

EXHIBIT "C"

**Conference of Chief Justices
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steered the Multistate Essay Examination and the Multistate Performance Test to their new harbor. That transition went very smoothly and encouraged us to consider whether we were ready to tackle the challenges of bringing our two multiple-choice tests in-house as well. Under the leadership of Susan Case, we began the process of bringing Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination test development to Madison. Melissa Cherney, MPRE Program Director, made it happen.

Most recently we determined we were ready to take on the most complicated test development of all—the creation of each Multistate Bar Examination. That was left to MBE Program Director Beth Donahue. All four tests have never been more robust. We owe no less to the jurisdictions that use the products, and to the applicants, who deserve fair tests for licensure. It has been exciting to watch the progression, and very satisfying to see the results of the decisions to undertake the work in-house.

What is next in testing? I expect that we will see a solid launch of the UBE in 2011 (with Missouri and North Dakota first in line this February). I expect that we will start test development in the area of Civil Procedure as an additional topic on the MBE. And we remain intrigued by the idea of testing for research skills through some mechanism. No one has time to rest on any laurels around here, and every day presents something new to consider.

This organization lost a true friend and important contributor with the death of James K. Robinson this month from cancer. Jim was a mainstay of the Evidence Drafting Committee for over three decades, currently serving as its chair. Jim's professional career—as a law dean, private practitioner, and U.S. Attorney, including a stint as Deputy Attorney General heading the Criminal Division of the U.S. Department of Justice—eminently qualified him to

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WHEREAS, the states' highest courts regard an effective system of admission and regulation of the legal profession as an important responsibility for the protection of the public; and

WHEREAS, the increased demand for lawyer mobility results in greater multijurisdictional practice and increased access to admission on motion; and

WHEREAS, the increasing use of uniform, high quality testing instruments has rendered most jurisdictions' bar examinations substantially similar; and

WHEREAS, law is the only major profession that has not developed a uniform licensing examination; and

WHEREAS, a uniform licensing examination for lawyers would facilitate lawyer mobility and enhance protection of the public; and

WHEREAS, state bar admission authorities and state supreme courts would remain responsible for making admission decisions, including establishing character and fitness qualifications and setting passing standards, and enforcing their own rules for admission; and

WHEREAS, issues relating to knowledge of local law can be addressed through a mandatory educational component, a separate assessment, or a combination thereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Conference of Chief Justices urges the bar admission authorities in each state and territory to consider participating in the development and implementation of a uniform bar examination.

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lead the Evidence drafting effort. Jim treasured his pro bono service to the profession through his work on the MBE. He was a model of intelligence, collegiality, good humor, and grace. We at NCBE are deeply saddened by his death. 