circuit Judicial Conference held on June 11-13, 2014 in Saratoga Springs, New York. This Report provides a summary record of each of the essential components of the Conference: your presentation on the state of the Circuit; the keynote address by the Secretary of the United States Department of Homeland Security, Jeh Johnson; the seven panel discussions which addressed the Conference topic; the report of our Circuit Justice, the Honorable Ruth Bader Ginsburg; and the judges' dialogue with Justice Ginsburg, which this year was based on a performance of arias from the opera *Scalia/Ginsburg* by Derrick Wang. The Report also contains brief background information about the new judges appointed during the two years since the last Circuit Conference, as well as memorial remarks for those who died. The appendices include the actual text of written remarks and other materials referenced during the Conference.

By all accounts, this Conference was a great success. It was attended by more than 750 members of the judiciary, the private Bar, government officials, and guests. I am informed that this attendance was the largest ever at a Second Circuit Judicial Conference. For the most part, this enormous interest and the turnout that the Conference generated can be attributed to two causes: the timely and thought-provoking overarching topic you selected — *Cyber-Security in the Age of Cyber-Terrorism* — and the stellar group of speakers and moderators that the Conference's Program and Planning Committee's various subcommittees were able to recruit to make up the seven expert panel discussions which examined the subject. The comments I received about the substance and quality of the speakers' presentations were uniformly enthusiastic. Such favorable response is a tribute to your outstanding leadership and the huge effort you devoted to ensuring the success of the Conference.

I hope that this Report serves several useful purposes: as an historical record of the Conference; as a substantive source for further review of the subject by the conferees and others; and as a model for future Judicial Conferences in this Circuit and elsewhere.

I thank you again for the honor and privilege you gave me to serve as Chair of the Conference's Program and Planning Committee this year. I look forward to working closely with you on other Court endeavors in the years ahead. I also thank the Committee's co-chairs and members, as well Circuit Executive Karen Greve Milton, Janice Kish, and the rest of the Circuit Court staff, for the extraordinary dedication and diligence they exhibited in this regard. Finally, in connection with this Report, we owe special gratitude to the three rapporteurs who organized and drafted it: Howard Master, Charles Michael, and Harry H. Rimm.

Sincerely,



Victor Marrero