

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

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In the Matter of the Application of THE PEOPLE
OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, ex rel., GEORGE
SASSOWER, individually and on behalf of those
similarly situated, and on behalf of UNITED
PRESS, INTERNATIONAL; THE ASSOCIATED PRESS;
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NEWSWEEK; TIME; U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORTS;
NEW YORK MAGAZINE; BUSINESS WEEK; FORBES;
WCBS; WNBC; WNYW; WABC; WWOR; WPIX; and WNET,
Petitioner,

Index No.
12941-1988

Assigned to:
Hon. GERARD E.
DELANEY

-against-
THE OFFICE OF COURT ADMINISTRATION; ROBERT
ABRAMS, as Attorney General of the
State of New York; SHERIFF OF WESTCHESTER
COUNTY; and ALL POLICE and PEACE OFFICERS
OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,

Respondents.

For a Writ of Mandamus, Prohibition, and
Procedendo ad Justicium.

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that upon the annexed petition
of GEORGE SASSOWER, Esq., duly verified the 4th day of October,
1988, and upon all the pleadings and proceedings had herein, the
undersigned will move this Court, at the Individual Assignment
Part of Hon. GERARD E. DELANEY, of the Supreme Court of the State
of New York, County of Westchester, held at the Courthouse
thereof, 111 Grove Street, White Plains, New York, 10601, on the
26th day of October, 1988, at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon of
that day or as soon thereafter as Counsel may be heard, for an
Order compelling and mandating the respondents, Hon. ROBERT
ABRAMS, the Attorney General of the State of New York, and the
OFFICE OF COURT ADMINISTRATION, to respond to the requests made
by relator for information in accordance with Article 6 of the

Public Officers Law of the State of New York, together with such other, further, and/or different relief as to this Court may seem just and proper in the premises, together with costs, disbursements, and attorney's fees.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that opposing papers, if any, are to be served upon the undersigned at least five (5) days before the return date of this motion, with an additional five (5) days if service is by mail.

Dated: October 4, 1988

Yours, etc.,

GEORGE SASSOWER, Esq.
Attorney, pro se
16 Lake Street,
White Plains, New York 10603
914-949-2169

To: Office of Court Administration
Hon. Robert Abrams
Hon. Marilyn J. Slaatten

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Relator, GEORGE SASSOWER, Esq., as and for his
petition herein, respectfully sets forth and alleges:

AS AND FOR A FIRST CAUSE OF PETITION

1. The respondent, Hon. ROBERT ABRAMS, the Attorney
General of the State of New York, is a public agency, within the
meaning of Article 6 of the Public Officers Law.

2. That on or about the 30th day of August, 1988,
relator caused to be served upon Hon. ROBERT ABRAMS, the annexed
demand (Exhibit "A").

3. That within the five (5) business day period
provided by law, Senior Attorney DAVID S. COOK, Esq., orally
promised relator that he would respond in writing to such demand.

4. That despite such promise, no response was ever

received.

5. Thereafter, within the period provided by law, relator caused to be served upon the respondent, Hon. ROBERT ABRAMS, an appeal by reason of such non-response in writing as required by law.

6. That more than ten (10) business days has expired since the filing of such appeal, and the demand (Exhibit "A") has neither been granted nor denied.

7. That substantially similar demands were made by representatives of the media, and on information and belief, no response has been received by them, although the time for making such response has expired.

AS AND FOR A SECOND CAUSE OF PETITION

8. The respondent, OFFICE OF COURT ADMINISTRATION, is an agency within the meaning of Article 6 of the Public Officers Law of the State of New York.

9. On or about the 2nd day of September, 1988, relator caused to be served upon this respondent a demand for information (Exhibit "B" [with exhibit annexed]).

10. By letter, dated September 9, 1988, such demand was denied.

11. A timely appeal was filed with Hon. ALBERT M. ROSENBLATT, the Chief Administrator of the Office of Court Administration.

12a. More than ten (10) business days has expired since the filing of such appeal, and no response has been received with

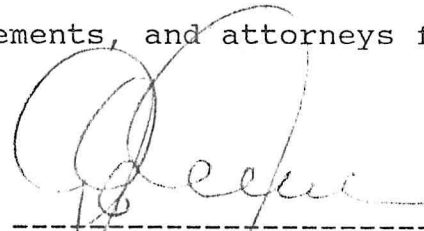
respect to same.

b. On information and belief, the respondent has also not filed any response to such appeal with the Committee on Open Government, as required by law.

WHEREFORE, it is respectfully prayed that the respondents be compelled and mandated to respond to the aforementioned demands, together with such other, further, and/or different relief as to this Court may seem just and proper in the premises, including costs, disbursements, and attorneys fees.

Dated: October 4, 1988

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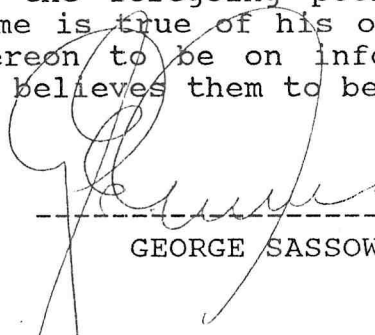


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STATE OF NEW YORK)
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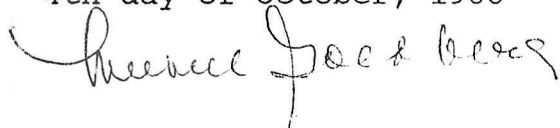
GEORGE SASSOWER, Esq., first being duly sworn,
deposes, and says:

Deponent has read the foregoing petition, knows
the contents thereof, and the same is true of his own knowledge
except as to matters stated thereon to be on information and
belief and as to those matters he believes them to be true.



GEORGE SASSOWER

Sworn to before me this
4th day of October, 1988



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Notary Public, State of New York
No. 60-4913474 Westchester County
Commission Expires 4/30/89

GEORGE SASSOWER

ATTORNEY AT LAW
16 LAKE STREET
WHITE PLAINS, N. Y. 10603

914-949-2169

August 30, 1988

Robert Abrams, Esq.
Attorney General, State of New York
120 Broadway,
New York, New York 10271

Att: Public Information Officer

Dear Sir:

This is a request to examine the records of the Attorney General with respect to the mandated filings of Lee Feltman, Esq., the receiver for Puccini Clothes, Ltd., and all others:

The inspection sought includes all statements, accountings, settlement of accountings, and distributions made, lawful or otherwise, since June 4, 1980, the date that Puccini Clothes, Ltd., was involuntarily dissolved, by Order of the Supreme Court, New York County, and all correspondence, notices, and/or demands on behalf of the Attorney General, if any, to and/or on behalf of the receiver as to omissions, failures, or non-compliance with the required statements, accountings, settlement of accountings, and/or distributions.

Request is made that the aforementioned information in your possession be made available to the undersigned within five (5) business days after the receipt of this request, or that the undersigned be provided with a written acknowledgement of the request and a statement of the approximate date when the request will be granted or denied, in accordance with Public Officers' Law Sec. 89(3).

Very truly yours,

GEORGE SASSOWER

cc: The Media (unidentified)

Exhibit "A"

GEORGE SASSOWER

ATTORNEY AT LAW
16 LAKE STREET
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914-949-2169

September 2, 1988

Office of Court Administration
270 Broadway,
New York, New York 10007

Att: Freedom of Information Officer

Re: Barr [Puccini]
Supreme Court, New York County
Index No. 1816-1980

Gentlemen:

1. In view of the non-waivable "random selection" method set forth in 22 NYCRR 202.3[b], please advise me how the above matter which was initially assigned to Mr. Justice Martin B. Stecher was thereafter dragooned to Mr. Justice Ira Gammernan, who had a Judiciary Law §14 disqualification at the time, and if the Chief Administrator authorized an exception, as permitted by the rules.

2. Enclosed please find Order of Mr. Justice Ira Gammernan, dated March 11, 1986, please advise what motion number on the computer, if any, such Order finds reflection, and when the motion papers for same were purportedly filed?

3a. The above information is requested as I have a vested interest in the litigation, pursuant to the right of the public to know how the judicial trust assets are handled, and under the Freedom of Information Act.

b. The aforementioned information, in your possession, is to be made available within five (5) days after the receipt of this request, or that the undersigned be provided with a written acknowledgment of the request and a statement of the approximate date when the request will be granted or denied, in accordance with Public Officers Law §89(3).

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Exhibit "B"

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