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April 22, 2008

TO: The Constitution Project-Courts Initiative
ATT: Virginia E. Sloan, President

FROM: Elena Ruth Sassower, Director
Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)

RE: Additional Query on Federal Judicial Discipline:

I have received no response to my April 3, 2008 memo to you as to whether The Constitution Project's Courts Initiative has done any analyses of, or taken any positions on:

- (1) the federal judiciary's new rules;
- (2) the Breyer Committee & its Report;
- (3) the proposed congressional legislation for an inspector general for the judicial branch; &
- (4) the resolution to impeach U.S. District Judge Manuel Real.

A copy of that April 3, 2008 memo is enclosed to facilitate your response to these questions – and to the similarly unanswered questions as to:

(5) whether The Constitution Project shares the views of its Courts Initiative steering committee member, Professor Charles Gardner Geyh, in his June 29, 2006 testimony before the House Judiciary Committee on the bills to establish an inspector general for the federal judiciary and in his September 21, 2006 testimony before the House Judiciary Committee on the resolution for Judge Real's impeachment; &

(6) the identities of the other members of the Courts Initiative steering committee.

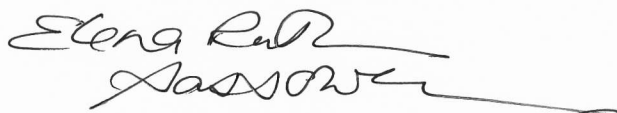
Finally, I take this opportunity to add a further query:

(7) Has The Constitution Project's Courts Initiative done any analysis of the revised Code of Conduct for United States Judges, proposed by the Judicial Conference Committee on Codes of Conduct, and/or responded to that Committee's public notice inviting comment on the proposed revision?

Your prompt response, by fax and/or e-mail, would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

Enclosure



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April 3, 2008

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ATT: Virginia E. Sloan, President

FROM: Elena Ruth Sassower, Director
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RE: Queries on Federal Judicial Discipline:
(1) the Federal Judiciary's New Rules;
(2) the Breyer Committee & its Report;
(3) Proposed Congressional Legislation
for an Inspector General for the Judicial Branch
(4) Resolution to Impeach U.S. District Judge Manuel Real

I do not find any information on The Constitution Project's website as to whether its Courts Initiative:

(a) has taken any position on the new rules governing judicial conduct and disability proceedings under 28 U.S.C. §§351-364 – either in draft or as adopted by the Judicial Conference on March 11, 2008;

(b) has taken any position on the Breyer Committee Report, released in September 2006;

(c) has taken any position on the House and Senate bills to establish an Inspector General for the Judicial Branch, introduced in 2006 and reintroduced (in amended form) in 2007;

* The **Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)** is a national, non-partisan, non-profit citizens' organization, documenting, by independently-verifiable empirical evidence, the dysfunction, politicization, and corruption of the processes of judicial selection and discipline on federal, state, and local levels.

(d) has taken any position on the Resolution to impeach U.S. District Judge Manuel Real.

Has The Constitution Project taken positions on them? And/or has it done any analysis or critique of them – especially of the Breyer Committee Report?

I note that under the heading “News”, you state:


“On June 29, 2006, Courts Initiative steering committee member Professor Charles Geyh testified before the House Judiciary Committee on proposed legislation, the ‘Judicial Transparency and Ethics Enhancement Act of 2008’ (HR 5219). [Click here to view Professor Geyh’s testimony.](#)”

The “Judicial Transparency and Ethics Enhancement Act of 2006” (HR 5219) is the 2006 House bill to establish an Inspector General for the Judicial Branch. Do Professor Geyh’s views, as expressed at that hearing and in his written statement, reflect those of The Constitution Project? And is there some reason “News” does not also include Professor Geyh’s testimony before the House Judiciary Committee 3-1/2 months later, on September 21, 2006, on the resolution to impeach Judge Real?

Finally, who are the other members of the Courts Initiative’s “steering committee”? Are they the same as the “Members” whose names are posted?

Your prompt response, by fax and/or e-mail, would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elena Ruiz" followed by a stylized flourish.