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Ms. Sassower:

This is in response to your fax of 1/12/98.

On December 22, 1997, within an hour of your message on my voice mail, I sent you the attached response via fax to the number you left, 714-428-4994. I also sent the copies to Mr. Shestack, Mr. Tartt and Mr. Evans at the same time. I stand by everything I wrote. I suppose that we will disagree forever on who has treated whom respectfully, courteously, and in a professional manner.

My December 22 memo identified the chair of the Standing Committee and provided Mr. Tartt's phone number. Our practice is not to give out the phone numbers of the other members of the Committee, but to refer calls to the Chair. A list of the Committee is also attached.

You most recent fax requests certain ABA documents referred to in the New York County Lawyers' Association report, "A Recommendation to Increase the Pool of Candidates for Appellate Division Appointments."

1. ABA Standing Committee on Federal Judiciary booklet, "Standing Committee on Federal Judiciary: What It Is and How It Works," (1991). It is being mailed to you.
2. ABA Judicial Administration Division's Guidelines for Reviewing Qualification of Candidates for State Judicial Office. The issue is not within the scope of my responsibilities and I do not have the document. Please contact the Division or the New York County Lawyers' Association directly for a copy.
3. ABA Standards Relating to Court Organization, promulgated by the ABA Standing Committee on Judicial Selection, Tenure and Compensation. The issue is not within the scope of my responsibilities and I do not have the document. Please contact the Committee or the New York County Lawyers' Association directly for a copy.
4. Guidelines adopted by the ABA Standing Committee on Judicial Selection, Tenure and Compensation concerning election of judges. The issue is not within the scope of my responsibilities and I do not have the document. Please contact the Committee or the New York County Lawyers' Association directly for a copy.

Frank Emswiler

December 22, 1997

Ms. Sassower:

Perhaps the reason you did not hear me when I gave you the name and location for the Chair of the Standing Committee on Federal Judiciary was because you were too busy yelling at me about the incompetence of the members of the Standing Committee and the ABA Ethics Committee, and the disservice of both entities to the Nation and the judicial selection process. I did not simply hang up on you as you allege, I hung up after giving you the information and could spend no more time listening to you ranting and raving, and yelling at me.

For the last time, I only handle administrative responsibilities for the Standing Committee, have no role in any of its investigations, and am powerless to give you the relief you want. You have in the past contacted William Willis, when he was the Second Circuit Representative and when he was Chair of the Committee, and his successor in the Second Circuit, Patricia Hynes. Obviously, the Committee did not do what you wanted. Please understand and accept the fact that I cannot help you and stop harassing me.

I repeat, the Chair of the Standing Committee is Blake Tarrt at Fulbright and Jaworski in Houston, Texas, 713-651-5151. As you requested in you latest phone message, the President of the Association is Jerome J. Shestack; contact him with your complaints about the Standing Committee. My immediate supervisor and Director of the ABA Washington Office is Robert D. Evans. He can be reached at 202-662-1760. Feel free to contact him about any complaints you have about me.

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