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Dan Scott, Committee Chairman  
**Maryland Judicial Equality Committee**  
P.O. Box 974  
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Dear Mr. Scott:

Receipt of your letter of July 24, 2002 is acknowledged.

I simply wish to inform the Committee that I take most seriously the oath that I took for the first time twenty seven years ago and have renewed periodically since, to decide each case fairly and in accordance with the applicable law and the facts of that particular case. That is what I do, have done and will continue to do, so long as I remain a judge. That also answers adequately, in my view, all of the concerns you seek to have addressed.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert M. Bell".

Robert M. Bell

RMB/vr