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> Re: Matter of Doris L. Sassower, a Suspended Attorney

Dear Mr. Goldstein:

We are in receipt of your letter dated July 15, 1991. This letter is being sent to clarify what I believe to be some incorrect portrayals of our discussions.

Pursuant to your request that Dr. Scher furnish his resume to your client, Doris L. Sassower, before she will even apparently consider being examined, I discussed this with Dr. Scher. He has advised, as I told you, that at this time he will not provide it. Further, we discussed, as you are well aware, that by contacting a medical society in the area you likely could secure background information which you seek.

I also advised you that Dr. Scher did not feel that he could make a full, fair and proper psychiatric assessment of Doris L. Sassower if there is a third party present during the examination. I related to you that this office would not attempt to instruct Dr. Scher on how to practice psychiatry.

Further, as discussed, the examination having been ordered by the Appellate Division, Second Department pursuant to its rules, we do not believe the cases you cited to be applicable.

With respect to your inquiry as to whether another doctor should be sought, I merely told you that at this time the Grievance Committee for the Ninth Judicial District saw no reason to make such a request. Your client, Doris L. Sassower, has been obstructive in flouting an order of the Appellate Division, Second Department dated October 18, 1990 in this matter. David B. Goldstein - 2 - July 18, 1991

No definitive representation has been made as to how this Committee will proceed in the future.

In order to avoid any confusion it is suggested that our communications be in writing rather than by telephone.

Very truly yours,

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