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Documenting the Corruption of Federal Judicial Selection & the "Disruption of Congress" Case it Spawned

CJA's letter to Senate Judiciary Committee, expressing citizen opposition to the nominations of New York Court of Appeals Judge Richard Wesley to the Second Circuit Court of Appeals and of P. Kevin Castel, Esq. to the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, requesting to testify in opposition, and requesting information. [view]

CJA's fax to Senator Schumer, requesting information about his purported judicial screening committee, the basis for his "agreement" with the White House to nominate Judge Wesley and Mr. Castel, and for a meeting to discuss their unfitness and his use of his "blue slip" prerogative to prevent Senate confirmation. [view]

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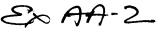
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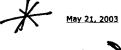
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- May 5, 2003 CJA's letter to President Bush, requesting that he withdraw the federal court nominations of Judge Wesley and Mr. Castel. [view]
- May 19, 2003 CJA's memorandum-letter to Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Hatch and Ranking Member Leahy, requesting cancellation of the May 22, 2003 hearing on Judge Wesley's confirmation, based on their personal review of CJA's March 26, 2003 statement and supervisory oversight of Senate Judiciary Committee staff — otherwise, permission to testify in opposition. [view]

May 19, 2003 CJA's memorandum-letter to Home-State Senators Schumer and Clinton, requesting personal review of CJA's March 26, 2003 statement and, based thereon, withdrawal of "blue slip" approvals and endorsement of the requests to Chairman Hatch and Ranking Member Leahy in CJA's May 19, 2003 accompanying memorandum to them. [view]

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