

Chief Judge of the State of New York



Jonathan Lippman

November 18, 2010

Hon. Andrew M. Cuomo
Attorney General and
Governor-Elect of the State of New York
120 Broadway
New York, NY 10271

Dear Governor-Elect Cuomo:

Thank you for your letter of yesterday concerning the status of pending litigation arising from the three undecided State Senate elections.

I am in full agreement with you that swift judicial resolution of the legal issues presented in these matters is of critical importance. The New York State Unified Court System is therefore taking immediate steps to insure that all three pending election cases are fully and finally resolved before the end of the calendar year.

To this end, I have directed Chief Administrative Judge Ann Pfau to issue the enclosed Administrative Order setting forth an expedited schedule for the timely hearing and disposition of the currently pending matters pertaining to the election of members of the State Senate in the 7th, 37th, and 60th Districts.

I greatly appreciate your recognition of the courts' essential role in the fair and expeditious resolution of these and other disputes affecting the well being of our State. I look forward to continuing to work with you on behalf of the public we all serve.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jonathan Lippman".