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Mr. Enos Throop
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Dear Enos:

Thank you for your e-mail response inviting me to provide information relevant to the 2002 campaigns. I take the liberty of addressing you by your first name as that is how you signed your e-mail, which also addressed me by my first name.

I am the co-founder and coordinator of the Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA), a non-partisan, non-profit citizens' organization which, for more than a decade, has documented the dysfunction, politicization, and corruption of the behind-closed-doors processes of judicial selection and discipline.

The reason why Attorney General Eliot Spitzer is regarded as invulnerable to challenge – such that the May 15th New York Law Journal reported Maurice Carroll, director of the Quinnipiac College Polling Institute, as saying that “the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost...wouldn't beat Spitzer” and why he is being heralded as a rising star in the Democratic party with a future as Governor and possibly President (May 19th, Albany Times Union) -- is because the mainstream media has, throughout his tenure, REFUSED to report on his in-office misconduct.

Although Attorney General Spitzer speaks eloquently about being “the People's Lawyer” and restoring the integrity of public institutions and accountability, he has used his office to cover-up systemic governmental corruption involving, *inter alia*, Governor Pataki, high-ranking judges, and the New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct. Not only is his touted “Public Integrity Unit” a HOAX, but, in defending the Commission on Judicial Conduct, sued for corruption, he has wilfully subverted the judicial process by fraudulent defense tactics.

In addition to my *direct, first-hand* experience with Attorney General Spitzer – going back to his candidacy for Attorney General and spanning his tenure in office, I have a treasure trove of correspondence with him, establishing my personal contacts with him and his *direct knowledge and personal liability*. Such correspondence is an integral part of the lawsuit against the Commission on Judicial Conduct, in which I am the

Petitioner, acting *pro bono publico*. The lawsuit, commenced in April 1999 as a result of Mr. Spitzer's wilful nonfeasance and outright "protectionism", is now on appeal to the New York Court of Appeals and both requests and documents my entitlement to disciplinary and criminal referral of Mr. Spitzer, *personally*.

Enos, I do not believe I exaggerate in saying that Attorney General Spitzer's official misconduct in connection with this lawsuit will be THE decisive issue in the race for Attorney General – with ramifications on the race for Governor. A media investigation of Mr. Spitzer's actions in generating the lawsuit and in unlawfully and lawlessly defending it will not only end his re-election prospects and political career, but his legal career as well. Indeed, it may prove equally devastating for Mr. Pataki.

IF, truly, you are "not afraid to take on the powerful", then this is "the record" of Mr. Spitzer's *on-the-job* performance that must be examined by investigative journalists.

For immediate purposes – and to get a flavor of this explosive case and Attorney General Spitzer's direct knowledge and contact with it -- enclosed are an article about the lawsuit "*Appeal for Justice*", which appeared in the April 25th-May 1st issue of Metroland – Albany's alternative newspaper – my Letter to the Editor, "*An Appeal to Fairness: Revisit the Court of Appeals*", published in the December 28, 1998 New York Post, reciting facts underlying the suit, as well as three of my letters to Attorney General Spitzer, dated May 3, 2001, January 14, 2002, and May 3, 2002.

Please note that my May 3, 2001 letter refers to my in-person conversation with Mr. Spitzer, both public and private, at the April 18, 2001 Fair Trial-Free Press Conference at the Columbia School of Journalism and annexes the New York Law Journal transcript of my public exchange with Mr. Spitzer on January 27, 1999 at the Association of the Bar of the City of New York. My January 14, 2002 letter, I gave to Mr. Spitzer, *in hand*, on that date at the City Bar, following the conclusion of a forum discussion that he was moderating. As to my May 3, 2002 letter, which I delivered to his office on that date, I also gave it to Mr. Spitzer, *in hand*, on May 18th at the Independence Party Convention (actually it was grabbed by his security man, who seized it as I was handing it to Mr. Spitzer).

Thank you.

Yours for a quality judiciary
and meaningful elections,



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