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Mr. George Judson
Regional Editor
New York Times

Re: Castracan v. Colavita

Dear Mr. Judson:

Rachael Sady said you expressed interest in seeing my Briefs in the above matter. I am transmitting copies herewith, along with the Record on Appeal, and a few other items.

The Appellate Division, Third Department, has now ruled--against us. We believe the decision is suspect--we have just learned today that two of the justices, including the Presiding Justice, were themselves the beneficiaries of major party cross-endorsement. In view of the Code of Judicial Conduct requiring a judge to disqualify himself "in a proceeding in which his impartiality might be reasonably questioned", this case takes on another dimension.

I will be looking forward to hearing from the New York Times for a long overdue story about the wholesale trading of judgeships in the counties of Westchester, Putnam, Dutchess, Rockland & Orange!


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