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February 17, 1999

James C. Moore, President
New York State Bar Association

ATT: Cathy Johnson, Secretary

RE: New York State Bar Association's Committee on Judicial Selection

Dear Ms. Johnson:

Following up my phone call to you a short time ago, enclosed is a copy of Mr. Moore's December 10, 1998 letter to State Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman James Lack, advising him that the State Bar's Committee on Judicial Selection had found Justice Albert Rosenblatt "Well Qualified" to be an associate judge of the New York Court of Appeals.

The letter refers to the "Guidelines for Evaluating Qualifications of Judicial Candidates", adopted by the State Bar's House of Delegates, and indicates that a copy was enclosed. However, the copy of Mr. Moore's letter that we received from the Senate Judiciary Committee did not enclose those "Guidelines".

We would, therefore, appreciate if you would send us a copy of the "Guidelines". Additionally, please provide us with a copy, in blank, of any questionnaire that Justice Rosenblatt was required to complete as part of the evaluation process. In the event it differs from questionnaires used to evaluate candidates for other judgeships, we would appreciate copies of those, as well. Finally, we request information as to the membership of the Committee on Judicial Selection who participated in Justice Rosenblatt's evaluation.

Thanking you, in advance, for your prompt attention.

Yours for a quality judiciary,



ELENA RUTH SASSOWER, Coordinator
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Enclosure

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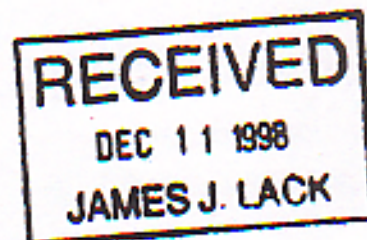
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December 10, 1998

Honorable James J. Lack
Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee
Room 413, Legislative Office Building
Albany, New York 12247



**Re: Confirmation of Appointment of
Hon. Albert M. Rosenblatt**

Dear Senator Lack:

With respect to the appointment by Governor George E. Pataki of Hon. Albert M. Rosenblatt as Associate Judge of the Court of Appeals, I wanted to advise you that the New York State Bar Association's Committee on Judicial Selection evaluated the qualifications of Justice Rosenblatt.

Acting in accordance with the "Guidelines for Evaluating Qualifications of Judicial Candidates," adopted by our Association's House of Delegates, the Committee on Judicial Selection found Justice Rosenblatt "Well Qualified" for the office of Associate Judge. This finding was communicated to the Governor in advance of the appointment. For your information and convenience, I am enclosing a copy of the Guidelines that govern our Committee on Judicial Selection.

I trust you will find this information useful regarding the confirmation of the appointment of Justice Rosenblatt.

Respectfully yours,

James C. Moore