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BY HAND

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Bruce Golding  
Gannett: The Journal News  
White Plains, New York

RE: Article 78 Proceeding against NYS Commission on Judicial  
Conduct: WILL WILLIAM WETZEL BE RECUSAL #6?

Dear Bruce:

Enclosed, as discussed, is Judge Wetzel's November 22<sup>nd</sup> letter to me, responding to my November 15<sup>th</sup> letter. I am intending to file a recusal application – as well as a judicial misconduct complaint against him, based on his failure to make requisite disclosure, *inter alia*, of his close relationship with Governor George Pataki and to recuse himself.

As to CJA's long-standing efforts to obtain from the Governor publicly-available information about his judicial appointees – which would have included the committee report on Judge Wetzel, who was confirmed to the Court of Claims on June 15, 1995 (see NYLJ notice) -- enclosed are:

- (1) CJA's March 30, 1999 letter to the Governor's records access officer, Rosario Vissie invoking our rights under F.O.I.L (to which CJA's June 2, 1996 letter is annexed as Exhibit "C");
- (2) Mr. Vizzie's responding April 7, 1999 and May 6, 1999 letters;
- (3) CJA's March 26, 1999 ethics complaint, *inter alia*, against the Governor (see pp. 14-22);
- (4) CJA's September 15, 1999 ethics supplement, *inter alia*, against the Governor (see p. 3).

Happy Thanksgiving & vacation.

*Elena*