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TO: NEW YORK STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
NEW YORK DISTRICT ATTORNEY  
U.S. ATTORNEY/SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK  
NEW YORK STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

FROM: Elena Ruth Sassower, Coordinator

RE: Your Duty to Ensure Independent Investigation: *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)

DATE: MARCH 17, 2000

Enclosed are copies of CJA's further correspondence in the above-entitled Article 78 proceeding – to which you are each indicated recipients:

- (1) CJA's March 3, 2000 letter to Chief Judge Judith Kaye<sup>1</sup>, transmitting to her a copy of the file in *Elena Ruth Sassower v. Commission*, including its physically-incorporated copies of the files of *Doris L. Sassower v. Commission* (NY Co. #95-109141) and *Michael Mantell v. Commission* (NY Co. #99-108655) and requesting (at p. 2), *inter alia*, 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 State Attorney General and judges of Supreme Court/New York County in these three Article 78 proceedings, of which the Commission is the *direct* beneficiary;
- (2) CJA's March 3, 2000 letter to the Commission on Judicial Conduct, constituting a judicial misconduct complaint against Acting Supreme Court Justice William Wetzel and Administrative Judge Stephen Crane for official misconduct in *Elena Ruth Sassower v. Commission*, of which the Commission is the *direct* beneficiary, AND calling upon it (at pp. 3-4), by reason of its conflict of interest, to take steps to ensure that the complaint is *independently* determined;

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<sup>1</sup> See fn. 58 (at p. 32) of CJA's February 23, 2000 letter to Governor Pataki.

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- (3) CJA's letter of this date to the Thomas Wornam, Deputy Chief of the Special Prosecutions Bureau of the Manhattan District Attorney, regarding his wilful disregard of conflict of interest rules in connection with CJA's October 21, 1999 criminal complaint<sup>2</sup>;
- (4) CJA's letter of this date to Andrew Dember, Chief of the Public Corruption Unit of the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York, regarding his wilful disregard of conflict of interest rules in connection with CJA's October 21, 1999 criminal complaint<sup>3</sup>;
- (5) CJA's letter of this date to Andrew Weissmann, Deputy Chief of the Criminal Division of the U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of New York, regarding his inaction on CJA's September 7, 1999 criminal complaint<sup>4</sup> and disregard of conflict of interest rules.

In the absence of your response to CJA's fact-specific showing that each of you suffers from disqualifying conflicts of interest – record reference for which was provided by CJA's February 25, 2000 memorandum to you – **demand is made that you meet your duty to ensure governmental integrity by:**

- (a) **referring for investigation CJA's *uninvestigated* criminal and ethics complaints to the Public Integrity Section of the U.S. Justice Department's Criminal Division, as CJA long ago requested you to do; and/or**

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<sup>2</sup> CJA's October 21, 1999 criminal complaint to the Manhattan District Attorney is annexed as Exhibit "G" to petitioner Elena Ruth Sassower's November 5, 1999 letter to Justice Kapnick.

<sup>3</sup> CJA's October 21, 1999 criminal complaint to the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York is annexed as Exhibit "H" to petitioner Elena Ruth Sassower's November 5, 1999 letter to Justice Kapnick.

<sup>4</sup> CJA's September 7, 1999 criminal complaint to the U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of New York is annexed as Exhibit "H" to petitioner Elena Ruth Sassower's September 24, 1999 reply affidavit in support of her omnibus motion. Free-standing copies of the September 7, 1999 complaint were mailed, certified/return receipt, to Attorney General Spitzer [Z-509-073-640], and the NYS Ethics Commission [Z-509-073-638], in addition to Governor Pataki [Z-509-073-639].

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**(b) joining in CJA's requests to Chief Judge Kaye for appointment of a Special Inspector General and to Governor Pataki for appointment of a Special Prosecutor or investigative commission<sup>5</sup>.**

Please advise forthwith.

Yours for a quality judiciary  
and governmental integrity,



ELENA RUTH SASSOWER, Coordinator  
Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)

cc: Governor George Pataki  
Chief Judge Judith Kaye  
New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct  
U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of New York  
Association of the Bar of the City of New York  
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Enclosures

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<sup>5</sup> See pp. 33-35 of CJA's February 23, 2000 letter to Governor Pataki.

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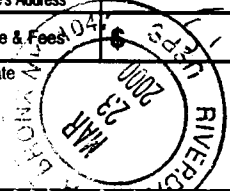
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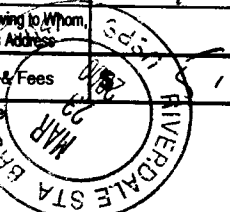
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