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BY HAND

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President Michael Cooper
Association of the Bar of the City of New York
42 West 44th Street
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RE: AMICUS AND OTHER LEGAL ASSISTANCE
REFERRAL TO THE CITY BAR'S COMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT


Dear President Cooper:

Transmitted herewith are the Notice of Right to Seek Intervention, Notice of Petition, and Verified Petition in the newly-commenced Article 78 proceeding, *Elena Ruth Sassower, Coordinator of the Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc., acting pro bono publico, v. Commission on Judicial Conduct of the State of New York* (NY Co. #99-108551). In view of the transcending public interest issues presented, which I am championing single-handedly, I request the City Bar's legal assistance, including its *amicus* participation.

Additionally, I request that these papers be forwarded to the City Bar's Committee on Judicial Conduct for review. As of this date, more than two years since its May 14, 1997 hearing on the Commission on Judicial Conduct, it has yet to produce any report of its findings, conclusions, and recommendations. As you know, CJA's testimony about the Commission -- and what transpired at the hearing -- is recounted in our \$3,000 public interest ad, "*Restraining 'Liars in the Courtroom' and on the Public Payroll*" (NYLJ, 8/27/97, p. 3), copies of which have been provided to the City Bar repeatedly, including to yourself personally. The ad is Exhibit "B" to the Verified Petition.

Thank you.

Yours for a quality judiciary,



ELENA RUTH SASSOWER, Coordinator
Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)

Enclosures