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Ms. Elena Ruth Sassower
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Dear Ms. Sassower:

I have reviewed the materials you gave me when we saw each other down at Jim Silkenat's office a few months ago, as well as the additional materials you sent me subsequently. I have also read your fax of June 18 addressed to me and others. Having done so, I do not believe that the New York State Bar Association can be of any assistance to you. Among other things, the matters you raise, although portrayed otherwise, are not matters of statewide significance, or of general interest to the bar, but arise out of an individual case with unique facts.

Speaking for myself only, and not for the Association, I should tell you that I am not at all persuaded by your presentation that there is rampant corruption in the judicial system in this State. Indeed, even if there were any merit to your contentions, it is obscured by your barrage of accusations against, it would seem, virtually any judge who has ever touched the *Sassower* litigations. Indeed, it seems as if anyone who rules against you becomes your next target. Such a pattern has a negative impact on credibility. Consequently, I do not believe I can be of assistance to you in this matter.

Yours very truly,

Steven C. Krane
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