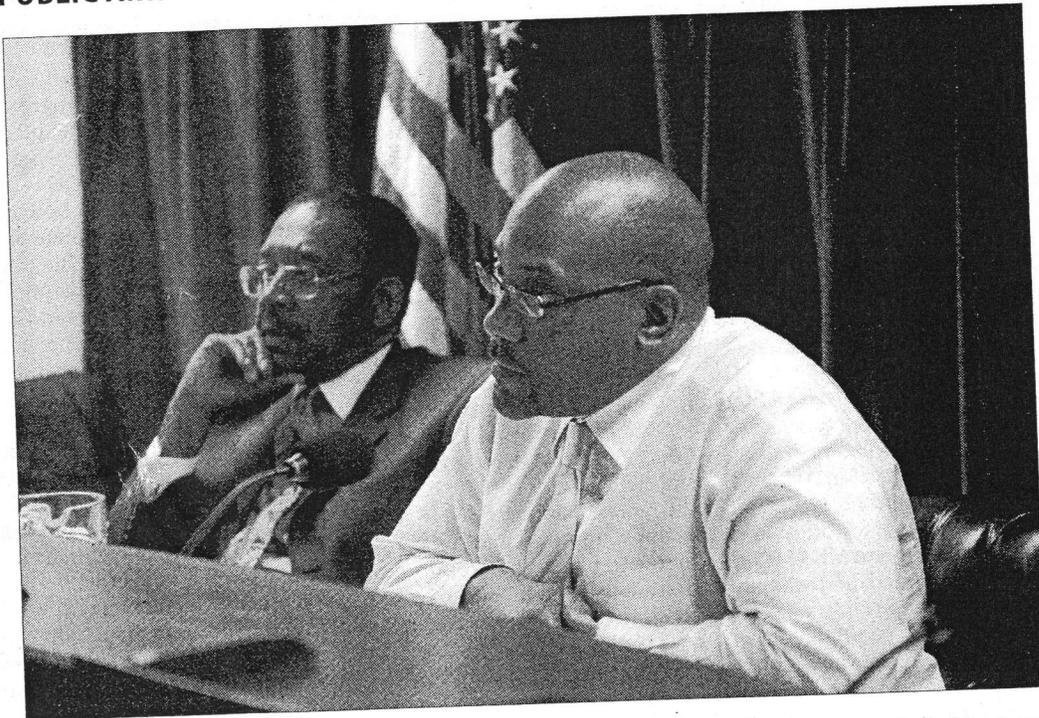


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A PANEL led by Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman **John Sampson**, D-Brooklyn, right, and including Senator **Ruben Diaz**, D-Bronx, left, held a second public hearing yesterday on the procedures for disciplining attorneys and judges. At the hearing, Senator Eric Adams, D-Brooklyn, suggested creating a task force to investigate alleged corruption in New York courts. The task force, Mr. Adams told some 80 people at the lower Manhattan hearing, "would assist us in navigating how this problem is being hidden from public view." Victor A. Kovner, a partner at Davis

Wright Tremaine and a former chairman of the Commission on Judicial Conduct, testified in support of more transparency by holding open hearings to remove "any rumor or innuendo" from the outcome of disciplinary proceedings for judges. Over four hours, a dozen witnesses complained about the confidential nature of the process, as well as about how their own cases had been handled. The panel's first hearing was held in Albany in June (NYLJ, June 6), and a third hearing may be held for Buffalo, although no date has been set.

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