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RE: "Mirror, Mirror", Editorial, Sunday, Aug. 29th

Enclosed is a copy of my proposed Letter to the Editor. The transcript of Attorney General Spitzer's January 27<sup>th</sup> announcement of his "public integrity unit" and my public exchange with him is annexed as an exhibit to the referred-to sanctions motion against the Attorney General in the case of *Elena Ruth Sassower, Coordinator of the Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc., acting pro bono publico, against the Commission on Judicial Conduct of the State of New York* (N.Y. Co. #99-108551). Upon request, I will speedily provide you with a copy of the sanctions motion – and, indeed, of the full file of the case.

P.S. I have once before had a Letter to the Editor printed by the Daily News – which featured it in a "Voice of the People" box. A copy of the Letter, "*O'Rourke's Appointment Was Illegal*" (2/13/98), is enclosed for your convenience.

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Dear Editor:

Your editorial, "*Mirror, Mirror*" (Aug. 29), about Attorney General Spitzer's creation of "a special unit to combat government corruption" is right in saying that Mr. Spitzer should "lead by example" if he wants to overcome public cynicism. However, Mr. Spitzer should begin by being truthful about his "public integrity unit" -- as to which no press release has ever been issued by his office. The unit is not, as your editorial implies, newly-created. Rather, it is already seven months old

– with a record showing it to be a fraud upon the public, covering up governmental corruption, starting with the Attorney General's *own* office.

On January 27<sup>th</sup>, I was in the audience at the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, when Mr. Spitzer announced, “as of today, I am creating a public integrity unit...to root out corruption throughout the state”. In the question and answer session that followed, I requested that the unit examine the fraudulent litigation tactics of the Attorney General's office in defending state judges and the State Commission on Judicial Conduct, sued for corruption. Mr. Spitzer replied, “anything that is submitted to us we will look at” – at which point I publicly presented him with a letter setting forth the relevant details and transmitting, in addition, evidence of the corruption of the judicial appointment process to our state's highest court.

Despite innumerable follow-up phone calls and voluminous correspondence to Mr. Spitzer's office, in which I emphasized that the unit cannot “credibly ‘clean up’ corruption elsewhere in state government without first ‘cleaning up’ the corruption of the Attorney General's office”, neither Mr. Spitzer nor his “public integrity unit” responded. Meantime, in a new lawsuit, Mr. Spitzer is defending the Commission on Judicial Conduct with the same litigation misconduct detailed in my hand-presented January 27<sup>th</sup> letter. This is documented in a motion, pending in New York Supreme Court (N.Y. Co. #99-108551), seeking sanctions against Mr. Spitzer, *personally*. The motion is a “must read” for anyone wanting to see the clearest mirror reflection of the truth behind Mr. Spitzer's rhetoric and his “public integrity unit”.



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