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Letter to Donna K. Bausch regarding Scholarship Committee guidelines, February 13, 1989

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Dear Donna,

Thank you for your letter of February 2, 1989, in which you solicited from SEAALL Scholarship Committee members suggestions for improving the guidelines or procedures for awarding the scholarships. I do have two suggestions:

1) The criterion called "Potential for Staying in Profession", if it cannot be eliminated, ought to be more clearly defined and ought to receive fewer value points on the score sheet. Presently it is unclear on what the Committee members should base a judgment about the applicant's "staying" potential, and indeed, if one bases this judgment on the applicant's past work experience, does this not unnecessarily discriminate against our younger members or those who have chosen a career change?

2) In order to avoid the slightest appearance of impropriety, Committee members ought to disqualify themselves from writing letters of recommendation for any individual applicant(s). Otherwise, a person serving in this dual role might be open to accusations of conflict of interest.

Thanks for all your hard work, and for taking the time to deal with these comments and suggestions.

Sincerely,

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