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Appellate Division , Second Judicial Department, Makes Guardianship Task Force Report and Recommendations Available to Public

BROOKLYN HEIGHTS, N.Y. - Presiding Justice A. Gail Prudenti of the Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Second Judicial Department, is pleased to announce that the *Report and Recommendations of the Guardianship Task Force* of the Appellate Division, Second Judicial Department, is now available to the public on the court's website: www.nycourts.gov/courts/ad2/. For members of the public without internet access, copies of the report may be obtained by writing to the Clerk of the Court, James Edward Pelzer, at 45 Monroe Place, Brooklyn, New York 11201.

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The public may submit comments on the Report and Recommendations for the court's consideration during the 60-day period ending on February 9, 2005.

The formation of the Guardianship Task Force is one of several initiatives launched by Justice Prudenti, after consultation with Chief Administrative Judge Jonathan Lippman, in response to the issues set forth in the *Report of the Grand Jury of the Supreme Court, Queens County, Concerning Thefts from Guardianship*, released in March 2004. According to Justice Prudenti, "The Guardianship Task Force was formed to examine the practices and procedures currently employed in the Guardianship Parts throughout the Second Judicial Department and to report and recommend proposals to improve, uniform and strengthen these practices. The release of this Report is another vital step toward our common goal of promoting public trust and confidence in the judiciary *by providing the most professional services to the community.

"The court has provided for a 60-day comment period so that members of the public will have the opportunity to express their views regarding the recommendations of the Guardianship Task Force concerning these important issues."

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