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RE: 12/5/01 lead editorial, "Judges Betray Trust of Those in Need"

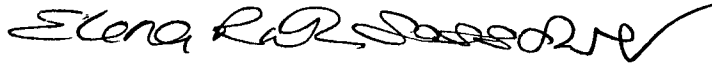
I have revised my proposed letter from 12/5/01 to encompass today's release of the report and recommendations of Chief Judge Kaye's Commission on Fiduciary Appointments – which, presumably, the Daily News will be reporting on in tomorrow's paper.

ATT: VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Chief Judge Judith Kaye and her appointee, Administrative Judge Jonathan Lippman, deserve no credit for the probe into fiduciary appointments. The credit belongs to the media. If not for its coverage of the letter of two disgruntled lawyers complaining to party leaders that they were being denied their piece of the patronage pie, Chief Judge Kaye would have done nothing. Indeed, away from the media spotlight, she and the Office of Court Administration haven't lifted a finger when litigant and lawyer victims have turned to them for help about violations of black-letter law by judges and lawyers having a field day with fiduciary appointments.

Moreover, the just-released report and follow-up recommendations are an "inside job". They actually cover up for the higher ups in the court system, whose refusal to discharge their monitoring responsibilities have made the abuses possible. They also cover up the corruption of other key governmental monitors – the Commission on Judicial Conduct, the attorney disciplinary committees, and the Attorney General's office. True reform will only come when their scandalous role is exposed.

Yours for a quality judiciary,



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