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## **GOVERNOR PATERSON ANNOUNCES COURT OF CLAIMS AND INTERIM JUDICIAL NOMINATIONS**

*Governor David A. Paterson today announced the nominations of Richard A. Dollinger and Lawrence K. Marks to fill two vacancies on the Court of Claims*

Richard A. Hanft serves as Counsel to Tully Rinckey PLLC in Albany and focuses his practice in the areas of municipal, as well as family and matrimonial law. He also currently serves as the Legislative Assistant to the Troy City Council. He was appointed to the Character and Fitness Committee of the Appellate Division, Third Department, in 1986 and has continuously served on that Committee for 23 years. He was President of the Rensselaer County Bar Association from 1986 to 1987. In 1977, Mr. Hanft was appointed a member of the SUNY-Albany University Council and served that body in a number of leadership capacities for 25 years. A certified Law Guardian since 1973, he has extensive experience representing children in custody and divorce matters. In addition to his New York State Bar admission, he is admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court and the Federal District Court, Northern District of New York. He graduated from the University of Rochester in 1968 and received his law degree from Albany Law School of Union University in 1971.

*This nomination is subject to senate confirmation.*