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Dear Ms. Sassower:

I have your letter dated September 26, 2001, with attachments. It is unfortunate that you have misinterpreted several aspects of our telephone conversation on September 26, 2001. Let me recap:

- 1 Your request for amicus and other assistance in the appeal of Sassower v. Commission on Judicial Conduct was considered by the ABA Standing Committee on Judicial Independence and rejected. The Committee's decision was communicated to you by letter dated May 3, 2001.
- 2 Your request for reconsideration and an invitation to the ABA Annual Meeting and the October Justice Initiatives program as communicated by your May 30, 2001 letter to me is on my desk for action but you misunderstand that no attention has been given to those requests. Suffice it to say that the request for reconsideration remains pending and a determination will be communicated to you when made. Obviously, you were not invited to participate in the ABA Annual Meeting program and have not been invited to participate in the Justice Initiatives program in October.
- 3 During our phone conversation on September 26, 2001, and again in your letter of that date, you make several accusations about how your requests and communications have been handled. Suffice it to say that they have been dealt with by the entities to whom your requests are directed and replies are forwarded when appropriate. You should keep in mind that the ABA and its entities have limited resources and make difficult decisions about how to use those resources.

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- 4 You indicated that you were contacting Paul Verkuil about these matters. Please be advised that he has asked me to inform you that any communications with him should be forwarded to my attention.

When the appropriate entities have made determinations regarding your requests, you will be advised in due course. Regarding your request for copies of the Road Map publications, please order them through the ABA Service Center.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Luke Bierman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Luke" and last name "Bierman" clearly distinguishable.

Luke Bierman

cc: Paul Verkuil