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Erin Sullivan, Metroland

RE: "Who's to Judge?" CONTINUED: Following up my March 11th letter to you

Dear Erin:

So that you can see the false and misleading nature of Mr. Stern's remarks to you, which you printed in "Who's to Judge?", enclosed is his March 6th letter to me and my responding March 21st letter to him.

Has there been any response to my Letter to the Editor and, in particular, have any lawyers come forward to answer your unanswered "Who's to Judge?" question?

I have a dramatic idea to discuss with you – but will wait until next week to speak with you. Meantime, I have not yet received the two copies of the February 28th and March 7th Metroland issues containing your article and my Letter to the Editor [see PS to my March 11th letter to you]. In the event you have not yet mailed them to me, please do so ASAP. It is awkward circulating reprints of my published Letter using the internet version.

Thanks.

Yours for a quality judiciary,



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Enclosures

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March 6, 2002

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Dear Ms. Sassower:

This will confirm that you are not barred from making complaints to the Commission about me, about Commission members, about the State Attorney General or his staff, or about judges. In response to your question in your March 6 letter, I intended to advise Ms. Sullivan that I will not comment about you because I wanted to avoid commenting about you. That is what I said "in sum and substance." The quoted words, "bringing complaints" were corrected and modified by the words that followed, "suing judges in the court system."

Moreover, in response to your requests, in your letters of February 28 and March 6, 2002, that I "explain" or justify decisions, action, or no action by me or by the Commission, I decline to do so. That includes what the Commission has put, or will put, in its annual reports.

Very truly yours,

Gerald Stern

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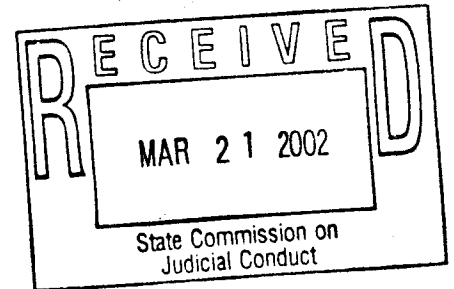
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BY HAND

March 21, 2002

New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct
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ATT: Gerald Stern, Administrator & Counsel

RE: Your March 6th letter, purporting to respond to my March 6th letter about your remarks to Erin Sullivan of Metroland and to my February 28th letter about the Commission's Annual Reports

Dear Mr. Stern:

This replies to your March 6th letter. Insofar as it purports to respond to my own March 6th letter about your remarks to Erin Sullivan, appearing in her February 28th Metroland article, "Who's to Judge?", it is patently non-responsive, confusing, and misleading.

I appreciate that "in sum and substance" you "intended to advise Ms. Sullivan that [you] will not comment about [me] because [you] wanted to avoid commenting about [me]". However, did you also tell Ms. Sullivan that I have "many, many lawsuits" and "a number of cases or appeals or whatever"? You do NOT deny that you did. If so, on what basis did you make such false statement?

You also do NOT deny telling Ms. Sullivan that I am "barred from bringing complaints, from suing judges in the court system". You attempt to mitigate this further false statement by pretending that

"The quoted words, 'bringing complaints' were corrected and modified by the words that followed, 'suing judges in the court system.'"

You seem to thereby imply that your reference to "complaints" is actually to lawsuits. However, Judge Wetzel's due process-less filing injunction -- the only "bar" against me -- is NOT against "suing judges in the court system".

As for your "confirm[ing] that [I am] not barred from making complaints to the Commission about [you], about Commission members, about the State Attorney General, his staff, or about judges" -- which is your way of *not* apologizing for the misimpression created by the word "complaint" -- please also "confirm" that, to your knowledge, I am also NOT barred by "any other state agency" from making complaints. This, to avoid the adverse inference created by your immediately following remark to Ms. Sullivan that she could "call any other state agency and they'll be familiar with [me]".

As for your penultimate sentence, insofar as it refers to my March 6th letter, it fails to identify the explanation therein sought to which you are "declin[ing] to respond". It is my request that you explain "why you refuse to 'comment'" about my lawsuit against the Commission, notwithstanding you have copies of my litigation papers. Is this, in fact, your position, *to wit*, that you will neither "comment" about the lawsuit nor explain why?

Finally, I call to your attention that I sent you a March 8th letter, notifying you that my March 6th letter had "inadvertently dropped a sentence". My superseding March 6th letter contained the following italicized words from the inadvertently dropped sentence,

"...if you are refusing to 'comment' about the lawsuit, please identify who among the Commissioners may be contacted for 'comment'" (italics added).

As yet, I have received NO response from you to this most important question. I, therefore, reiterate it for the benefit of Ms. Sullivan and other journalists entitled to know which of the Commissioners they can turn to for "comment" as to the four specifics of my lawsuit summarized by my March 6th letter.

I also reiterate my March 8th letter's express invitation that you and the Commissioners "comment" on my published Letter to the Editor in Metroland's March 7th issue "for the benefit of Metroland readers".

March 21, 2001

I await your response. As part thereof, please confirm that this letter and our pertinent exchange of correspondence have been brought "to the attention of each and every Commissioner." This should include my extensive February 28th letter regarding "what the Commission has put, or will put, in its annual reports", as to which your March 6th letter wholly "decline[s] to respond".

Yours for a quality judiciary,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elena Ruth Sassower", with a checkmark at the end.

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Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)

cc: Erin Sullivan, Metroland
(with your March 6th letter)