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Professor Paul R. Dubinsky
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Dear Professor Dubinsky:

I am terribly sorry that I was unable to attend your symposium celebrating Judge Jon Newman's thirtieth year on the federal bench. I would, however, like to voice some of my reflections on Judge Newman's unique contributions.

Jon and I are close personal friends. I consider him to be one of the great judges that America has produced. In many respects, he is, for me, the tenth Justice. His opinions are marked by his sharpness, his analytic ability, and above all, his special talent for balancing between conflicting values and interests. I am sure that all of these attributes have been discussed during the symposium.

I would like to mention an aspect of Judge Newman's prestigious career that many participants might not be aware of, namely his contribution to the Israeli Judiciary. For years Jon has been an honorary member of our Academy of Judges. He visits Israel often and has both lectured before our judges and consulted us on how to make our judiciary more effective. He even published an article in Hebrew on these matters.

As the beneficiaries of Jon's efforts, we have all been struck by the lucidity of his analysis, the depth of his thought, and the practicability of his solutions. I have told Jon several times that he should move to Israel and join our Court. The offer still stands.

Sincerely Yours,

Aharon Barak

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