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Betty Jean Grant, Chair
Erie County Legislature
c/o Robert Graber, Clerk of the Legislature
Old County Hall – 4th Floor
92 Franklin Street
Buffalo, NY 14202

Dear Chair Grant:

RE: Application for position as Commissioner of the Erie County Water Authority

In response to the public notice of the vacancy in the position of Commissioner of the Erie County Water Authority, I hereby apply for consideration for appointment as Commissioner. I enclose a copy of my resume. I will be available for an interview as the Legislature may require.

Sincerely,

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Position Sought: Commissioner of the Erie County Water Authority

Relevant Knowledge & Experience Advising / Representing Governmental Entities:

I am a former partner of Hodgson Russ LLP. In a 35-year private practice law career, in addition to representing a multitude of individuals and businesses, I have experience

- Representing and advising municipalities in tort and commercial litigation,
- Handling suits between differing governmental entities,
- Representing government entities in administrative proceedings,
- Representing school districts in disability and non-discrimination administrative proceedings and civil litigation arising under Federal law and State law,
- Representing and advising municipal entities on compliance with Federal and State disability laws and on a multitude of Freedom of Information compliance matters,
- Advising schools on how to modify policies and implement policies and practices to be compliant with Federal and State statutory mandates.

Since January 2012, as Majority Counsel to the Erie County Legislature, I have provided advice on matters arising under the Erie County Charter and State law appropriate for the proper operation of county government.

I am familiar with the managerial obligations of a Commissioner of the Erie County Water Authority and the role that the Water Authority plays in the provision and protection of our vital fresh water supply.

Relevant Litigation Experience and Qualifications:

I was admitted to practice law and in New York State in 1972. I am admitted to practice in the United States District Court for the Western District of New York and to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. I am also a NYS Department of Education-Certified Impartial Hearing Officer.

I have tried cases in the New York State Supreme Court and the United States District Court for the Western District of New York. I have handled appeals to the Third [in Albany] and Fourth [in Rochester] Appellate Divisions of the Supreme Court and the New York State Court of Appeals.

Credentials: BA - Geneva College
MA - Duquesne University
JD - SUNY at Buffalo School of Law