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You have requested an opinion from the Judicial Proprieties Committee regarding an invitation that you have received from Representative William A. Oberle, Jr., of the Delaware State House of Representatives to serve as a member of the House Labor and Human Resource's Special Committee on State Personnel Reclassifications (the Special Committee). Membership on the Special Committee is to consist of representatives from the three branches of government and specialists in the field of personnel and human resource management. In many respects this committee was formed as the result of remarks made by the Chief Justice and you to the House Labor and Human Resource Committee on November 5, 1991, detailing the serious adverse impact upon the judicial system of certain personnel reclassifications that have occurred in the Judicial Branch as the result of actions by the Executive Branch.

In our unanimous opinion your service on this committee is specifically contemplated by Canon 4B and C, provided of course that you also observe the cautions included in Canon 4. Based upon the foregoing the Committee concludes that you may with propriety serve on the Special Committee.

Andrew G.T. Moore, II, Justice, Chairman
Chancellor William T. Allen
Judge Vincent A. Bifferato
Judge Clarence W. Taylor
Judge Robert W. Wakefield
Judge Paul E. Ellis
Judge Alfred Fraczkowski