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Dear Ms. Marcia Coyle,

I am delighted to inform you that you have been named the recipient of the American Judges Association's **2021 Gavel Award**. Covid protocols prevented us from presenting this award in 2021. The American Gavel Award for distinguished reporting about the judiciary was created in 2009 to recognize the highest standards of reporting about courts and the justice system

This award recognizes legal journalism at its best and highlights the importance of journalism in educating the public about the legal system and the fundamental principles and values upon which that system is based. The review committee was impressed by your outstanding journalism concerning the legal system.

The award will be presented at the Awards Luncheon on Wednesday, April 27, 2022, during AJA's Midyear Conference in Napa, California. We hope that you can be present to receive this well-deserved recognition. Enclosed is the information about the conference. In order to assist with our planning please let us know by April 5th, if you will be attending in person. Please call me at (225)389-8480 with any questions. Looking forward to seeing you in Napa.

Sincerely,

Judge Yvette Mansfield Alexander

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