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RE: Proposed Investigative Expose of the New York State Commission
on Judicial Conduct -- and the Politically-Explosive Lawsuit Against
It Now Before the New York Court of Appeals

DATE: May 9, 2002

resent May 14, 2002

Following up our phone conversation -- and the important journalistic contribution you have made over the years in your coverage of judicial corruption/misconduct -- enclosed is the article "*Appeal for Justice*" about my public interest lawsuit against the NYS Commission on Judicial Conduct, which appeared in the April 25th-May 1st issue of Metroland -- Albany's alternative newspaper.

The *facially-meritorious* judicial misconduct complaint, whose unlawful dismissal by the Commission, *without* investigation and *without* reasons, generated the lawsuit, is based, in pertinent part, on the believed perjury of Court of Appeals Judge Albert Rosenblatt on his *publicly-inaccessible* application to the Court. This is what I would have testified to 3-1/2 years ago at his Senate Judiciary Committee confirmation "hearing". That neither I nor anyone else was permitted to testify in opposition at his unprecedented NO-NOTICE, BY-INVITATION-ONLY, confirmation "hearing" was the subject of my Letter to the Editor, which the Post published, unexpurgated, on December 28, 1998 under the title, "*An Appeal to Fairness: Revisit the Court of Appeals*". A copy is enclosed¹.

Also enclosed is Al Guart's February 23, 1996 story, "*Critics: Review Panel Protects Worst Jurists*" -- which appeared in the Post's February 23, 1996 issue, based on materials I provided him.

¹ Printed alongside is my Letter to the Editor, "*Judicial Reforms*", which the Daily News published in its December 7, 2001 issue.

Unfortunately, Al is currently preoccupied with other matters and is not able to pursue a story about the lawsuit. He does, however, have pertinent papers, which I gave him some weeks ago and which he told me he would send you. I would greatly appreciate if you would ask him to do so. Only by examining them for yourself can you be convinced, BEYOND DOUBT, of the *readily-verifiable* evidence of the Commission's corruption – including its corrupting of the judicial process to defeat legitimate citizen challenge.

On that subject, enclosed are some published pieces about CJA's prior lawsuit against the Commission -- "*Commission Abandons Investigative Mandate*" (NYLJ, 8/14/95); "*A Call for Concerted Action*", (NYLJ, 11/20/96); and "*Restraining 'Liars in the Courtroom' and on the Public Payroll*" (NYLJ, 8/27/97).

Let me know if you'd like me to send you the appeal papers now before the Court of Appeals – including my motion to disqualify all seven of its judges. The motion is returnable on May 20th.

Thanks.

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