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Dear Members and Friends:

We are honored to have the Honorable Ming W. Chin, Associate Justice of the California Supreme Court, address the Society at our May 15, 2008 luncheon. In addition to his work on the California Supreme Court, Justice Chin has served since September 2007 as Chair of the Commission for Impartial Courts. This Commission is considering actions that should be taken by the Judicial Council of California in order to safeguard the quality, impartiality and accountability of the California judiciary for the benefit of all its citizens – a matter of particular significance in the wake of threats against the independence of state judiciaries across the county. Please join us for what will be an enlightening discussion on a most important issue. You may rsvp by e-mail to Greg Schopf's assistant at gwayte@nixonpeabody.com or by completing and returning the accompanying reservation form.

We extend our gratitude to Father James Kairu for addressing the Society during our April luncheon. Father Kairu gave a moving discussion of the recent violence that engulfed his native Kenya and the challenges it faces in achieving a lasting peace among its 42 tribes. That same week, Pope Benedict XVI addressed the United Nations and spoke as well of the need for a deeper search for ways of pre-empting and managing conflicts based upon an awareness that human rights "are the fruit of a commonly held sense of justice built primarily upon solidarity among members of society, and hence valid at all times and for all peoples." In that vein, we continue to pray for and work towards peace here and abroad.

We also extend our joyful congratulations to The Most Reverend William J. Justice on his appointment as Titular Bishop of Matara de Proconsolare and Auxiliary Bishop of San Francisco. We look forward to his ordination on Wednesday, May 28, 2008, at 2:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral, and assure him of our prayers and support for his ministry.

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In Peace,



Terrence J. Coleman

ST. THOMAS MORE MARCH LUNCHEON RESERVATION

*****Please RSVP by 5/12/08*****

_____ I plan to attend the St. Thomas More Luncheon, at Noon on May 15, 2008, at the Carnelian Room, 52nd Floor, Bank of America Building, 555 California Street, San Francisco, CA.

Please reserve _____ places at \$45 per person (over 10 years in practice) or \$38 per person, (\$20 for law students and clergy) for the Society luncheon. I would like to sponsor a law student, luncheon speaker or pastor for the additional amount included of \$_____. My check payable to St. Thomas More Society, for \$_____ is enclosed.

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