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Elena Ruth Sassower Center for Judicial Accountability PO box 69, Gedney Station White Plains, NY 10605-0069

Dear Ms. Sassower:

I am in receipt of your letter dated March 2, 2001 with enclosures requesting amicus and other assistance in Matter of Sassower v

Commission on Judicial Conduct of the State of New York. I will forward the materials to the appropriate members of the ABA Standing Committee on Judicial Independence for review.

You should be aware of the process for ABA <u>amicus</u> support as I faxed the policy and guidelines to you after we spoke on the phone. As I mentioned to you when we spoke on the phone, the process for <u>amicus</u> assistance by the ABA will be followed and I will advise when the Committee completes its initial review. In addition, you should be aware, as I mentioned on the phone, that the ABA rarely provides <u>amicus</u> support in state courts and rarer still in a state intermediate appellate court.

Thank you for your correspondence, and I will be in touch with you in the future after the Committee has completed its review and decision making process.

Very truly yours,

pct.

Luke Bierman