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Attorney General G. Oliver Koppell  
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RE: Accountability for statements made to the  
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Dear Mr. Koppell:

Reference is made to the "Court Circular" column of Warren St. John, that appeared in the October 31, 1994 issue of The New York Observer, a copy of which is enclosed.

Described therein is an unidentified "spokesman" for the Attorney General's office, who stated that there were precedents for judges deciding their own cases.

According to my subsequent telephone conversations with Mr. St. John, such "spokesman" did not wish to be identified, but is an individual occupying a substantial position at the office of the Attorney General who, after reviewing the matter with the office, was authorized to represent to Mr. St. John that there are precedents for judges deciding their own cases.

Demand is hereby made for the precedents to which such "spokesman" was referring of judges deciding their own cases--and doing so in the context of Article 78 proceedings against themselves.

In view of your office's claim that such precedents exist, it should be easy for you to respond expeditiously to this request and, certainly, before you leave office.

Yours for a quality judiciary,



ELENA RUTH SASSOWER, Coordinator

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Warren St. John, The New York Observer

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