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March 7, 2000

Governor George Pataki
The Capitol
Albany, New York 12224

ATT: Nan Weiner, Executive Director
New York State Judicial Screening Committees

RE: Official misconduct of Court of Claims Judge William A. Wetzel and Supreme Court Justice Stephen G. Crane in the public interest Article 78 proceeding, *Elena Ruth Sassower, Coordinator of the Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc., acting pro bono publico v. Commission on Judicial Conduct of the State of New York* (NY Co. #99-108551)

Dear Ms. Weiner:

Enclosed are copies of CJA's correspondence to various indicated recipients of our February 23, 2000 letter to the Governor, transmitting copies of that letter to them. This correspondence, to which the Governor is an indicated recipient, consists of:

- (1) CJA's February 25, 2000 letter to the proposed intervenors in the above-entitled Article 78 proceeding: the New York State Attorney General, the Manhattan District Attorney, the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York, and the New York State Ethics Commission, calling for their intervention to vacate Justice Wetzel's fraudulent judicial decision AND for investigation of CJA's *uninvestigated* ethics and criminal complaints – based on the Article 78 file, copies of which are in their possession [2 pages];

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- (2) CJA's March 3, 2000 letter to Chief Judge Judith Kaye¹, transmitting to her a copy of the Article 78 file and requesting that she take steps to have Administrative Judge Crane demoted and, with Justice Wetzel, removed from the bench and criminally prosecuted AND that she appoint a Special Inspector General to investigate the corruption of the New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct and the subversion of the judicial process by the Attorney General and state judges, of which the Commission is the *direct* beneficiary [9 pages²];
- (3) CJA's March 3, 2000 letter to the New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct, constituting a judicial misconduct complaint against Justices Wetzel and Crane for official misconduct of which the Commission is the *direct* beneficiary and calling upon it, by reason of its conflict of interest, to take steps to ensure that the complaint is independently determined [4 pages].

Since CJA's February 23, 2000 letter to the Governor not only opposes the elevation of Administrative Judge Crane and reappointment of Justice Wetzel -- which it the reason it was sent to your attention -- but requests that the Governor take steps to secure their removal and criminal prosecution AND appoint a Special Prosecutor or commission to investigate the Commission's corruption and subversion of the judicial process, please be sure that it is passed on to the Governor's counsel, James McGuire, along with the copy of the substantiating Article 78 file it transmitted. Likewise, the enclosed correspondence should be passed on to Mr. McGuire.

Yours for a quality judiciary,



ELENA RUTH SASSOWER, Coordinator
Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc.

Enclosures

¹ See fn. 58 (at p. 32) of CJA's February 23, 2000 letter to the Governor.

² Exhibits to be transmitted with "hard copy" by mail.

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