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The retention judges are not campaigning. We are doing the job we were elected to do. Thus I will not be at your meeting. I do respect your agenda. I myself was at one time a divorced father. I have not served in the Family Division since 1993, but prior to that time I awarded custody to fathers on numerous occasions. Three cases that come to mind immediately are Pappert v. Pappert, FD 85-011461 (1988), Cohen v. Cohen, FD 88-010365 (1990) and Hawks v. Hawks, FD 90-003123 (1991). In the last case I awarded custody to a father in the Aleutian Islands rather than the mother in Sewickley. I have not attached copies of the opinions because they are all approximately 50 pages long, but they should be available in the Department of Court Records. I hope that you will support me and the other retention judges. Thank you. Gene Strassburger