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December 5, 2002

New York Times
Albany Bureau

ATT: James C. McKinley, Jr.

RE: Meeting together next Wednesday, December 11th to Review
FOIL-Requested Documents Pertaining to Senate Confirmation
of Governor Pataki's Judicial Appointees, etc.

Dear Mr. McKinley:

I have finished my initial examination of the 305 pages I obtained from the Senate Judiciary Committee on Tuesday in response to CJA's December 19, 2001 FOIL requests. Those pages cover 196 of Governor Pataki's judicial appointees – and I have distilled them into a listing that will be more manageable for your purposes. Enclosed is my distillation for 1995 and 1996.

I propose that we meet together next Wednesday, December 11th so that I can give you my distillation for 1997-2002 and discuss my findings, some expected and some unexpected, based on my examination of these 305 pages and review of other documentation.

At the same time, I would like to discuss with you CJA's FOIL requests to Governor Pataki for documents pertaining to his judicial appointees and his judicial screening committees – and the Governor's mostly non-response thereto. Our formal FOIL requests are from March 30, 1999 and March 30, 2001 – with a further supplement which I will be sending off to the Governor probably later today.

Needless to say, CJA's FOIL requests to the Governor are as **comprehensive** as our December 19, 2001 FOIL requests to the Senate Judiciary Committee – and, like them, provide an important ROADMAP to understanding the “process” of judicial appointments.

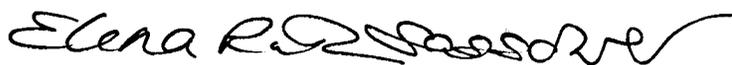
An uninterrupted half hour next Wednesday is essential – and I could be at your office in the Capitol as early as 9 a.m. if that is the best time for you. Otherwise, I would be free at about 3:30 p.m.

As you know, next Wednesday I will be attending the forum, “Judging the Judges: The New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct”, sponsored by the Fund for Modern Courts and NYS Bar Association. Enclosed is a flier about it, in the event you are able to be there. As I have told you many times, ANY meaningful examination of the story of Governor Pataki's judicial appointments will require you to examine the Commission on Judicial Conduct.

Finally, this Saturday, November 7th, I will be attending the program “How to Become a Judge” at the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, which runs from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Will any Times reporters be there? Enclosed is the program.

I will call you on Tuesday.

Yours for a quality judiciary,



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Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)

Enclosures

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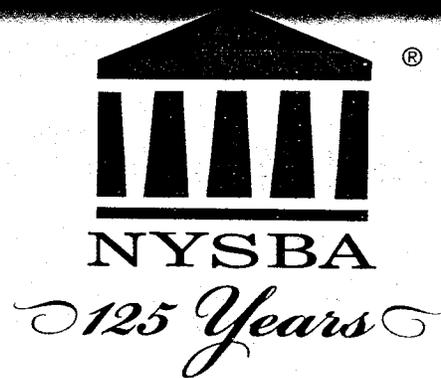
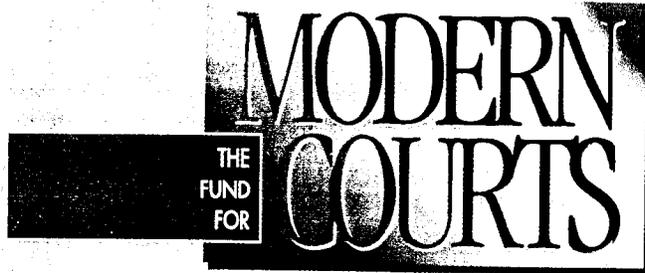
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NYS SENATE CONFIRMATION OF GOVERNOR PATAKI'S JUDICIAL APPOINTEES

List Prepared by Elena Ruth Sassower, Based on Documents Obtained on December 3, 2002
from Senate Judiciary Committee Pursuant to December 19, 2001 FOIL Request

<u>1995 (28)</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Appt'd/Reappt'd</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
5/24/95	Randolph A. Meyer	5/10/95 to Co. Ct-Livingston	12/31/95
	Thomas D. Nolan, Jr.	5/10/95 to Family Ct-Saratoga	12/31/95
6/7/95	Margaret Garvey	5/26/95 to Family Ct-Rockland	12/31/95
	Rose LaMendola	5/31/95 to S.Ct-8 th Jud. Dist	12/31/95
	John McQuirk	5/21/95 to Family Ct-Orange	12/31/95
	*Salvador Collazo	6/1/95 to S.Ct-12 th Jud. Dist	12/31/95
	Joseph N. Giamboi	6/1/95 to S.Ct-12 th Jud. Dist	12/31/95
	Kenneth L. Thompson	6/1/95 to S.Ct-12 th Jud. Dist	12/31/95
6/8/95	Andrew Halloran	6/1/95 to Essex Co. Family, Surr. & Co.	12/31/95
	Gerald A. Hamill	6/1/95 to Family Ct-Onondaga	12/31/95
	Kenneth R. Fisher	6/1/95 to S.Ct-7 th Jud. Dist	12/31/95
	Gail Nackley Uebelhoer	6/1/95 Co. Ct-Oneida	12/31/95
6/14/95	John J. Brunetti	6/1/95 to Ct of Claims	4/28/01
	Donald J. Corbett, Jr.	5/10/95 to Ct of Claims (reappt)	12/31/03
	James Preston King	6/12/95 to Ct of Claims	1/28/04
	Nicholas Midey, Jr.	6/1/95 to Ct of Claims	12/1/02
	Ronald H. Tills	6/1/95 to Ct of Claims	4/28/01
	Terry Jane Ruderman	6/12/95 to Ct of Claims	7/11/97
6/15/95	Richard Martin Klein	6/12/95 to Ct of Claims	8/26/?
	Colleen McMahan	6/12/95 to Ct of Claims	6/10/99
	Thomas J. McNamara	6/12/95 to Ct of Claims	1/22/04
	William A. Wetzell	6/12/95 to Ct of Claims	6/30/99
	Mark Samuel Perla	6/12/95 to Co. Ct-Erie	12/31/95
	James C. Tormey, III	6/12/95 to S.Ct-5 th	12/31/95
6/29/95	Jonathan Lippman	6/26/95 to Ct of Claims	3/30/96
	Dan Lamont	6/28/95 to Ct of Claims	12/31/95
	John P. Dunne	6/28/95 to S.Ct-10 th (Nassau)	12/31/95
	Frank A. Gulotta, Jr.	6/28/95 to Co.Ct-Nassau	12/31/95

<u>1996 (34)</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Appt'd/Reappt'd</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
6/5/96	Michael Battle	5/30/96 to Family Ct-Erie	12/31/96
	Richard Giardino	5/30/96 to Co. Ct-Fulton	12/31/96
	Linda Jamieson	5/30/96 to Family Ct-Westchester	12/31/96
	Burton Ledina	5/30/96 to Co. Ct-Sullivan	12/31/96
	John Pessala	5/30/96 to Family Ct-Nassau	12/31/96
	Glenn Morton	5/30/96 to Supreme Ct-8 th Jud. Dist	12/31/96
6/11/96	Phylis Skloot Bamberger	5/30/96 to Ct of Claims (reappt)	12/31/04
	Antonio I. Brandveen	5/30/96 to Ct of Claims (reappt)	12/31/04
	Robert J. Hanophy	5/30/96 to Ct of Claims (reappt)	12/31/04
	Michael R. Juviler	5/30/96 to Ct of Claims (reappt)	12/31/04
	Gabriel S. Kohn	5/30/96 to Ct of Claims (reappt)	12/31/04
	Dan Lamont	5/30/96 to Ct of Claims (reappt)	12/31/04
	Michael F. Mullen	5/30/96 to Ct of Claims (reappt)	12/31/04
	Juanita Bing Newton	5/30/96 to Ct of Claims (reappt)	12/31/04
6/13/96	Joan B. Carey	5/30/96 to Ct of Claims (reappt)	12/31/04
	Lewis L. Douglass	5/30/96 to Ct of Claims (reappt)	12/31/04
	Norman George	5/30/96 to Ct of Claims (reappt)	12/31/04
	Dominic R. Massaro	5/30/96 to Ct of Claims (reappt)	12/31/04
	Frank S. Rossetti	5/30/96 to Ct of Claims (reappt)	12/31/04
	Harold J. Rothwax	5/30/96 to Ct of Claims (reappt)	12/31/04
	James G. Starkey	5/30/96 to Ct of Claims (reappt)	12/31/04
	Franklin R. Weissberg	5/30/96 to Ct of Claims (reappt)	12/31/04
	John P. Lane	5/30/96 to Ct of Claims	12/31/99
	Peter C. Buckley	6/12/96 to Family, Surr. & Co.-Chemung	12/31/96
7/3/96	Matthew J. D'Emic	6/27/96 to Ct of Claims	12/31/04
	Alan L. Honorof	6/27/96 to Ct of Claims	12/31/04
	Joseph J. Maltese	6/27/96 to Ct of Claims	12/31/04
	Victor M. Ort	6/27/96 to Ct of Claims	12/31/04
	Stephen J. Rooney	7/1/96 to Ct of Claims	12/31/04
	*Christopher John Mega	7/2/96 to Ct of Claims (reappt)	6/2/05
7/12/96	Philip J. Patti	7/5/96 to Ct of Claims	12/31/02
9/12/96	John M. Perone	7/11/96 to Ct of Claims	12/31/04
	Victoria A. Graffeo	8/29/96 to Ct of Clams	12/31/96
12/3/96	Leon Ruchelsman	6/27/96 to Ct of Claims	12/31/04



The Fund for Modern Courts and the New York State Bar Association
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Judging the Judges:
*The New York State
Commission on Judicial Conduct*

Wednesday, December 11, 2002
11:30 AM - 2:00 PM
New York State Bar Association
One Elk Street
Albany, New York

Moderator: Lorraine Power Tharp, Esq.
President
New York State Bar Association

Panelists: Hon. Juanita Bing Newton
Deputy Chief Administrative Judge for Justice Initiatives
Former Member, NYS Commission on Judicial Conduct

Robert H. Tembeckjian, Esq.
Deputy Administrator & Deputy Counsel
NYS Commission on Judicial Conduct

Stephen R. Coffey, Esq.
Member
NYS Commission on Judicial Conduct

Hon. John T. Racanelli
Presiding Justice, California Court of Appeal (Ret.)
Former Chair, California Commission on Judicial Performance

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\$12.00 Buffet lunch: _____ or Program only: _____

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Reservations must be received by December 9, 2002

CALENDAR

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7 Saturday, 9 am-3:30 pm

How to Become a Judge

A program designed to inform lawyers about the paths, elective and appointive, to becoming a state or federal judge in New York City.

9:00 a.m.
Coffee

9:30 a.m.
Opening Remarks:
HON. LESLIE G. LEACH
Chair, Special Committee to Encourage Judicial Service; Acting Justice, Supreme Court, Queens County

Welcome:
HON. CARMEN BEAUCHAMP CIPARICK
Associate Judge, New York Court of Appeals;
Vice President, The Association of the Bar of the City of New York

Address:
HON. CAROL ROBLES-ROMAN
Deputy Mayor for Legal Affairs
and Counsel to the Mayor

10:30 a.m.
Supreme & Civil Courts:
Concurrent Panels

NEW YORK COUNTY

Moderator:
ROY H. CARLIN
Breslow & Walker LLP

HON. BARBARA KAPNICK
Justice, Supreme Court, New York County

HON. EDUARDO PADRO
Justice, Supreme Court, New York County

HON. ANNALISA TORRES

Judge, Civil Court, New York County

EDWARD J. DAVIS

Administrator, Independent Judicial Screening Panel, New York County Democratic Party (Supreme Court 2002)

ARTHUR W. GREIG

Law Chairman, New York County Democratic Committee

BRONX COUNTY

Moderator:

HON. LUCINDO SUAREZ

Presiding Justice, Appellate Term, 1st Judicial Dept.

HON. LATIA W. MARTIN

Judge, Civil Court, New York County;

HON. HOWARD SHERMAN

Judge, Civil Court, Bronx County;

Supervising Judge, Bronx Housing Court

KENNETH J. KNUCKLES

Panel Administrator, Bronx Democratic County, Committee Judicial Screening Panel

KINGS/QUEENS/RICHMOND COUNTIES

Moderator:

HON. LESLIE G. LEACH

Acting Justice, Supreme Court, Queens County

HON. JOSEPH F. BRUNO

Justice, Supreme Court, Kings County

HON. DUANE A. HART

Justice, Supreme Court, Queens County

HON. PHILIP S. STRANIERE

Judge, Civil Court, Richmond County

HON. BETTY J. WILLIAMS

Judge, Civil Court, Kings County

HON. CLARENCE NORMAN, JR.

Member, New York State Assembly;

Chair, Kings County Democratic Committee

HON. THOMAS J. MANTON

Chair, Queens County Democratic Committee

HON. JOHN W. LAVALLE

Chair, Richmond County Democratic Committee

12:00 p.m.
Lunch

1:00 p.m.
Keynote Address
HON. JUDITH S. KAYE
Chief Judge, New York Court of Appeals

1:30 p.m.
Judicial Screening Committees

Moderator:
JEH C. JOHNSON
Chair, Judiciary Committee,
Association of the Bar of the City of New York

ZACHARY CARTER
Chair, Mayor's Advisory Committee on the Judiciary

PAUL SHECHTMAN
Chair of the Governor's State Judicial Screening Committee

2:15 p.m.
Concurrent Panels

HOUSING COURT

Moderator:
HON. LIZBETH GONZALEZ
Judge, Housing Court, Bronx County
HON. FERN A. FISHER
Justice, Supreme Court, New York County; Administrative Judge, Civil Court of the
City
of New York

HON. GERALD LEOVITS
Judge, Housing Court, Kings County

HON. KEVIN MCCLANAHAN
Judge, Housing Court, New York County

MARCIA HIRSCH
Housing Court Advisory Council; General Counsel, New York State Division of
Housing
& Community Renewal

FAMILY COURT/ CRIMINAL COURT/
COURT OF CLAIMS

Moderator:

HON. MICHAEL R. SONBERG
Judge, Criminal Court, Bronx County

HON. ALBERT LORENZO
Judge, New York State Court of Claims;
Acting Justice, Supreme Court, Bronx County

HON. DARCEL D. CLARK
Judge, Criminal Court, Bronx County

HON. BRYANNE HAMILL
Judge, Family Court, Kings County

HON. SALVATORE J. MODICA
Judge, Criminal Court,
Kings & Richmond Counties

HON. BARBARA SALINITRO
Judge, Family Court, Queens County

FEDERAL COURTS

Moderator:

HON. HAROLD BAER, JR.
United States District Judge, S.D.N.Y.

HON. ROBERT A. KATZMANN
Judge, United States Court of Appeals
for the Second Circuit

HON. FREDERIC BLOCK
United States District Judge, E.D.N.Y.

HON. ROBERT D. DRAIN
United States Bankruptcy Judge, S.D.N.Y.

HON. CHERYL L. POLLAK
United States Magistrate Judge, E.D.N.Y.

Registration by **December 1** is necessary. The fee, which includes lunch, is \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members. For more information, please call (212) 382-6600 ext.6613.

Register for this event online