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### Article 78 proceeding: *Elena Ruth Sassower, Coordinator of the Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc., acting pro bono publico v. Commission* (NY Co. #99-108551)

Clay Tiffany judicial misconduct complaint (914-941-5124)

- 5/21/99 Tiffany complaint
- 6/1/99 Commission acknowledgment ltr
- 6/16/99 Commission ltr
- 9/14/99 Commission dismissal ltr

### Article 78 proceeding: *Doris L. Sassower v. Commission* (NY Co. #95-109141) (914) 997-8105

- Ex. "C": 10/5/89 Doris L. Sassower complaint
- Ex. "D": 10/24/91 Ninth Judicial Committee complaint
- Ex. "E": 1/2/92 Ninth Judicial Committee complaint
- Ex. "F": 12/4/92 Ninth Judicial Committee complaint
- Ex. "G": 9/19/94 Ninth Judicial Committee complaint
- Ex. "H": 10/5/94 Ninth Judicial Committee complaint
- Ex. "I": 10/26/94 Ninth Judicial Committee complaint
- Ex. "J": 12/5/94 Ninth Judicial Committee complaint
- Ex. "K": Commission acknowledgment ltrs
- Ex. "L": Commission dismissal ltrs
- Ex. "M": 1/22/93 DLS ltr pertaining to 12/4/92 complaint
- Ex. "N": 5/20/86 DLS judicial misconduct complaint,  
Commission acknowledgment ltr & dismissal ltr

Affirmation of George Alessio, Esq., with judicial misconduct complaint  
(315-424-0300):

- Ex. "A": 11/11/93 Alessio judicial misconduct complaint
- Ex. "B": Grand Jury Report - 8/16/93
- Ex. "C": 6/21/94 Commission dismissal
- Ex. "D": 6/27/94 Alessio ltr
- Ex. "E": 7/15/94 Commission ltr

Article 78 proceeding: Mantell v. Commission (NY Co. #99-108655)  
(212-750-3896):

Ex. "A": 9/28/98 Mantell judicial misconduct complaint  
Ex. "B": 1/4/99 Commission dismissal ltr  
--10/1/98 Commission acknowledgment ltr

George Sassower judicial misconduct complaints (914-681-7196)

2/8/88 G. Sassower judicial misconduct complaint  
10/23/88 G. Sassower judicial misconduct complaint  
10/24/88 G. Sassower judicial misconduct complaint  
1/17/94 G. Sassower judicial misconduct complaint  
2/14/94 G. Sassower judicial misconduct complaint  
2/17/94 G. Sassower judicial misconduct complaint  
2/24/94 Commission acknowledgment ltr  
3/29/94 G. Sassower judicial misconduct complaint

Eli Vigliano, Esq. judicial misconduct complaint (718-884-3747)

11/3/89 Vigliano judicial misconduct complaint  
11/10/89 Commission acknowledgment ltr  
1/30/89 Commission dismissal ltr

Paul Pontorno judicial misconduct complaint (914-642-4877)

5/21/90 judicial misconduct complaint  
5/24/90 acknowledgment ltr  
6/27/90 dismissal ltr  
9/15/90 Pontorno ltr  
9/19/90 Commission ltr

Washington Legal Foundation (202-588-0302)

12/19/92 WLF complaint  
3/11/93 Commission dismissal ltr  
12/23/93 WLF ltr

George Jemzura judicial misconduct complaint (607-674-4297)

6/4/96 Pataki ltr  
5/20/97 Jemzura ltr  
6/19/97 Jemzura ltr

6/8/98 Jemzura ltr  
8/25/98 Jemzura complaint  
1/4/99 Commission dismissal ltr  
2/9/99 Jemzura ltr  
2/11/99 Commission ltr

Thomas Thornton judicial misconduct complaint: (212-740-7008)

1/18/98 complaint  
1/30/98 Commission acknowledgement ltr  
3/29/98 Thornton ltr  
6/19/98 Thornton complaint  
7/7/98 Commission acknowledgment ltr  
7/1/98 Commission dismissal ltr  
7/9/98 Thornton ltr  
7/29/98 Commission ltr  
7/25/98 Thornton complaint  
8/3/98 Commission acknowledgement ltr  
10/7/98 Commission dismissal ltr  
10/15/98 Thornton ltr  
11/10/98 Commission ltr

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CJA's 2/25/00 memorandum to proposed intervenors  
CJA's 3/3/00 ltr to Chief Judge Judith Kaye  
CJA's 3/17/00 memorandum to proposed intervenors  
3/23/00 Notice of Appeal & Pre-Argument Statement:  
*Elena Ruth Sassower v. Commission*

Decisions in the 3 most recent Article 78 proceedings against the Commission  
NYLJ, front-page article "*End in Sight for New Case Assignment Plan*", 3/3/00  
CJA's Analysis of *Mantell v. Commission*;  
NYLJ front-page article, "*State Commission Can Refuse to Investigate Judge*",  
10/5/99  
NYT column, "*If a Judge Gets Out of Line: Seeking a Cure*", 8/28/99

CJA's 5/14/97 testimony before the Association of the Bar of the City of NY

"*To the Gulag*", Village Voice, 6/6/89  
"*Where Do You Go When Judges Break the Law?*", NYT, Op-Ed ad, 10/26/94  
"*True Believers: Whistleblowers*", Westchester County Weekly, 3/19/98

Legal Authorities:

Article VI, §22(a) NYS Constitution

Judiciary Law §44.1

22 NYCRR §7000.3

Chief Administrator's Rules Governing Judicial Conduct

(1998 Annual Report of NYS Commission on Judicial Conduct)

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