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RE: "*Judicial Reforms*": Letter to the Editor, Daily News,
December 7, 2001

Dear Ms. Spatz:

This follows up my telephone call to your office at approximately 12:45 p.m., requesting to speak with you about my Letter to the Editor, published in the December 7th issue of the Daily News under the title, "*Judicial Reforms*".

In the event you have not seen it, a copy is enclosed. I look forward to discussing it with you at your earliest convenience.

Thank you.

Yours for a quality judiciary,



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IDEAS & OPINION

Judicial reforms

White Plains: Re your Dec. 4 editorial "Judges betray trust of those in need": Chief Judge Judith Kaye and Administrative Judge Jonathan Lippman deserve no credit for the probe into fiduciary appointments. The credit belongs to the media. If not for their coverage of the letter of two disgruntled lawyers complaining to party leaders that they were being denied patronage, Kaye would have done nothing. Away from the media spotlight, the Office of Court Administration hasn't lifted a finger when litigant and lawyer victims turned to them for help about violations of law by judges and lawyers regarding fiduciary appointments.

Moreover, the inspector general's report and follow up recommendations are an inside job. They cover up for the higherups in the court system, whose refusal to discharge their monitoring responsibilities has made abuses possible. It also covers 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 come only when their scandalous role is exposed.

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