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Elena Ruth Sassower
Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc.
P.O. Box 8101
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Re: File No. W-231-25

Dear Elena Sassower:

This will acknowledge receipt of your complaint on February 27, 2025, regarding a Westchester County attorney.

Please be advised that the function of this Committee is to investigate and prosecute acts of professional misconduct committed by attorneys. When a complaint is received, we review it to determine if it involves behavior which could constitute professional misconduct by the attorney. An attorney may be found guilty of professional misconduct if it can be proven that an ethical rule or law was violated. If there is a sufficient basis to conduct an investigation, the Committee will do so. However, there are instances where the Committee may decline to pursue an investigation.

After careful review, the issues you raise are more appropriate for resolution by a court of law in the first instance. If it is your feeling that your legal rights need protection, we recommend that you consult with an attorney of your own choosing. The Committee is not permitted to give you legal advice or act as your attorney.

Therefore, although we appreciate your efforts, we are unable to assist you. However, at the conclusion of all legal proceedings if a decision is rendered indicating a finding of misconduct on the part of the attorney, you may renew your complaint with our Committee for further consideration.

Very truly yours,

Courtney Osterling
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