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<u>Daily News</u>
Michael Goodwin, Editorial Page Editor
450 West 33rd Street
New York, New York 10001

RE: ANSWERING YOUR QUESTION "Who Judges the Judges?" Daily
News title of my Letter to the Editor, Sunday, Sept. 12th

Dear Mr. Goodwin:

Albeit my proposed Letter to the Editor was sharply expurgated, I do thank you for publishing it in yesterday's paper AND recognizing its importance by featuring it in a box under the thought-provoking title "Who Judges the Judges?".

I would, however, appreciate your advice as to who, on the news side, I should turn to for a follow-up story answering the critical question your title raises, "Who Judges the Judges?". This would require examination of the government agency, financed by taxpayers, to judge judges, the New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct – all reference to which was excised from my proposed Letter.

I believe that a member of the <u>Daily News</u> staff is married to the Deputy Administrator of the Commission. I certainly would not wish to unwittingly, and futilely, waste valuable time in fielding the story of the Commission's corruption – identified in my proposed Letter to the Editor as presently the subject of a lawsuit in which a sanctions motion is pending against the Attorney General for fraudulent defense tactics — to a reporter or editor constrained from pursuing it for that illegitimate and possibly undisclosed reason.

Thank you.

Yours for a quality judiciary,

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