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NOTICE TO THE BAR

In response to inquiries about the processing and determination of applications for leave to appeal to the Court of Appeals in criminal cases, Chief Judge Jonathan Lippman has appointed Associate Judge Robert S. Smith to serve as liaison to the public and the Bar on this subject. Chief Judge Lippman, who had declared his intention to review the criminal leave application process, made the appointment with the support of the full Court.

Judge Smith will address questions about the process, including the criteria considered by judges in reviewing leave applications and limitations on the Court's jurisdiction. He will not review determinations made in any particular case; reconsideration of applications must be timely sought pursuant to the Court's Rules of Practice. Written questions and comments about the process may be directed to Judge Smith at Court of Appeals Hall, 20 Eagle Street, Albany, NY 12207-1095, or by e-mail at cla@courts.state.ny.us.