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Commission on Judicial Conduct
801 Second Avenue
New York, New York 10017

RE: Samuel G. Fredman
Justice of the Supreme Court
Westchester County

Dear Commission Members:

Transmitted herewith are copies of my Brief and Appendix filed with the Appellate Division, Second Department, in the matter of Breslaw v. Breslaw. These documents are in further support of my complaint against the above-named judge filed with your office more than three years ago.

My Brief and Appendix document that Judge Fredman is a menace on the bench. As detailed therein, on July 10, 1989, the case of Breslaw v. Breslaw was not even on the court's calendar, no appearances were made, and no default was noted on the record (Br. 9, 25-6, 61). Nonetheless, in what can only be viewed as a deliberate and malicious fraud, Judge Fredman wrote a July 13, 1989 defamatory decision (A-32), which he released to the press (A-281, A-342), castigating and smearing me for my non-appearance on that July 10th date (see also Br. 8-9, 60-2).

All of Judge Fredman's decisions are set forth in the Appendix (A-9-56). Without more, they constitute prima facie evidence of his emotional instability, as well as his unabashed ignorance and disrespect for the law. This is highlighted by Judge Fredman's final June 24, 1990 decision (A-9)--which is the focus of my Brief.

The transcripts of all of the proceedings are available for the Commission to confirm the enormity of Judge Fredman's perversion of the judicial process and obliteration of my rights. As stated in my Brief (at p. 69), "the transcripts have to be read to be believed--and even they fall short of the reality."

> "The transcripts of the proceedings, like the [June 24, 1990] Decision, show the Judge constantly alternating roles as judge, advocate, and witness, injecting himself on a

> personal level throughout the proceedings in a steady stream of personal opinions, prejudgments, and vicious ad hominem characterizations." (Br. 56)

Even the most cursory review of the decisions (A-9-56) and the transcript excerpts contained in my Brief (Br. 44-58) make evident that disciplinary investigation is long overdue and urgently needed.

As noted by my Brief (at pp. 3, 67-9), Judge Fredman's lack of respect for the "appearance of propriety" is further reflected by the fact that even after I made a formal recusal motion based on his prior hostility to me--Judge Fredman failed to reveal his on-going political relationship with adverse counsel, Harvey Landau, Esq., who, in the summer of 1989, was Chairman of the Scarsdale Democratic Club, actively endorsing and promoting Judge Fredman's campaign for election to the Supreme Court bench (A-312; A-318-323; A-326).

Needless to say, I am prepared to give personal testimony as required to support my factual and legal positions. By way of my credentials, I enclose a copy of a letter confirming my status as a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation "an honor reserved for less than one third of one percent of the practicing bar of each state". I would also state that before Judge Fredman saw fit to destroy my career and reputation with his politically-motivated and pathological vendetta against me, I was always accorded the highest rating of "AV" by Martindale-Hubbell's Law Directory for all the years I was in my own private practice and was nationally recognized and respected as an eminent matrimonial and human rights attorney.

Very truly yours,

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