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Devitt Distinguished Service Justice Award Committee P.O. Box 64810 St. Paul, MN 55164

It is an honor for me to enthusiastically support Chief Justice Damon J. Keith of the U.S. Sixth Circuit Court for the 1993 Devitt Distinguished Justice Award.

Judge Keith is a longtime respected friend I have known since the early 1950s when we served together as Commissioners on the Detroit Housing and Urban Renewal Commission. I was and am impressed with his dedication, intelligence, integrity and overall decency.

In my opinion, he would be an ideal Supreme Court Justice. I have served on the FCC for over 19 years. During that time, I have come to know many lawyers, Senators, Congressmen, judges and Supreme Court Justices. I even offered to serve as a campaign manager for Judge Keith, but he declined.

Although I'm not a lawyer, I have come to understand legal intricacies and to appreciate competent legal presentations both as a business executive and FCC Commissioner. The FCC has 282 lawyers specializing in communications law working with me as FCC Chairman.

Judge Keith already has been recognized for his distinguished service by numerous awards and 24 honorary degrees. He has earned the respect and admiration of everyone who has worked with him or has been privileged to call him a personal friend.

An award to Judge Keith would receive widespread public acclaim and would reflect credit on the Devitt Committee.

Respectfully,

James H. Quello