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The New York State Commission on Judicial Nomination announced today the appointment of John J. Halloran, Jr. to the position of Deputy Counsel to the Commission on Judicial Nomination and of Norman W. Kee to the position of Assistant Counsel.

John J. Halloran, Jr. is a partner at the law firm of Speiser Krause Nolan & Granito. Mr. Halloran previously clerked for New York Court of Appeals Associate Judge Matthew J. Jasen, as well as working at the United States Department of Justice.

Norman W. Kee is an associate with Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler. Mr. Kee previously clerked for New York Court of Appeals Associate Judge Susan P. Read and on the Court's Central Staff.

The Commission on Judicial Nomination was created by Article 6, § 2 of the New York State Constitution. The Commission nominates persons for vacancies in the offices of Chief Judge and Associate Judge on the New York State Court of Appeals, from whom the Governor must select his appointment for the vacancy. The Governor's appointment is subject to confirmation by the New York Senate. Of the twelve members of the commission, four are chosen by the Governor, four by the Chief Judge of the State of New York, and one each by the Speaker of the Assembly, Temporary President of the Senate, Minority Leader of the Senate and Minority Leader of the Assembly.