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RE: Politically-Explosive Public Interest Lawsuit against the NYS
Commission on Judicial Conduct – Going Up to the Court of
Appeals on “Law Day”, May 1st.

Dear Zachery:

I look forward to working together with you on the important stories we discussed. As requested, enclosed are copies of: (1) my Appellant’s Brief; (2) my Appellant’s Appendix; and (3) the Attorney General’s Respondent’s Brief – duplicating what I gave Robin Topping last April 18, 2001 at the Fair Trial-Free Press Conference at Columbia School of Journalism.

Although I believe you indicated that Robin gave you my December 12, 2001 letter (not only the documents it transmitted), I am enclosing another copy so that you can see the story I was then proposing. Also enclosed is my November 12, 1999 letter to Jack Sirica, to whom I first presented the litigation papers in this powerful lawsuit when it was still in Supreme Court/New York County.

As discussed, my public interest lawsuit – which will be up at the Court of Appeals on May 1st, “Law Day” – will not only “bring down” the Commission, but a “who’s who” of this state’s leadership – including, most particularly, Attorney General Spitzer and Governor Pataki – each up for re-election.

Summarizing the particulars as to how the lawsuit criminally implicates the Governor is my “Open Letter”, which appeared in the February 28th issue of the Martinelli Publications newspapers that circulate in Westchester County. A copy is enclosed, as is a copy of my Letter to the Editor in the March 7th issue of Metroland, previously faxed.

Other relevant materials are also enclosed. Most important is the 1989 report of the New York State Comptroller, entitled: "*Commission on Judicial Conduct: Not Accountable to the Public: Resolving Charges against Judges is Cloaked in Secrecy*", along with the Comptroller's press release. Also, in addition to my May 14, 1997 testimony about the Commission – a copy of which I also faxed you – is the testimony of former Bronx Surrogate Bertram Gelfand, describing the Commission as an "exercise in institutional corruption".

I would be happy to facilitate your review of the lawsuit papers, including the relevant legal provisions¹. Within no more than two hours, I can show you how easy it is to *verify for yourself* that the Commission has been the beneficiary of FIVE fraudulent judicial decisions in three separate lawsuits without which it would NOT have survived. It will be two hours well spent.

Yours for a quality judiciary
-- and hopefully a Newsday story for "Law Day",



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Enclosures: As indicated, plus CJA brochure

¹ For your convenience, enclosed are the constitutional, statutory, and rule provisions relative to the Commission – also accessible from the Commission's website: www.scjc.state.ny.us